



# GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL CONFIRMED MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting  
held on **Tuesday 26 July 2022**

in the Council Chambers,  
16-18 Anne Street, George Town,

commencing at **1:00 pm**.

*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 limitations on public attendance to maintain social distancing.*

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Shane Power  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**Meeting Commenced at 1:00 pm**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

*The George Town Council pays its respects 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).

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## **1 PRESENT**

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser, Chairperson  
Deputy Mayor Cr Tim Harris  
Cr Greg Dawson  
Cr Dean Gibbons  
Cr Winston Mason  
Cr Andrew Michieletto  
Cr Peter Parkes

### **1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

#### Apologies

Cr Heather Barwick  
Cr Chris Barraclough

#### Leave of Absence

Nil.

### **1.2 IN ATTENDANCE**

General Manager - Mr S Power  
Director Corporate and Community - Mrs C Hyde  
Director Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement - Ms K Desmond  
Executive Support and Governance Officer - Ms L Dickenson

## **2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28TH JUNE 2022**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 numbered 078/22 to 091/22 and 093/22 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings. (Attached)

**Minute No. 94/22**

#### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Harris  
Seconded: Cr Mason

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 numbered 078/22 to 091/22 and 093/22 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

#### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

**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.*

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Due to restrictions in place during the COVID-19 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.

### **4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Commenced at: 1.02 pm

Concluded at: 1.19 pm

#### **Mrs Wootton**

##### **Community Consultation**

I thank Council for making the responses to this project available to the public, along with identification of the submitters.

However, I do take issue with the assessment of these responses solely on the basis of the numbers received, where a simple text message of a few words from a mobile phone counts the same as a considered response that gives mostly legitimate reasons for the response.

I also take issue with councillors and members of the Placemaking Committee using their influence to cavass for the project, rather than simply encouraging community members to put in their own responses.

There are also written responses from two councillors and three members of the Placemaking Committee - all supporting the project - and included in the count!

Many respondents (including some that were supportive) queried the cost and source of funding, which was not included in the consultation information.

Many also showed concern that the installations should be locally sourced and that local artists should be considered thus aligning with the George Town Pride mantra of "Buy Local, Employ Local ...".

I'm sure most of you are well aware of comments on Social Media - many of which were far from complimentary about the look, purpose and funding of the giant metal animals!

It's also a concern to me that the Chamber of Commerce thinks these things will attract more tourists and improve locations that are already frequently visited.

Q1. Is it not considered a conflict of interest for those three councillors who have expressed their support in this 'community consultation' process to vote on this issue?

*The Chair advised Mrs Wootton that the Act is clear on Conflict of Interest. The Act states if there is not a pecuniary, tangible, physical, or financial interest it is deemed to have no conflict. Through case law, particularly where there has been code of conduct reviews of behaviour of councillors in these types of instances, is also quite specific. In fact, there is an expectation that Councillors will be the most invested and frequently will have the strongest position on topics and it is expected that they will do this. It is a fair representation that these are nine volunteers from our community who really are the champions for the community's wants and expects and aspires to. As much as sometimes its frantic, not necessarily individually unbiased or unemotive group of people and these people who represent as taxpayers who have positions and will advocate for the community. This is your elected body of people that represent our community.*

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Mrs Wootton stated that you could you canvas for something not just ask for people to put your opinion in

*The Chair stated that it is entirely normal and entirely accepted.*

Mrs Wootton stated that it is not accepted by the community.

*The Chair stated that he respected Mrs Wootton's opinion. Ultimately it is the feedback which is appraised and when Council puts a project forward and on the bases of that feedback and then consider that in the consultation in the decision-making process.*

Q2. Will Council please include the estimated cost and source of funding for such projects in the future, so that respondents are properly informed - starting with the proposed kanamaluka Story Telling Experience that's already being circulated without this information?

*Through the Chair, the General Manager advised Mrs Wootton that the costs associated with this project, at this point of time, are a broad estimate. The first stage is testing the sentiment of the community, whether or not the project is welcomed or strongly opposed by the community. It is adopted in Council's advocacy plan with a ball park figure of \$1.2 million based on a broad estimate of costs. The funding source of this is outside the rate base and there is no adopted budget for this year to advance that project, therefore external sources are being sourced for funding of this project at this point in time.*

Mrs Wootton stated that this is not clear in what has been sent out to the public.

