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Meeting Commencing at 1.00 pm

Acknowledgement of Country

The George Town Council pays its respect to the traditional and original owners of the land in which we meet, their elders past, present and emerging and we pay respect to those that have passed before us and acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal people who are the custodians of this land.

AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The public is advised that it is **Council Policy** to record the proceedings of meetings of Council on digital media to assist in the preparation of minutes, and to clarify any queries relating to the Minutes that is raised during a subsequent meeting under the section "Confirmation of Minutes".

The recording does not replace the written minutes and a transcript of the recording will not be prepared.

All meetings of the Council shall be digitally recorded as provided for by Regulation 33 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 except for the proceedings of meetings or parts of meetings closed to the public in accordance with Regulation 15(2).

In accordance with the requirements of Council's Audio Recording of Council Meetings Policy No. 40, members of the public are not permitted to make audio recordings of Council meetings.

In accordance with the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, Part 4, Section 18, and as given notice by the Premier of Tasmania, Peter Gutwein, under the same act and published in the Tasmanian Government Gazette No. 21 963, 3 April 2020, this meeting is being held face to face with limitation on public attendance to maintain social distancing.

Council will be allowing a maximum of 10 persons into the Ordinary Council meeting. You must pre-register to attend this meeting of Council.

All documents presented, and recordings (audio) of this meeting are made available to the public in accordance with the above act and notice, and the standard applicable provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, and Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

1. PRESENT

1.1 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

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2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 23RD FEBRUARY 2021

DECISION

Moved:
Seconded:

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 23rd February 2021 numbered 009/21 to 019/21 and 024/21 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings (attached).

VOTING

For:

Against:

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3. LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 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.

Due to restrictions in place during the COVID19 pandemic as enabled through the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, public question time will be conducted in the following manner.

George Town Council will be allowing members of the public that have submitted an objection to a planning matter (priority attendance) and questions from the public to a maximum of 10 persons (to maintain social distancing) into the Ordinary meeting of Council.

Council will accept all other written questions which will be asked and responded to at the meeting. These questions will be recorded in Council's minutes and will be available on the audio recording.

You must pre-register to attend this meeting of Council.

4.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

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4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

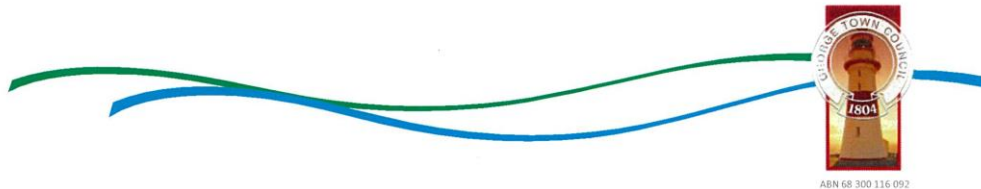
Commenced at:

Concluded at:

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4.4 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.”)



10th March, 2021

Mrs L. Wootton

Dear Mrs Wootton,

RE: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 23RD FEBRUARY 2021

Thank you for your attendance at George Town Council's Ordinary meeting where you asked the following:

Q1. That the Council reconsider opening and closing the front doors of the Memorial Hall so that locals and visitors have easy access to the facilities and visitor attractions in the hall via the front entrance?

Council can confirm that the Memorial Hall front doors will be opened at the same time Council officer's will be raising the flags. Also the doors will be closed when the flags are brought down at the end of working day.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter please contact Council's Facility Coordinator, Mr Peter Groves on 6382 8800.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Shane Power'.

Shane Power
General Manager

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4.4 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)



10th March, 2021

Mrs D. Rainbow

Dear Mrs Rainbow,

RE: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 23RD FEBRUARY 2021 AND 27TH JANUARY 2021

Thank you for your attendance at George Town Council's Ordinary meetings where you questioned the disability parking spaces that are available at the HUB and at the Woolworth's carpark upgrade.

Council's Manager Development and Environment has investigated your enquiry and can confirm the following:

Woolworth's Carpark

- The plans for the Woolworth carpark upgrade show two (2) accessible parking spaces located adjacent to the shop entrance. These carparks will be dimensioned and line marked to the current Australian standards.

HUB Carpark

- There are two (2) compliant access ('disabled' in old terms), parking spaces immediately in front of the main access doors that are the required amount. They only require one in 50. These are correctly marked.
- There are two additional spaces to the Eastern side of these marked as parents with prams. This is in excess of requirements and has obviously been installed for the benefit of parents with young children. While there is no legislative requirements for these, they do have the right to install them.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter please contact Manager Development and Environment on 6382 8800.

Yours sincerely,

Shane Power
General Manager

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4.4 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
(CONT.)



