

Newsletter

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GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Message from the Mayor

Greg Kieser



The July edition of the newsletter heralds the return of the mail-out newsletter. Having listened to the community following various engagement forums and consultation efforts, Council has committed to providing a newsletter to residents by way of mail four times a year. We acknowledge that community consultation and engagement are challenging, and often we do not reach as many residents as we would like. We hope the return of the mail-out helps increase Council's reach into the community, keeping all informed of Council activity and providing an opportunity for all to have their say on key projects. For those with access to the internet and social media, we encourage you to follow Council on Facebook and visit our website at georgetown.tas.gov.au to keep abreast of Council communications as they are published.

The ensuing newsletter highlights just a few of the key projects, events and activities that have recently occurred or are underway. I am pleased to say that the community will note visible significant progress at Regent Square with structural components due for installation in late July. Council intends to reduce the construction exclusion zone as more of the park is developed.

Our solid financial performance of the last 3 years has continued while we have juggled the lingering effects of COVID while staying focused on the delivery of our key projects while lining up future projects for our community. Our performance metrics continue to exceed both our benchmarks as well as prior years and the overall health of the organisation is improving. Many of you will be looking at the overall global economy with concern as inflation impacts all aspects of life including your direct rates. Our objective is to try to achieve the best balance possible between affordability, low term financial sustainability and the maintenance of our 10 year strategic plan for George Town.

Council, at its June meeting approved the 2022/2023 budget, which includes a number of exciting projects and initiatives. Some of note include:

Trevor Street Extension at Weymouth.

This project will provide direct access from Weymouth Road to the boating facilities, improving both safety and amenity by providing an alternate route for vehicles with boats in tow than traversing the narrow residential streets.

Arts & Culture Program

This is a new program that aims to celebrate and showcase local talent and see the introduction of an annual prize. More details on the program will be released soon.

Dalrymple Road & Industry Road intersection Upgrade

This financial year will see the continuation of council's commitment to upgrade Dalrymple Road with the intersection upgrades and further sections being widened.

Anzac Drive Building Upgrade

With works funded through state and federal grants, this site will host the 'LaunchPad' community centre operated by the Future Impact Group and also operate as a commercial bar and restaurant as it did previously. Communications on the draft design will be published shortly.

Coming Up

The local government elections will be held in October later this year and is the first time that voting has been made compulsory in local government elections. There will be more media on this in the coming weeks including locally held forums for potential candidates wanting to learn more information on what it entails to be a councillor. Watch this space.

Key consultations will commence shortly on:

- The Hillwood Open Space Master Plan that will guide investment for recreation assets over the next ten years;
- The Artisans Guild, a state-funded initiative to accommodate artisans working spaces, exhibition and retail spaces: and
- The early design consultation process for the George Town Aquatic, Health & Wellbeing Centre (concept design below).

Your Council is focused on building a better community for our entire community. I look forward to meeting with all of you in the remainder of the year to better understand what projects you would like to see delivered and what priority you place on the business of Council. Kind Regards Greg.



Safety Group Committee

George Town Council's Safety Group Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Cr Heather Barwick and Deputy Chair Cr Chris Barraclough in partnership with representatives from local schools, Progress Associations, Tas. Police, Chamber of Commerce and Neighbourhood House meet on a monthly basis to enhance the safety of the George Town municipal area. The Committee work towards promoting community safety and providing any recommendations to Council for consideration.

The Committee welcomes any suggestions from residents for the promotion of safety.

CCTV Systems Register

In partnership with the George Town Police and the George Town Safety Group Committee the development of a register of privately owned CCTV Systems that police can access in the instance of a reported crime has been adopted by Council. This is an initiative by the George Town Safety Group Committee.

If you wish to register your CCTV System and be placed on the register: please forward your name, contact details and address to: Email: council@georgetown.tas.gov.au or contact Council on (03) 6382 8800.

All details will be held confidentially as per Council's Personal Information Protection Policy and the footage will only be accessed by Tas Police.

Safety Message

Don't make it easy for offenders by doing a few simple things to protect your property.

Before leaving your house, take a moment and make ensure your home is secure.

- Lock your windows and doors to your house.
- Lock your windows and doors to your shed. Don't leave your lawn mower or bikes outside.
- Lock you car and don't leave valuables in your car where they are visible.