*The General Manager further advised that it is a conceptual plan as is a number of other plans that have later been out to the community for consultation. Most of the conceptual plans that have gone out have been done in the exact same way i.e. Macquarie Street Precinct Upgrade Plan; York Cove bridge etc.*

Q3. What is the real purpose or value of 'community consultation' for the kanamaluka project, when it already appears to be a 'fait accompli' in the glossy Advocacy Plan, along with other multimillion projects that have had no community discussions?

*The Chair advised that following on from the General Manager's comments, that the advocacy plan is really a point of departure. It is very difficult to engage what the community with no basis of departure and that it conceptualises what is being proposed. From that point we seek broad brush funding for the advocacy, and it is how we fund raise and then we do community consultation to shape the proposal into a form that is widely accepted by the community. It is far from a 'fait accompli' and the dependency is if you can raise funding and secondly once you do raise funding for the project in part or in full, and then what is the final form of the project that is going to be expected by the community. At this stage anything that appears on the Advocacy Plan that has not been formally advised for funding i.e.. the Health and Wellness Centre which we have been successful in funding from the last election, is the only one that has been locked in as a project we will now embark on broad community consultation on the final form of this facility. The Chair noted that is really is a point of departure.*

Mrs Wootton stated that it seems the wrong way around and as a member of the public, didn't know anything about the Wellbeing project or for the money for it.

*The Chair stated that it is one of those local government, public sector logic flows that may seem be a bit counterintuitive and in some ways yours is a valid position. This is the way you move something from conceptual to the realm of reality.*

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Mrs Wootton then stated that she would like some real community consultation.

*The Chair stated that on many occasions, council there will be deep and meaningful community consultation on what that facility ultimately looks like and that it services the largest portion of the community in the most meaningful way.*

**John Franken**

Re Harper Subdivision Stage 2

Mr Franken advised that he did not want this to be construed as a representation against the subdivision.

**Pedestrian/Cycling Safety**

Gerzalia Drive is the most direct and shortest route from Stage 2 to the services in George Town and Beyond.

Whilst Gerzalia Drive is adequate for the existing low density lots, it is now going to provide the most likely route to and from the 17 lots of Stage 2. Both Stage 1 and 2 are likely to attract families with young children, creating increased walking and cycling traffic.

Question:

Does the Council consider Gerzalia Drive with its relatively narrow road, next to deep open drains, without a footpath or street lighting on either side safe for pedestrians, prams/strollers and cyclists. If not, how and when can it be made safe?

*The Chair invited Mr Simons, Council's Planner to the meeting.*

Mr Franken advised that he is aware of along that residents can go along White Street and South Street but this is the longest route and is the unlikely route that some would take in they live along Gerzalia Drive.

*The Chair invited Mr Simons to speak about the traffic assessment and how we appraise the impact of the subdivision and infrastructure.*

*Through the Chair, Mr Simons advised essentially from a planning perspective when Council is looking at subdivisions in accordance with the Planning Scheme, Council looks at the subdivision that is proposed provides for those things within the subdivision. Council also looks to see if it provides for opportunities to connect those sorts of infrastructure and facilities. In some cases, it is clear, so in the proposed subdivision the footpaths connect with the existing footpaths along White Street, and the roads connect with the existing roads but when it comes to beyond the subdivision it is not necessarily the responsibility of the person who is undertaking the subdivision to provide those things or to increase the services to existing dwelling streets. In this proposed subdivision it is not deemed the responsibility of the developer to provide the road as it is there, storm water is existing and the developer is connecting to those, but beyond that it comes down to what Council's level of service has been provided deemed that street to be.*

*The Chair asked the General Manager what would occur when Council has deemed that those services are required?*

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*Through the Chair, the General Manager advised Council does not determine or define road safety and would always refer this to independent agencies i.e.. AustRoads, LGAT and their standard drawings, and Department of State Growth who set industry standards, traffic modelling and pedestrian impact statements etc. With that in mind, the traffic impact assessment that was commissioned by the applicant shows existing conditions and forecasts the impact on the road in terms of further vehicular movements likely to occur because of the development and refers to the AustRoads Levels of Services and does not recommend any change to the standard Level of Service as described in AustRoads. It does however, recommend some retro fitting of the existing road network for Council consideration that are minor for example traffic management devices i.e. roundabout or a traffic calming device. The General Manager advised that he did not have the specific recommendation for traffic management devices in front of him, to slow the traffic. Council will review the road network to any request to do so and any assessment will take scientific data and come back with an engineering solution to see if there is in a problem as reported or as perceived.*