12th March, 2021

Mr Kevin Ellis

Dear Mr Ellis,

RE: PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEMORIAL HALL FACILITIES AND DEFIBRILLATOR

Thank you for your email addressed to Cr Barwick as Chair of the George Town Safety Group Committee which was submitted to Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 23rd February 2021.

In reply to your request for Council to provide access through the Memorial Hall front doors for residents and tourists to access toilet facilities and to the defibrillator, I can advise the following:

- Council can confirm that the Memorial Hall front doors will be opened at the same time Council Officer's will be raising the flags. Also the doors will be closed when the flags are brought down at the end of the working day.
- The defibrillator can be placed on the outside of the Memorial Hall at a minimum cost to Council but prior to this installation Council will be investigating vandal-proof options.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter please contact Council's Facility Coordinator, Mr Peter Groves on 6382 8800.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Power'.

Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

cc: Mr P. Groves

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6. 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 of experience, that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice, the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.



Shane Power
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.

7. PLANNING AUTHORITY

Nil.

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8. OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager – Mr S. Power

REPORT DATE: 15th March, 2021

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

TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 2021

- Update on Planning and Building applications
- Update on Capital Works
- Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone update Presentation
- Outstanding Loans
- Great Regional City Challenge – Presentation
- Rating Policy
- Governance Issues

Present: Mayor Kieser, Deputy Mayor Harris, Cr Barraclough, Cr Barwick, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto, Cr Parkes

Apologies: Nil

In Attendance: General Manager, Manager Development Services & Environment, Manager Works & Infrastructure, Manager Corporate Services & Finance, Manager Liveable & Connected Communities, Manager People, Performance & Governance, Executive Support & Governance Officer

Guests: BBAMZ CEO and BBAMZ Northern Workforce Development Officer
Principal, Community Led Impact Partnerships

TUESDAY 9TH MARCH, 2021

- Draft Ordinary Minutes of Council held 23rd February, 2021
- Laurel House Application for Fee Remission
- Sale of Properties for Unpaid Rates – Update
- SAA Trust Affordable Housing Project
- Recovery for Regional Tourism Program
- HRPlus – Presentation

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8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021 (CONT.)

- Budget Submissions – State Government
- Community Assistance Grants Round 2
- Mountain Bike Update – Presentation
- Governance Issues

Present: Mayor Kieser, Deputy Mayor Harris, Cr Barraclough, Cr Barwick, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto, Cr Parkes

Apologies: Nil

In Attendance: General Manager, Manager Development Services & Environment, Manager People, Performance & Governance, Executive Support & Governance Officer, Project Manager, Manager Infrastructure & Works, Manager Liveable & Connected Communities

Guests: Representatives from HRPlus

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops 23rd February 2021 and 9th March 2021 from the General Manager.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

9. DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Nil.

10. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil.

11. CORPORATE SERVICES AND FINANCE

Nil.

12. LIVEABLE & CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS / ASSISTANCE

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Liveable & Connected Communities, Ms M. Bennett

REPORT DATE: 12th March 2020

FILE NO: 23.2

ATTACHMENT/S: (A) Northern Suburbs Boxing
(B) George Town Football Club (Seniors)
(C) Orange Gecko Art Network
(D) Tamar Valley wildlife Road Kill Initiative
(E) George Town Junior Football Club
(F) Sophie Grace Hills

SUMMARY

This report provides information to Council relating to five (5) Community Assistance applications for community grant assistance and one (1) individual application.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Council's Community Assistance Policy (No. 10), on the 1 February 2021, Council announced the opening of Round 2 of the 2020/2021 Grant Assistance program, with applications closing on Friday 26th February 2021.

The Community Assistance Policy applies to applications for Fee Remission, Assistance to Individuals, and Community Grants, with a total budget allocation of \$20,000.

After Round 1 approved applications totalled \$7999 and fee remissions totalled \$1643. Funds available for allocation in Round 2 for to the year ending 30 June 2021 is \$10,358 for both community grants and fee remissions.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030.

Future direction 1 – Community Pride

All are valued and included:

- Taking a whole of community approach to everything,
- Communicating so everyone knows what each group is doing,

Community groups work together on common goals:

- Communicating proposed projects and programs to leverage
- Opportunities, avoid duplication, and keep up with what is going on.

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12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS / ASSISTANCE (CONT.)

Future Direction 3 – Progressive well-resourced Communities.

Recreational Opportunities for all

- Growing participation

Sporting Opportunities for all

- Growing participation in activities
- Growing membership & leadership capabilities
- Engaging young people in activities of their choice

Social infrastructure meets community needs:

- Developing and maintaining social infrastructure that meets the communities changing needs.
- Responding to needs of young people

LEGISLATION

Council's Community Assistance Policy No. 10 adopted by Council on the 28th January 2020.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires:

- (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; 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.