- Install a security alarm that is visible. It may deter an offender if they know they will be on camera!
- Are trees and shrubs trimmed so that visibility to your house is not obstructed?
- Ensure there is good lighting around your house.
- Get to know your neighbours! They can contact the police if suspicious activity is noticed.

We all like to live in a safe and secure neighbourhood and a few easy steps that can add more security to your home.

Importantly, report any suspicious activity to the Police:

Police Assistance Line for non-emergencies 131 444

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Placemaking Committee

Street Libraries

A George Town Placemaking Committee initiative, in partnership with George Town Council and Street Library Australia, has seen the donation of 12 street libraries to communities within the municipality. Thank you to George Town Neighbourhood House, Low Head, Bell Buoy Beach, Hillwood, Bellingham and Weymouth communities for adopting a Street Library. If you would like to see a Street Library within your community, please contact Council.

Street Library is a worldwide organisation that promotes street libraries in communities responsible for adopting and keeping the libraries alive with the participation of the whole community and the volunteers appointed by the community as the guardian-librarians of the libraries.

Coming soon: Beach Toy Libraries.

Order of Australia Medal Board

The Order of Australia recognises Australians who have given outstanding service or demonstrated exceptional achievement. The Order of Australia Awards are not only the nation's most prestigious civilian awards, but also the very best example of their kind in the world.

Any citizen can nominate any other citizen directly. There is no political, religious, racial, gender or any other organisation that can influence the nomination or its consideration. The nomination and selection process is administered and conducted by the Honours Secretariat of the Governor-General's staff

Placemaking Committee cont.

Community Beautification

Following on from the successful Bog Beautiful project at Lulworth and George Town, by artist Mel McVee, the Community Beautification project is set to continue in other locations.

Recently, the Hillwood Community expressed an interest in making the community bus stop and public toilets more attractive and colourful, artist Thomas Chandler is working with the community to finalise the designs. We will keep you posted with the outcome!

If your community is interested in participating in these projects or if you are an artist who loves to work with communities to enhance public spaces send us an email at placemaking@georgetown.tas.gov.au



Council Sponsored Events

Council continues to support local events and individuals through it's sponsorship program each year. These are the events and individuals that Council has proudly sponsored in the 2021/22 financial year.

- George Town Business Excellence Awards – George Town Chamber of Commerce - 21st October 2021
- Weymouth Progress Association 75th Anniversary Celebration- 30th October 2021
- George Town RSL Sub Branch Inc- Plaques for new memorial wall at Max Harris Reserve
- New Year's Eve Extravaganza – Neighbourhood House- 31st December 2021
- Tamar Valley Folk Festival - January 28th-30th 2022
- id Rodeo – George Town Rodeo - 19th March 2022
- Port Dalrymple School Annual Breakfast Program for 2022
- Samantha Jayne Barker- Nationals Pony Club Tasmania Tetrathlon.
- Jack Osbourne - Australasian Scooter Association National Finals.
- Sophie Hills - 2022 Age Swimming National.
- Kaeden Marshall - Softball Australia National Championships Under 14 Boys.
- Jack Crane - National Indoor Cricket Championships.
- Sophia Berger- Kanga Cup.
- Jazmin Nettlefold- Kanga Cup.

and selection is made by the independent Council of The Order of Australia.

Through the Australian Honours system, there is an opportunity to celebrate excellence, contribution and qualities which make for a more cohesive, caring and fairer community.

At George Town Council we are honored to display an Order of Australia Medal Board at our reception. It was officially displayed on Thursday 28th of April 2022 by Sue Shea OAM, Dr Frank Madill

OAM, John Osbourne OAM, Mayor Greg Kieser and George Town Council General Manager Shane Power.

The Order of Australia Association encourages everyone to nominate members of our community who deserve to be recognised for their service to the community.



Healthy George Town

As each day passes by, George Town is getting Healthier. Here's how:

Healthy George Town has delivered 104 programs, with a total of 554 sessions delivered by 33 instructors. 879 local community members have benefited from the free health and wellbeing programs.

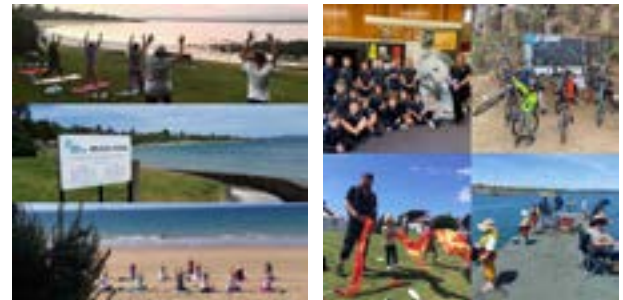
It's been a successful journey for the Healthy George Town initiative. It is heartening to see the positive impact free health and wellbeing programs have had on a community with limited services in this sector.