*The Chair advised that Council will make a planning decision today based on the framework that Council has to make a decision on and there are eight (8) members of the community here that if there is a safety or under serviced, Council will listen and take the appropriate decision.*

Mr Franken advised that it does not affect him. Mr Franken went on to read from Page 34 of the agenda "Walking and Cycling Network - to provide safe, convenient and efficient movement through and between neighbourhoods by pedestrians and cyclists; and to design footpaths, shared path and cycle path networks (which I am aware we don't have) that are safe, comfortable, well-constructed and accessible. To provide adequate provision to accommodate wheelchairs, prams, scooters and other footpath bound vehicles.

Mr Franken said that it really does say it all.

*The Chair advised, that lets work together and assess it and thanked Mr Franken for his time.*

#### **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.")*

Nil.

## **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

## **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.



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### **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**

### **7.1 DA 2021/109 - RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION (29 LOT SUBDIVISION AND ROADS) - 90 GERZALIA DRIVE, GEORGE TOWN**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Statutory Town Planner - Mr J Simons  
Acting Director Infrastructure and Development – Mr D. Thornton

**REPORT DATE:** 15 July 2022

**FILE NO:** DA 2021/109

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the application for use and development, Residential-Subdivision (29 Lots and Roads) at 90 Gerzalia Drive, George Town (CT 135076/101) with drainage via 86 and 88 Gerzalia Drive, George Town (CT 135076/103 and 135076/102) be APPROVED subject to the following conditions:

#### **1. ENDORSED PLANS**

Except where otherwise stated below, the use and/or development must be carried out as shown on the endorsed plans and described in the endorsed documents:

- a) HSF Developments, Subdivision Design and Layout, Project No. GT-03-DC, Sheets 001, 002 & 003 (revision J), dated 7/10/2021;
- b) Traffic and Civil Services, Traffic Impact Assessment, dated April 2022;
- c) Hydrodynamica, Stormwater Assessment, dated 24 May 2022 (incorporating Hay Consulting and Engineering, Stormwater Quality Management Assessment)
- d) RMCG, Bushfire Hazard Management Report, dated 23 May 2022

to the satisfaction of the Council. Any other proposed development and/or use will require a separate application to and assessment by the Council.

#### **2. ENGINEERING DESIGN DRAWINGS**

Prior to the commencement of works detailed engineering design drawings are to be submitted for an 'Assessment of Public Works' to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development. The drawings are to include:

- a) All roads, footpath and infrastructure designed in accordance with the LGAT Tasmanian Standard Drawings (Urban Roads), including sealed roads (35mm Min. Asphalt (AC10), with kerb and channel, concrete footpath and concrete vehicle crossings.
  - b) All infrastructure must be constructed in accordance with the endorsed Bushfire Hazard Management Plan, with particular attention paid to the cul-de-sac dimensions.
  - c) Full engineering detail for the extension of the stormwater network is to be provided, including:
    - i. Stormwater within the subdivision is to be conveyed by underground pipes.
    - ii. All lots must be provided with a gravity connection to the piped network.
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- iii. Integration with and reshaping of the existing open drain at the rear of 88 and 86 Gerzalia Drive is to ensure a maximum grade of 1:2
- d) The means of connection to power reticulation services to each lot and streetlighting in accordance with a design approved by Aurora Energy. Services must be underground where possible. A copy of the approved design must be submitted to Council upon approval by TasNetworks.
- e) The means of connection for all lots to telecommunications. Where physical infrastructure is provided, services are to be underground. Written advice regarding the preferred means of connection and/or a plan approved by Telstra or other approved supplier must be submitted to Council upon approval by the supplier.
- f) A landscape plan showing a minimum of one street tree (advanced) per lot, and a minimum spacing between tree centres not exceeding 20m. Species to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development.

### **3. EXISTING OPEN DRAIN NETWORK**

Prior to the commencement of works a detailed plan of cleaning and reshaping works relating to the existing open drains on Gerzalia Drive and to the rear of 86 and 88 Gerzalia Drive to provide sufficient stormwater capacity is to be provided to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development.