Council has an established Policy *Community Assistance Policy No.10* which offers community organisations and individuals the opportunity to apply to Council for funding to assist them in the operations and implementation of their activities within the community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2020 / 2021 budget allocation for Community Grants is \$20,000.

Funding allocation as at the 28th February 2021

▪ Fee Remissions	\$ 1,643.00
▪ Assistance to Individuals	\$ 00.00
▪ Round 1 Community Grants Program	\$ 7,999.00
	<u>\$ 9,642.00</u>

Remaining Budget Community Assistance \$10,358.00

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Community Group	Description	Amount
Probus Club of George Town	5 monthly meetings	\$255.00
Soroptimist International of George Town	International Women's Day Breakfast	\$76.00
Alcoholics Anonymous George Town	Weekly Meetings	\$416.00
Neighbourhood Watch George Town Branch	Monthly meeting	\$151.25
George Town Neighbourhood House	Trivia Night Fundraiser	\$76.50
YMCA of Launceston	Various bookings	\$374.25
Soroptimist International of George Town	Bi-annual Conference	\$294.00
	TOTAL	\$1,643.00

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Fees were waived in the first six months of this financial year as part of George Town Council's Covid 19 Recovery Plan, therefore fee remissions to date are low in comparison to previous financial years. There will be a number of applications for fee relief over the coming months given the reintroduction of fees.

There have been no applications for individual assistance until this current round and this would be due to Covid 19 restrictions, the inability to travel, boarder closures, and sporting and arts & cultural events cancellations nationally.

Note that the remaining budget for fee remissions, community assistance grants and individual assistance is \$10,358.00, the current applications in Round 2 for approval totals \$9,434.15, leaving \$923.85 to service the remainder of the financial year for fee remissions and applications for individual assistance.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ROUND 2 2020-2021

Round 2 of the 2019/2020 Grant Assistance Program opened on Monday 1st February 2021, and closed on Friday 26th February 2021. A total of five grant applications were received, all of which are eligible for consideration.

Northern Suburbs Boxing George Town Branch – Submission Summary

Purchase of boxing ring mat to replace the current mat. The current mat is in a state of disrepair, poses a risk to participants and does not comply with COVID cleaning requirements. As well as the purchase of boxing helmets, to allow each participant to have their own helmet for use during the time they are participating.

Equipment Request:

Boxing Ring Mat	\$1514.00
Boxing helmets	\$ 809.91
Total	\$ 2323.91 <u>Request for \$1999.91</u>

**Quotation supplied
Insurances supplied**

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12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS / ASSISTANCE (CONT.)

Funding previously received 20/21 financial year

Community Grants Round 1	Nil.
Covid 19 Community Grants Lifestyle Recovery	1,500
Fee Remissions	Nil.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The completed application is attached to this report and has been assessed as meeting the criteria of the Community Assistance Policy.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The risk is relation to Council approving the Community Assistance Grant of \$2,000 to the Northern Suburbs Boxing Club has been assessed against Council's Risk Management Framework and Risk Matrix and is considered to be low risk.

George Town Football Club (Seniors) – Submission Summary

Purchase of equipment to assist the Club with ongoing cleaning and minor maintenance of the venue, namely a Karcher Pressure Cleaner, Karcher Window Vac, Petrol Blower, and Drill Kit.

The Club in the past two years, has undertaken many projects to enhance both the interior and exterior of the complex. Along with the works Council has undertaken as part of their maintenance budget, the Club's volunteers undertake many tasks regularly to ensure the venue is maintained to a high standard. This work includes window cleaning, cleaning and sweeping of the concrete and asphalt areas, and minor maintenance work.

In addition, each week the essential job of cleaning out the two change rooms and the trainer's room utilises much of our volunteer's time. This equipment will greatly reduce the current cleaning time, and in addition, will provide a more thorough cleansing of all areas. Currently any items of equipment required to undertake this has sourced from our volunteers. In order to minimise the risk to our volunteer's equipment, the Club has identified the need to have the necessary resources on hand at all times.

Equipment Request:

Karcher Pressure Cleaner	\$749.00	
Karcher window Vax	\$168.00	
Petrol Blower	\$399.00	
Battery Drill Kit	\$499.00	
Total	\$ 1815.00	<u>Request for \$1815.00</u>

Quotations (Promotional images and pricing)
Insurances supplied

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12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS / ASSISTANCE (CONT.)