The George Town Council is very passionate about the growth and development of health and wellbeing in the community. Participation has increased since the inception of HGT programs, which gives us immense satisfaction knowing we are making a significant impact on the community.

With the success and steady growth of participants in the Healthy George Town programs, the George Town Council is happy to announce further funding for the program's continuation for this financial year.

We are excited to see our community grow further through physical and mental well-being.

We cannot wait to see you at our next session!



Capital Works Projects

Regent Square

Regent Square redevelopment is progressing with the new playground, carpark, toilets and basketball court. The garden beds are gradually being developed around the edges of Regent Square so the plants will look a treat as they mature. The light poles, wind and oval picnic shelters are currently being built in the factory and are scheduled to be installed in July. It is all coming together, and the community will soon be able to enjoy the new Regent Square.



East Beach

There are some fabulous new facilities at East Beach for all to enjoy! Two new picnic shelters have been built, with an electric barbecue and seating to relax and take in the beautiful view. The new boardwalk has been made from recycled plastic, it looks great and is accessible by wheelchair. The carpark has been resurfaced and will be line marked for easy parking. New bollards will also be installed to finish off this project.

Dalrymple Road, Mount Direction

The three bridges on Dalrymple Road, over Fourteen Mile Creek have been replaced with two new bridges. The road approaches have been built to meet the new bridges and it has all been resurfaced. These new bridges mean that Council can now remove the load limits that the previous bridges had, so heavy vehicle traffic can now travel in this area without load restrictions.

Mountain Bike Trails

With the Mount George Network opening last October, the trails have brought tourists, day-trippers, and events to the town. But most importantly, the trails provide a popular recreational opportunity for locals, both young and old. Which trail is your favourite? 'Keystone', the gentle climb with sweeping vistas over George Town and Kanamaluka? 'Gadanga Dang', with its janky rock gardens and multiple lines? Or 'Desperado', which is fast becoming a classic with its jumps and advanced side features. Whichever it is, the Mount George Trails are only just the beginning.

Construction has been ticking away in the Tippogoree Hills, and whilst the trail builders have paused construction of the trails over the winter period (which is not a good time to build trails), we are aiming to open the first stage of the Tippogoree Hills Trails in Spring/summer this year. We promise it will be worth the wait!

As we move into winter, the trails will get wetter and some may need to be closed to prevent damage, conduct trail maintenance, or simply to keep riders safe (they can get pretty slippery!). The best way to keep up to date with trail conditions and closures is to check the website at <https://georgetownmtbtrails.com.au/> under the 'Trail Status' section. And don't forget to follow our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/GeorgeTownMTBTrails>) and Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/georgetownmtbtrails_official/) pages so you get all the construction and opening updates for Tippogoree Hills!



Key Information

For more information please visit our website www.georgetown.tas.gov.au



[Community Assistance Grants](#)

Round 1 - 2022/23

Opens on Monday 1st August and close at 4.30pm Friday 26th of August 2022.



[Event Planning Toolkit](#)

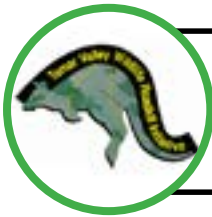
Planning an event?

Be sure to review our Event Planning Toolkit to see what permits, plans and applications are required.



[Service Requests](#)

Council encourages residents to report faults, defects or hazards in Council infrastructure, to ensure that they can be repaired in a timely manner and reduce any inconvenience to residents.



[Roadkill facts in Tasmania](#)

Interested about some facts regarding roadkill in Tasmania?

Protect our Wildlife, ourselves and our property.



[Sponsorships](#)

We offer incentive and support for community events and individuals that contribute to the development of a strong, vibrant and connected community.



[Council & Community Events](#)

The George Town area plays host to many events throughout the year. Visit our website to view whats happening locally.



[Want to volunteer at Council?](#)

There are many volunteering opportunities within the George Town Municipality where you can make a real difference to the community and our visitors.



[Recycle Hub](#)

Did you know we have a recycling hub at the Council office on Anne Street?

Recycling Hubs collect items which cannot be placed in kerbside recycling bins but can be recycled through specialist programs.