All cleaning and reshaping works are to be undertaken prior to the connection of the newly constructed piped network.

### **4. CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Prior to the commencement of works a construction environmental management plan is to be submitted to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development. The plan is to include plans and procedures for the management of:

- Dust;
- Erosion, including stabilisation of exposed soils within reshaped drains;
- Soil and water management to minimise discharge of polluted or sediment laden runoff directly or indirectly into Council's drains and watercourses; and
- Noise;

during construction. The plan is also to include a plan and procedure for receiving and addressing complaints from surrounding land owners. All works are to be undertaken in accordance with the approved soil and water management plan.

### **5. CONSTRUCTION OF WORKS**

Prior to the sealing of the Final Plan, all private and public infrastructure works must be constructed in accordance with the engineering design drawings approved by the Director Infrastructure and Development in accordance with Condition 2.

All works, including infrastructure and landscaping, must be commenced under the direct supervision of a civil engineer and completed to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development. Certification that all works have been carried out in accordance with the approved engineering design plans and to Council standards will be required prior to issue of the Certificate of Practical Completion.

### **6. STAGING**

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The proposal may be staged with the approval of Council's Town Planner and Director Infrastructure and Development. All works, landscaping and servicing relative to each stage must be complete prior to sealing. Staging must be orderly and common works, must be completed in Stage 1.

**7. DRIVEWAY CROSSOVERS**

Prior to the sealing of the final plan, the driveway crossovers servicing each lot are to be constructed in accordance with the endorsed plans, LGAT Tasmanian Standard Drawing TSD R09-v1 and to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development.

**8. LANDSCAPING**

Prior to the sealing of the final plan (relative to any staging):

- a) all landscaping (street plantings) as identified on the approved engineering drawings are to be selected, located, installed and managed in accordance with George Town Council's document "Street Trees Policy and Procedure", and to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development.
- b) all roadside verges and any other land impacted by infrastructure installation are to be filled/graded to all hard surfaces and finished to a mowable condition and reseeded with appropriate grass.

At the discretion of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development, and in accordance with the 'policy' Council may accept a bond to allow planting to occur at the most opportune time of the year to ensure survival of the vegetation.

**9. PAYMENT IN LIEU OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE**

Prior to the sealing of the Final Plan, (or sealing of any individual stage), the developer must pay to the Council a sum equivalent to 5% of the unimproved value of the approved lots as determined by a registered land valuer procured at the subdivider's expense.

**10. COVENANTS ON SUBDIVISIONS**

Covenants or similar restrictive controls must not be included on or otherwise imposed on the titles to the lots created by the subdivision permitted by this permit unless:

- a) Such covenants or controls are expressly authorised by the terms of this permit; or
- b) Such covenants or similar controls are expressly authorised by the consent in writing of the Council.

**11. EASEMENTS**

Easements are required over all Council and third party services located in private property. The minimum width of any easement must be 3 metres for Council (public) mains. A greater or lesser width may be approved/required in appropriate circumstances.

**12. AMENDMENT TO SEALED PLAN**

Prior to the sealing of the final plan of survey an application to amend the Sealed Plan 135076 is to be submitted in accordance with Section 103 of the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 to Council in order to remove the redundant road easements from the title.

**13. DAMAGE TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

Any damage to public infrastructure shall be repaired at the cost of the person responsible. If any repairs are necessary, they will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements and to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development.

**14. DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD**

Prior to the sealing of the Plan of Survey, the person responsible must lodge with Council a bond and bank guarantee/cash deposit for the duration of the Defect Liability Period for the amount of 5% of the construction value of the public works.

**15. TASWATER**

The development must be in accordance with the Submission to Planning Authority Notice issued by TasWater (TWDA 2021/01758-GTC attached).

**16. TRANSFER OF ROAD LOTS**

All ROAD Lots, including Lots 201 and 202, are to be transferred to Council on sealing (the lot is to be directly issued in the name of George Town Council). All costs incurred in the surveying and transfer of the ROAD Lots are to be borne by the developer.

**17. TIME FOR STARTING AND COMPLETING**

This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:

- a) The development is not substantially commenced within 2 years of the date of this permit.
- b) The development is not completed within 5 years of the date of the permit.

An extension may be granted at the discretion of Council if a request is received prior to the expiration of the permit. Prior to approving an extension, Council may require the re-submission and review of all plans, calculations and other relevant information to ensure compliance with current standards, Acts and Regulations.