Funding previously received 20/21 financial year

Community Grants Round 1	1,995
Covid 19 Community Grants LifeStyle Recovery	1,500
Lifestyle Recovery	1,150
Event Recovery	4,227
Fee Remissions	Nil.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The completed application is attached to this report and has been assessed as meeting the criteria of the Community Assistance Policy.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The risk is relation to Council approving the Community Assistance Grant of \$1815.00 to the George Town Football Club (seniors) has been assessed against Council's Risk Management Framework and Risk Matrix and is considered to be low risk.

Orange Gecko Art Network – Submission Summary

Purchase of laptop computer & Canon PIXMA Pro A3 Printer setup for pro-printing to enable Orange Gecko Art Network members to produce exhibition quality prints for group annual exhibitions and to be able to promote and provide promotion and marketing brochures and flyers of a high-quality standard. The equipment purchase would support a community organisation to grow community capacity and enhance the vibrancy of places in the region with the desired result of using cultural and artistic celebrations to engage and build understanding of the community and area.

The purchase of this minor infrastructure would enable us to use the equipment for future Community Arts projects, and community workshops and training courses.

Equipment Request:

Printer	\$850	
Computer	\$1,442	
Inks	\$165	
Total	\$2,457	<u>Request for \$2,000</u>

Quotations Supplied

Insurance Supplied

Funding previously received 20/21 financial year

Community Grants Round 1	Nil.
Covid 19 Community Grants	Nil.
Fee Remissions	Nil.

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12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS / ASSISTANCE (CONT.)

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The completed application is attached to this report and has been assessed as meeting the criteria of the Community Assistance Policy.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The risk is relation to Council approving the Community Assistance Grant of \$2,000 to Orange Gecko Art Network has been assessed against Council's Risk Management Framework and Risk Matrix and is considered to be low risk.

Tamar Valley Wildlife Roadkill Initiative – Submission Summary

Printing of 6,000 brochures relating to driver education in the avoidance of road collisions with wildlife and dissemination of these, 2,000 delivered to homes in George Town, others placed in Tourist Information Centres, Council Chambers, and handouts at public seminars. It is considered important to print the brochures in multiple languages. Funds will also be required to acquire a projector for seminars.

Part of the criteria used to determine the reason for granting the team branch status with Wildcare Tasmania was to ensure public education remains high on the agenda amongst the branches activities.

Funding Request:

Printing of Brochure	\$720	
Mailout to 2036 homes	\$440	
Projector	\$260	
Total	\$1,420	<u>Request for \$1,420</u>

Quotations attached

Insurances supplied

Funding previously received 20/21 financial year

Community Grants Round 1	Nil.
Covid 19 Community Grants	Nil.
Fee Remissions	Nil.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The completed application is attached to this report and has been assessed as meeting the criteria of the Community Assistance Policy.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The risk is relation to Council approving the Community Assistance Grant of \$1420 to the Tamar Valley Roadkill Initiative has been assessed against Council's Risk Management Framework and Risk Matrix and is considered to be low risk.

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12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS / ASSISTANCE (CONT.)

George Town Junior Football Club – Submission Summary

This project will replace old guernseys that are faded, aged, and in many cases in disrepair. The project goes further providing children in the under 10s and 12s with refreshed playing guernseys free from charge for the 2021 season. If successful the club will provide new shorts and socks completing the playing kit required for children to participate in competition. Junior sports across the state are experiencing reduced participation rates post Covid 19 and GTJFC is experiencing the same. The club is confident providing new playing kit will entice kids to return to play and new participants also.

The club's current stock of playing guernseys is three years old, and looking very worn and some are in disrepair. Having not generated revenue throughout the 2020 season, the club requires assistance to replace its stock while also investing in playing kits for children many of which are from disadvantaged families unable to afford playing attire for their children. This can be evidenced by registered players of the club having utilised the ticket to play' subsidy program which 'provides families with vouchers to cover playing fees (can be provided upon request). This grant will provide 50 jumpers for the under 10's and under 12's mixed gender teams.

Funding Request

Guerseys	\$2,000	
Total	\$2,000	<u>Request for \$2,000</u>

Quotations supplied

Insurances supplied

Funding previously received 20/21 financial year

Community Grants Round 1	Nil.
Covid 19 Community Grants	Nil.
Fee Remissions	Nil.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The completed application is attached to this report and has been assessed as meeting the criteria of the Community Assistance Policy.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The risk is relation to Council approving the Community Assistance Grant of \$2000 to the George Town Junior Football Club has been assessed against Council's Risk Management Framework and Risk Matrix and is considered to be low risk..

12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS / ASSISTANCE (CONT.)

Assistance to Individuals

Sophie Grace Hills – Submission Summary

Competing in the 2021 Age Nationals on the Gold Coast. Sophie is a S9 multiclass swimmer and was born without her right hand. Competed in the 2019 event and won a silver in 100m Butterfly.