**Permit Notes**

- A. This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for DA 2021/109. You should contact Council with any other use or developments, as they may require the separate approval of Council. Council's planning staff can be contacted on 6382 8800.
- B. This permit does not restrict the proposed development to any particular order or staging (except in accordance with Condition 3). Should the development be staged, staging is to be discussed directly with Council's Town Planner and Director Infrastructure and Development. All works required for the servicing of any individual stage are to be agreed upon and fully constructed prior to Sealing.
- C. This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other by-law or legislation has been granted.
- D. This permit takes effect after:

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- i. the 14 day appeal period expires; or
  - ii. any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal is abandoned or determined; or.
  - iii. any agreement that is required by this permit pursuant to Part V of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* is executed; or
  - iv. any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.
- E. This permit is valid for two (2) years only from the date of approval and will thereafter lapse if the development is not substantially commenced. An extension may be granted at Council's Discretion for up to two years, provided a request is received within 6 months of the expiration of the permit.
- F. A planning A planning appeal may be instituted by lodging a notice of appeal with the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal. A planning appeal may be instituted within 14 days of the date the Corporation serves notice of the decision on the applicant. For more information see the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal website [www.tascat.tas.gov.au](http://www.tascat.tas.gov.au)
- G. If any Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works;
- i. All works are to cease within a delineated area sufficient to protect the unearthed and other possible relics from destruction,
  - ii. The presence of a relic is to be reported to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania Phone: **(03) 6165 3152** or **1300 135 513** (ask for Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania). Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania can be emailed at: [aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au](mailto:aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au)
  - iii. If required, the relevant approval processes will apply with state and federal government agencies.

**Minute No. 095/22**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Michieletto  
Seconded: Cr Mason

That the application for use and development, Residential-Subdivision (29 Lots and Roads) at 90 Gerzalia Drive, George Town (CT 135076/101) with drainage via 86 and 88 Gerzalia Drive, George Town (CT 135076/103 and 135076/102) be APPROVED subject to the following conditions:

**1. ENDORSED PLANS**

Except where otherwise stated below, the use and/or development must be carried out as shown on the endorsed plans and described in the endorsed documents:

- a) HSF Developments, Subdivision Design and Layout, Project No. GT-03-DC, Sheets 001, 002 & 003 (revision J), dated 7/10/2021;
- b) Traffic and Civil Services, Traffic Impact Assessment, dated April 2022;

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- c) Hydrodynamica, Stormwater Assessment, dated 24 May 2022 (incorporating Hay Consulting and Engineering, Stormwater Quality Management Assessment)
- d) RMCG, Bushfire Hazard Management Report, dated 23 May 2022

to the satisfaction of the Council. Any other proposed development and/or use will require a separate application to and assessment by the Council.

**2. ENGINEERING DESIGN DRAWINGS**

Prior to the commencement of works detailed engineering design drawings are to be submitted for an 'Assessment of Public Works' to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development. The drawings are to include:

- a) All roads, footpath and infrastructure designed in accordance with the LGAT Tasmanian Standard Drawings (Urban Roads), including sealed roads (35mm Min. Asphalt (AC10), with kerb and channel, concrete footpath and concrete vehicle crossings.
- b) All infrastructure must be constructed in accordance with the endorsed Bushfire Hazard Management Plan, with particular attention paid to the cul-de-sac dimensions.
- c) Full engineering detail for the extension of the stormwater network is to be provided, including:
  - i. Stormwater within the subdivision is to be conveyed by underground pipes.
  - ii. All lots must be provided with a gravity connection to the piped network.
  - iii. Integration with and reshaping of the existing open drain at the rear of 88 and 86 Gerzalia Drive is to ensure a maximum grade of 1:2
- d) The means of connection to power reticulation services to each lot and streetlighting in accordance with a design approved by Aurora Energy. Services must be underground where possible. A copy of the approved design must be submitted to Council upon approval by TasNetworks.
- e) The means of connection for all lots to telecommunications. Where physical infrastructure is provided, services are to be underground. Written advice regarding the preferred means of connection and/or a plan approved by Telstra or other approved supplier must be submitted to Council upon approval by the supplier.
- f) A landscape plan showing a minimum of one street tree (advanced) per lot, and a minimum spacing between tree centres not exceeding 20m. Species to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development.

**3. EXISTING OPEN DRAIN NETWORK**

Prior to the commencement of works a detailed plan of cleaning and reshaping works relating to the existing open drains on Gerzalia Drive and to the rear of 86 and 88 Gerzalia Drive to provide sufficient stormwater capacity is to be provided to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development.

All cleaning and reshaping works are to be undertaken prior to the connection of the newly constructed piped network.

**4. CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Prior to the commencement of works a construction environmental management plan is to be submitted to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development. The plan is to include plans and procedures for the management of:

- Dust;
- Erosion, including stabilisation of exposed soils within reshaped drains;
- Soil and water management to minimise discharge of polluted or sediment laden runoff directly or indirectly into Council's drains and watercourses; and
- Noise;

during construction. The plan is also to include a plan and procedure for receiving and addressing complaints from surrounding land owners. All works are to be undertaken in accordance with the approved soil and water management plan.

**5. CONSTRUCTION OF WORKS**

Prior to the sealing of the Final Plan, all private and public infrastructure works must be constructed in accordance with the engineering design drawings approved by the Director Infrastructure and Development in accordance with Condition 2.

All works, including infrastructure and landscaping, must be commenced under the direct supervision of a civil engineer and completed to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development. Certification that all works have been carried out in accordance with the approved engineering design plans and to Council standards will be required prior to issue of the Certificate of Practical Completion.

**6. STAGING**

The proposal may be staged with the approval of Council's Town Planner and Director Infrastructure and Development. All works, landscaping and servicing relative to each stage must be complete prior to sealing. Staging must be orderly and common works, must be completed in Stage 1.

**7. DRIVEWAY CROSSOVERS**

Prior to the sealing of the final plan, the driveway crossovers servicing each lot are to be constructed in accordance with the endorsed plans, LGAT Tasmanian Standard Drawing TSD R09-v1 and to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development.

**8. LANDSCAPING**

Prior to the sealing of the final plan (relative to any staging):

- a) all landscaping (street plantings) as identified on the approved engineering drawings are to be selected, located, installed and managed in accordance with George Town Council's document "Street Trees Policy and Procedure", and to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development.
- b) all roadside verges and any other land impacted by infrastructure installation are to be filled/graded to all hard surfaces and finished to a mowable condition and reseeded with appropriate grass.

At the discretion of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development, and in accordance with the 'policy' Council may accept a bond to allow planting to occur at the most opportune time of the year to ensure survival of the vegetation.

**9. PAYMENT IN LIEU OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE**

Prior to the sealing of the Final Plan, (or sealing of any individual stage), the developer must pay to the Council a sum equivalent to 5% of the unimproved value of the approved lots as determined by a registered land valuer procured at the subdivider's expense.

**10. COVENANTS ON SUBDIVISIONS**

Covenants or similar restrictive controls must not be included on or otherwise imposed on the titles to the lots created by the subdivision permitted by this permit unless:

- a) Such covenants or controls are expressly authorised by the terms of this permit; or
- b) Such covenants or similar controls are expressly authorised by the consent in writing of the Council.

**11. EASEMENTS**

Easements are required over all Council and third party services located in private property. The minimum width of any easement must be 3 metres for Council (public) mains. A greater or lesser width may be approved/required in appropriate circumstances.

**12. AMENDMENT TO SEALED PLAN**

Prior to the sealing of the final plan of survey an application to amend the Sealed Plan 135076 is to be submitted in accordance with Section 103 of the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 to Council in order to remove the redundant road easements from the title.

**13. DAMAGE TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

Any damage to public infrastructure shall be repaired at the cost of the person responsible. If any repairs are necessary, they will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements and to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development.

**14. DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD**

Prior to the sealing of the Plan of Survey, the person responsible must lodge with Council a bond and bank guarantee/cash deposit for the duration of the Defect Liability Period for the amount of 5% of the construction value of the public works.

**15. TASWATER**

The development must be in accordance with the Submission to Planning Authority Notice issued by TasWater (TWDA 2021/01758-GTC attached).

**16. TRANSFER OF ROAD LOTS**

All ROAD Lots, including Lots 201 and 202, are to be transferred to Council on sealing (the lot is to be directly issued in the name of George Town Council). All costs incurred in the surveying and transfer of the ROAD Lots are to be bourn by the developer.