A letter of support has been supplied

Funding request \$200

OFFICER’S COMMENTS

The completed application is attached to this report and has been assessed as meeting the criteria of the Community Assistance Policy.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The risk is relation to Council approving the assistance to Sophie Grace Hills has been assessed against Council’s Risk Management Framework and Risk Matrix and is considered to be low risk..

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve the application for \$2,000 to the Northern Suburbs Boxing Club for the purchase of a boxing ring mat and helmets.
2. Approve the application for \$1,815 to the George Town Football Club for the purchase of cleaning equipment.
3. Approve the application for \$2000 to the Orange Gecko Art Network for the purchase of a laptop computer and printer.
4. To approve the application for \$1,420 to the Tamar Valley Wildlife Roadkill Initiative for marketing materials for the purposes of enhancing awareness of the hazards associated with wildlife collisions.
5. To approve the application for \$2,000 to the George Town Junior Football Club for the purchase of guernseys for the under 10’s and 12’s (boys and girls) football teams (in conjunction with other apparel (shorts & socks) assisting in the recovery of the club after a cancelled season due to the Covid 19 pandemic.
6. Provides a Community of \$200 to Sophie Grace Hills to assist with costs to compete in the 2021 Age Nationals in Queensland.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.2 SPORT & RECREATION STRATEGY 2021 AND GEORGE TOWN SPORTS COMPLEX MASTER PLAN 2021

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager, Liveable & Connected Communities – Ms M. Bennett

REPORT DATE: 16 March 2021

FILE NO: 39.7

ATTACHMENT: (A) Draft Sport & Recreation Strategy 2021
(B) Draft George Town Sports Complex Master Plan 2021
(C) George Town Sports Complex Master Plan Background Report

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement of the draft Sport & Recreation Strategy 2021 & draft George Town Sports Complex Master Plan 2021.

BACKGROUND

Council's 2020/2021 Annual Plan sets out a number of actions designed to deliver the objectives of its 10 Year Strategic Plan. The continuing development of the draft Sport & Recreation Strategy 2021 and George Town Sports Complex Master Plan 2021 is one of the 2020/21 annual plan tasks.

The instigation of the Sport & Recreation Strategy and the George Town Sports Complex Master Plan was identified by Council Officers, Councillors and community to address the needs, inadequacies and plans for the sports & recreational assets of the George Town municipality considering:

1. All abilities access
2. Upgrades and maintenance
3. Increased demand for activities
4. Capital investment
5. Additional needs and requirements of the community
6. Fair and equitable strategy for all users

At Leisure Planners were engaged following a procurement process seeking suitability qualified consultant/s to develop the Sports & Recreation Strategy and revisit the 2016 draft George Town Sport Complex Master Plan.

The Draft Sport and Recreation Strategy 2021 focuses on developing a municipality-wide strategy to inform future capital works priorities and specific projects, including revisiting the 2016 draft master plan for the George Town Sports Complex. These documents can be used to provide a strong platform for advocacy efforts for funding.

12.2 SPORT & RECREATION STRATEGY 2021 AND GEORGE TOWN SPORTS COMPLEX MASTER PLAN 2021 (CONT.)

The strategy has been designed to assist Council to:

- Guide future assessment
- Determine what infrastructure projects are the priority if funds become available
- How facilities can be designed so they meet the greatest need, are sustainable and cost effective to run
- Encourage more people to be active close to home, and
- Attract sports, competition and events back to George Town.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

While there is clear alignment with Council's Strategic Plan, it is intended that the draft Sports & Recreation Strategy 2021 and the George Town Sports Complex Master Plan 2021 will be incorporated into Council's suite of strategic documents, including advocacy, capital works and annual plans and will be referenced accordingly in all relevant future developments and initiatives.

CONSULTATION

Extensive research and consultation was undertaken by the consultant in the development of the strategy, the following methods were used to seek input from local residents and community organisations:

- Preparation of web and social media pages by Council to invite comments and submissions
- Telephone discussions with staff
- A world café round table consultation session with school children and residents
- An online community survey (183 responses)
- Facebook (5 comments)
- Club survey for sports clubs by phone (13 responses)
- Club survey for state sports associations by phone (7 clubs interviewed)
- Interviews with elected members (8 interviews), and
- Review of the draft by staff.

At Leisure Planners presented the draft Sports & Recreation Strategy to Council at its workshop August 2020.

Community Consultation was undertaken by Council in accordance with the Community Consultation Framework for both the Sports & Recreation Strategic Plan 2021 and the George Town Sports Complex Master Plan 2021 in December of 2020. The community was invited to make comment for a period of 39 days on the proposals. It was advertised through Council's website, Facebook page, direct email through Council's community & business database and notification were also made on Tamar FM in the Mayor's and General Manager's talk back segment and general promotion.