**17. TIME FOR STARTING AND COMPLETING**

This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:

- a) The development is not substantially commenced within 2 years of the date of this permit.

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- b) The development is not completed within 5 years of the date of the permit.

An extension may be granted at the discretion of Council if a request is received prior to the expiration of the permit. Prior to approving an extension, Council may require the re-submission and review of all plans, calculations and other relevant information to ensure compliance with current standards, Acts and Regulations.

### Permit Notes

- A. This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for DA 2021/109. You should contact Council with any other use or developments, as they may require the separate approval of Council. Councils planning staff can be contacted on 6382 8800.
- B. This permit does not restrict the proposed development to any particular order or staging (except in accordance with Condition 3). Should the development be staged, staging is to be discussed directly with Council's Town Planner and Director Infrastructure and Development. All works required for the servicing of any individual stage are to be agreed upon and fully constructed prior to Sealing.
- C. This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other by-law or legislation has been granted.
- D. This permit takes effect after:
- i. the 14 day appeal period expires; or
  - ii. any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal is abandoned or determined; or
  - iii. any agreement that is required by this permit pursuant to Part V of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* is executed; or
  - iv. any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.
- E. This permit is valid for two (2) years only from the date of approval and will thereafter lapse if the development is not substantially commenced. An extension may be granted at Council's Discretion for up to two years, provided a request is received within 6 months of the expiration of the permit.
- F. A planning appeal may be instituted by lodging a notice of appeal with the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal. A planning appeal may be instituted within 14 days of the date the Corporation serves notice of the decision on the applicant. For more information see the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal website [www.tascat.tas.gov.au](http://www.tascat.tas.gov.au)
- G. If any Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works;
- i. All works are to cease within a delineated area sufficient to protect the unearthed and other possible relics from destruction,

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- ii. The presence of a relic is to be reported to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania Phone: **(03) 6165 3152** or **1300 135 513** (ask for Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania). Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania can be emailed at: [aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au](mailto:aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au)
- iii. If required, the relevant approval processes will apply with state and federal government agencies.

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

## **8 OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER**

### **8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS - JUNE AND JULY 2022**

<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	General Manager – Mr S. Power
<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	18th July 2022
<b>FILE NO:</b>	14.10
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	Nil

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### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops held on:

1. 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022; and
2. 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**Minute No. 096/22**

### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Gibbons

Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops held on:

1. 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022; and
2. 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

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**8.2 QUARTERLY REPORT - 30TH JUNE 2022**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** General Manager – Mr S. Power  
**REPORT DATE:** 17th July 2022  
**FILE NO:** 14.12

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receives the George Town Council 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Performance Report 1st April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022; and
2. Provides public access to the report as part of Council's commitment to ongoing good governance.

**Minute No. 097/22**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Mason  
Seconded: Cr Michieletto

That Council:

1. Receives the George Town Council 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Performance Report 1st April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022; and
2. Provides public access to the report as part of Council's commitment to ongoing good governance.

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

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**8.3 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** General Manager – Mr S. Power  
**REPORT DATE:** 7 July 2022  
**FILE NO:** 14.101

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Note the report; and
2. Support the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at future Australian Local Government Association National General Assemblies.

**Minute No. 098/22**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Dawson  
Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council:

1. Note the report; and
2. Support the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at future Australian Local Government Association National General Assemblies.

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

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**8.4 VISIT NORTHERN TASMANIA FUNDING AGREEMENT**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** General Manager – Mr S. Power  
**REPORT DATE:** 15 July 2022  
**FILE NO:** 13.2

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Authorise the General Manager to execute the three-year agreement with Visit Northern Tasmania as presented in Attachment 1.

**Minute No. 099/22**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Harris  
Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council:

1. Authorise the General Manager to execute the three-year agreement with Visit Northern Tasmania as presented in Attachment 1.

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes  
Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

## **9 INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT**

Nil.

## **10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY**

### **10.1 EVENT SPONSORSHIP**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Director Corporate and Community – Cheryl Hyde  
**REPORT DATE:** 13th July 2022  
**FILE NO:** 23.9

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### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Approve the sponsorship application by GTR Events to host Stage 1 of the 2022 Tour of Tasmania in George Town, with amendment to provide sponsorship of \$2,000.