Council receipted six submissions from the consultation period and these were discussed in the February Council workshop where some amendments were made to the draft documents.

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12.2 SPORT & RECREATION STRATEGY 2021 AND GEORGE TOWN SPORTS COMPLEX MASTER PLAN 2021 (CONT.)

STRATEGIC PLAN

The complexity, delivery and financial implications of the draft Sport & Recreation Strategy and Sports Complex Master Plan requires forecasting, developing and longer term fiscal planning therefore aligning with the future directions of Council's 10 Year Strategic Plan in the following areas :

Future Direction	Desired Outcome	Strategic Priorities
1. Community Pride	A strong recognisable positive reputation	Promoting the area as the place to live, work, play and invest
2. Prosperity For All	Health, Active Communities	Getting and staying active. Participation, recreation, arts and cultural activities
3. Progressive Well-resourced Communities	Recreational opportunities for all	Developing well-designed and maintains recreational facilities- shared pathways , tracks, trails, exercise stations- all ages, all abilities
	Sports Opportunities for all	Growing participation in sports activities. Growing membership and leadership capabilities in sports activities Engaging young people in sports activities of their choice
	Social infrastructure meets community needs	Developing and maintaining social infrastructure that meets the communities changing needs Responding to the needs of young people
	Communities have agreed strategic plans	Making sure communities remain connected, engaged and empowered Celebrating project successes

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Risk implications associated with the adoption of the Sports & Recreation Strategy 2021 and the George Town Sports Complex Master Plan 2021 have been identified in accordance with Council's adopted Risk Management Framework and Risk Matrix as:

- There is a medium level of risk that involves Council inability to attain the funding required to complete the numerous projects and being required to contribute any shortfall in funds.
- There is a reputational risk that Council cannot raise the level of funding needed for the numerous projects and the community becomes despondent

12.2 SPORT & RECREATION STRATEGY 2021 AND GEORGE TOWN SPORTS COMPLEX MASTER PLAN 2021 (CONT.)

- While extensive consultation has occurred in the development of the strategy and master plan, further consultation may be warranted when designing and implementing some of the proposed actions within. Adherence to Council's adopted Community Consultation Framework will assist in mitigating such risks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council allocated \$25,000 within its adopted 2019/2020 budget to achieve the project.

Implementation of actions as proposed within the strategy will be subject to future budgets and external funding opportunities.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Adopt the draft Sports & Recreation Strategy 2021 and the George Town Sports Complex Master Plan 2021 as presented;
2. Adopt the draft Sports & Recreation Strategy 2021 and the George Town Sports Complex Master Plan 2021 with amendments; or
3. Not adopt the Sports & Recreation Strategy 2021 and the George Town Sports Complex Master Plan 2021 at this point in time.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The draft Sports & Recreation Strategy 2021 and the George Town Sports Complex Master Plan 2021 is closely aligned with Council's Strategic Plan and reflects what the broader community holds valuable.

The strategy re-affirms the vast array of assets both natural and manmade that exist within the municipality. While the strategy may not encapsulate all, it integrates a large number of these assets, presenting pathways that Council can achieve key strategic objectives and to develop well-resourced Communities by developing well-designed recreational facilities that will grow participation.

Many of the actions within the strategy will be the target of future grant funding and advocacy opportunities.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopt the Sports & Recreation Strategy 2021 and the George Town Sports Complex Master Plan 2021 as presented.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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13. MAYOR

13.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT –MAYOR

FILE NO.: 14.11

REPORT DATE: 15th March 2021

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser		
February	22	Met with resident re Low Head Planning
	22	Met with resident re Concept ideas
	22	Met with Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch representative
	22	Met with resident re planning issue
	22	Attended George Town Chamber of Commerce AGM
	23	Chaired Council Workshop
	23	Chaired Ordinary Meeting of Council
March	25	Attended George Town visit by The Governor Her Excellency Kate Warner
	1	Attended George Town Chamber of Commerce Planning Meeting
	5	Attended launch of the Northern Employment Business Hub
	5	Attended GFG Liberty BBQ
	5	Met with GFG Liberty re School Based apprenticeships
	9	Attended meeting with TasPorts and General Manager
	9	Chaired Council Workshop
	10	Attended 50 GEMs launch
	11	Attended LGAT Mayors Workshop
	12	Attended LGAT General Meeting

Note: the Mayor has maintained regular contact with the General Manager and key staff to keep abreast of and respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

13.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT – MAYOR (CONT.)

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

14. PETITIONS

Nil.

15. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

16. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

[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."]*

Nil.

17. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

17.1 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE MEETING – 1ST FEBRUARY 2021

REPORT AUTHOR: Executive Support & Governance Officer – Ms L. Dickenson

REPORT DATE: 15th March, 2021

FILE NO: 14.7

ATTACHMENT/S: George Town Placemaking Committee Confirmed Minutes 1st February 2021

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the Confirmed minutes and any recommendations from the George Town Placemaking Committee for consideration.

BACKGROUND

The George Town Placemaking Committee met on the 1st March 2021 and accepted the minutes as true and accurate record of the meeting held on the 1st February 2021.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action related to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030.

Future Direction 1. Community Pride:

- i. All are valued and included
 - a. Taking a ‘whole of community’ approach to everything
- ii. All communities take pride in their place
 - a. Maintaining public spaces so they are clean, tidy and appealing
 - b. Developing well-designed public spaces which are attractive, safe and support the area’s identity and reputation
- iii. A strong, recognisable, positive reputation
 - a. Promoting the area as the place to live, work, play and invest.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The following risks have been identified in accordance with Council’s adopted risk Management Framework and Risk Matrix.

The scope of the Placemaking Committee is governed by Council Policy GTC-16 Special Committees and the Placemaking Committee Terms of Reference. Risk implications are therefore considered to be low.

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**17.1 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE MEETING – 1ST FEBRUARY 2021
(CONT.)**

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993 and Council Policy GTC-16 Special Committees.

George Town Council Placemaking Committee Terms of Reference.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There were no identified financial implications.

CONSULTATION

The minutes were discussed at the 1st March 2021 Placemaking Committee meeting.

OPTIONS

That Council:

1. Accepts the minutes of the 1st February 2021 of the Placemaking Committee; or
2. Does not accept the minutes of the 1st February 2021 of the Placemaking Committee.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Nil.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the Confirmed minutes of the 1st February 2021 George Town Placemaking Committee as an accurate record of that meeting.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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17.2 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING – 2ND FEBRUARY 2021

REPORT AUTHOR: Executive Support & Governance Officer – Ms L. Dickenson

REPORT DATE: 15th March, 2021

FILE NO: 14.7

ATTACHMENT/S: George Town Community Safety Group Committee Confirmed Minutes 2nd February 2021

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the confirmed minutes and any recommendations from the George Town Community Safety Group Committee for consideration.

BACKGROUND

The George Town Community Safety Group Committee met on the 2nd March, 2021 and accepted the minutes as true and accurate record of the meeting held on the 2nd February, 2021 with the alteration of honing to hooning.

The Committee at this meeting also resolved the following motions:

Motion 1

Moved: Mr J. Glisson
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That the Committee requests the Council to consider:

1. Provides Tamar FM with the keys to the front doors; and
2. That the doors are opened when the flags are raised and closed when the flags are then taken down; and
3. Responds to Mr Ellis correspondence.

Carried

Motion 2

Moved: Mr J. Glisson
Seconded: Mr D. Pride

The Committee expressed their concern and requests that Council:

1. Investigate the Raw sewerage, mentioned on the Council's noticeboard on Macquarie Street, at the York Cove riverlet and report outcomes back to the Committee.

Carried

17.2 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING (CONT.)

Motion 3

Moved: Cr Barraclough
Seconded: Mr J. Glisson

That the Committee is concerned about the Main Road/Mt George Road intersection and council consider improving this junction to facilitate the increase of traffic from the mountain bike trail.

Carried

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action related to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030.

Future Direction 1. Community Pride:

- i. Safe and secure communities
 - a. Focusing on prevention

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The following risks have been identified in accordance with Council's adopted risk Management Framework and Risk Matrix.

The scope of the George Town Community Safety Group Committee is governed by Council Policy GTC-16 Special Committees and the Community Safety Group Committee Terms of Reference. Risk implications are therefore considered to be low.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993 and Council Policy GTC-16 Special Committees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified financial implications.

CONSULTATION

The minutes were discussed at the 2nd March, 2021 George Town Community Safety Group Committee meeting.

OPTIONS

That Council:

1. Accepts the minutes of the 2nd February, 2021 of the George Town Community Safety Group Committee and resolves to accept Motions 1-3; or
2. Accepts the minutes of the 2nd February, 2021 of the George Town Community Safety Group Committee and amends Motions 1-3; or
3. Does not accept the minutes of the 2nd February, 2021 of the George Town Community Safety Group Committee or the Motions 1-3.

17.2 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING (CONT.)

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Nil.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Accept the minutes of the George Town Safety Group Committee meeting 2 February 2021 as an accurate record of that meeting with the alteration of 'honing' to 'hooning'; and
2. Consider:
 - a. Providing Tamar FM with the keys to the front electronic doors of the Memorial Hall Complex; and
 - b. That the doors are opened to the public when the flags are raised and closed to the public when the flags are then taken down; and
 - c. Responds to Mr Ellis correspondence.
3. Investigate the raw sewerage, mentioned on the Council's noticeboard on Macquarie Street, at the York Cove riverlet and report outcomes back to the Committee.
4. Consider improving this junction to facilitate the increase of traffic from the mountain bike trail.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

17.3 PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE BOLLARD DESIGN

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager, Mr S.Power
REPORT DATE: 15 March 2021
FILE NO: 14.7
ATTACHMENT/S: (A) Low Head Life Saver Female Design
(B) Low Head Life Saver Male Design
(C) Low Head Life Saver Child Design

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement of the three designs for bollard to be installed at the East Beach recreation area.

BACKGROUND

The Placemaking Committee (PMC) is a Special Committee of Council for the purposes of Section 24 of the Local Government Act 1993. Established in May 2019 by way of formal appointment of committee members by Council, the PMC comprises six community members, Cr Brooks and an officer of Council.

The aim of the PMC is to enhance public spaces and strengthen the connection between people and places within the George Town municipal area through advice and recommendations to the George Town Council, co-ordination and synergizing with other placemakers, and consultation with key stakeholders, in order to grow the sense of community pride, ownership, and spirit.

Council at its meeting 28 July 2021 approved \$50,000 capital funding for initiatives of the Placemaking Group including for the *Artistic Timber Bollard Trail*.

The *Artistic Timber Bollard Trail* involves the installation of a series of painted hardwood bollards approximately 400mm-500mm in diameter. An artist has been sourced through an expression of interest process that will paint impressions of local identities, historical figures and animals. Suitable locations are determined in consultation with Councils' Planning Unit and Infrastructure & Works department.

The first site identified for bollard installation is the recreation area at East Beach in Low Head where a surf life saving club once operated. Construction of an all abilities recreation area will shortly commence at the site and it is envisaged that the proposed bollards will add to the attraction. In keeping with the place based approach the proposed designs (attached) depict surf life savers.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030.

Future direction 1 – Community Pride

- i. All communities take pride in their place:

17.3 PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE BOLLARD DESIGN (CONT.)

- a. Developing well designed public spaces which are attractive, safe, and support the area’s identity and reputation.
- ii. A strong, recognisable, positive reputation:
 - a. Developing and promoting a new ‘capital’ brand and associated program for George Town, focusing on strengths and aspirations and leveraging the stories of the area’s people.
- iii. Community groups work together on common goals:
 - a. Communicating proposed projects and programs to leverage opportunities, avoid duplication, and keep up with what is going on.

Future Direction 2 – Prosperity for all in all aspects of life.

- iv. Tourism growth in yield:
 - a. Focusing on cultural and historic interpretation and associated experiences and the area’s produce.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Section 24 of the *Local Government ACT 1993* provides:

- (1) *A council may establish, on such terms and for such purposes as it thinks fit, special committees.*
- (2) *A special committee consists of such persons appointed by the council as the council thinks appropriate.*
- (3) *The council is to determine the procedures relating to meetings of a special committee*

The Placemaking Committee Terms of Reference states:

‘The Committee is a Special Committee that will make recommendations to Council on matters relating to the enhancement of public spaces throughout the municipality.’

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Implications relating to public safety and appropriate placement of bollards, will be managed through consultation with Council’s Planning and Infrastructure and Works departments.

Draft artwork is presented to Council for endorsement prior to commencement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with this project are accommodated in Council’s approved 2020/2021 budget. The *Artistic Timber Bollard Trail* includes supply of 40 timber poles at approximately \$3,000, artist services (design and execution) approximately \$1,500 per bollard and installation of bollards to be provided through the Works and Infrastructure team.

17.3 PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE BOLLARD DESIGN (CONT.)

CONSULTATION

The Placemaking Committee has undertaken consultation using various methods including participation at the world Café. The Place Making Committee maintains a Facebook Page where it tests ideas with the community.

OPTIONS

Council can choose to:

1. Endorse the designs of the bollards for East Beach; or
2. Seek an alteration in design of the bollards for East Beach.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager supports the proposed designs with a view that they will add to the appeal of the recreation area of East Beach and will prove to be a well-regarded example of public art as part of the *Artistic Timber Bollard Trail*.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft designs of the bollards to be installed at East Beach recreation area as presented.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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18. CLOSED MEETING

18.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

DECISION

Moved: Cr
Seconded: Cr

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

Agenda Item 18.2 Minutes of the closed ordinary Council meeting held on the 23rd February 2021
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As per the provisions of regulation 34(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

VOTING

For:

Against:

18.6 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 Greg Kieser
MAYOR**