*Director Corporate and Community entered the meeting at 1.37 pm.*

### **DECISION**

Moved:	Cr Gibbons
Seconded:	Cr Mason

That Council:

1. Approve the sponsorship application by GTR Events to host Stage 1 of the 2022 Tour of Tasmania in George Town, with amendment to provide sponsorship of \$2,000.

Moved: Cr Harris

That the motion be deferred to the workshop.

*The Chair did not allow the motion as the motion was to be dealt with.*

### **VOTING**

For:	Cr Gibbons and Cr Mason
Against:	Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes
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**Minute No. 100/22**

**DECISION**

Moved:	Cr Dawson
Seconded:	Cr Gibbons

George Town Council resolves to re-allocate \$2,000 from the Sponsorship budget to scope upgrades to the Max Leslie velodrome fence in George Town.

**VOTING**

For:	Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes
Against:	Nil
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**10.2 CONSERVATION REBATE**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Director Corporate and Community – Cheryl Hyde  
**REPORT DATE:** 26 July 2022  
**FILE NO:** 32.19

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**OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION**

That the report on Conservation Covenants – Rates Rebate from the Director – Corporate & Community be received; and that Council:

- a. Continue the rate rebate scheme for conservation covenants, including private forest reserves, established under the Nature Conservation Act 2002 for a further three years, and
- b. Sets the rate rebate at \$5 per hectare per annum for covenanted land with a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$500 per property, and
- c. Caps the total annual rebate at \$4,000 per annum for the duration of this three year period.

**Minute No. 101/22**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Harris  
Seconded: Cr Mason

That the report on Conservation Covenants – Rates Rebate from the Director – Corporate & Community be received, and that Council:

- a. Continue the rate rebate scheme for conservation covenants, including private forest reserves, established under the Nature Conservation Act 2002 for a further three years, and
- b. Sets the rate rebate at \$5 per hectare per annum for covenanted land with a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$500 per property, and
- c. Caps the total annual rebate at \$4,000 per annum for the duration of this three year period.

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

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**10.3 REVISED HARDSHIP POLICY**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Director Corporate and Community – Cheryl Hyde  
**REPORT DATE:** 15/7/22  
**FILE NO:** 14.18

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Adopts the revised GTC-P8 - Hardship Policy.

**Minute No. 102/22**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Parkes  
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Adopts the revised GTC-P8 - Hardship Policy.

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes  
Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

**10.4 PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE METAL SCULPTURES PROJECT**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Director Corporate and Community – Cheryl Hyde  
**REPORT DATE:** 13 July 2022  
**FILE NO:** 14.7

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**OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Acknowledge the feedback from the community, and
2. Approve the metal sculptures project.

**Minute No. 103/22**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Parkes  
Seconded: Cr Michieletto

That Council

1. Acknowledge the feedback from the community, and
2. Approve the metal sculptures project.

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes  
Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Cr Harris left the meeting at 2:13 pm.

The Director Corporate and Community left the meeting at 2.13 pm.

## **11 ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE, STRATEGY & ENGAGEMENT**

### **11.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME POLICY**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Director Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement  
– Ms K. Desmond

**REPORT DATE:** 13th July 2022

**FILE NO:** 14.18

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Director Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement entered the meeting at 2.13 pm.

### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Adopts the Public Question Policy effective 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**Minute No. 104/22**

### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Parkes  
Seconded: Cr Gibbons

That Council:

1. Adopts the Public Question Policy effective 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto, Cr Parkes and Cr Harris

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Cr Harris returned to the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Director Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement left the meeting 2.16 pm.

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## **12 MAYOR**

### **12.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT - MAYOR**

**REPORT DATE:** 18 July 2022

**FILE NO:** 14.11

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<b>Mayor Cr Greg Kieser</b>		
<b>June</b>	24	Tasmania Talks Interview
	28 June – 7 July	Leave
<b>July</b>	8-12	Sick Leave
	13	NTDC Strategic Planning Workshop
	14	RAP Update meeting
	14	Met with Nick Duigan MLC and General Manager
	14	Met with Representative of Roadkill Committee
	15	Met with local businesses – Macquarie Street
	15	Met with local business owner
	15	Attended RSL 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.*

<b>Acting Mayor Cr Tim Harris</b>		
<b>June</b>	28	Chaired Council Workshop
	28	Chaired Ordinary Council meeting
<b>July</b>	1	Met with prospective developer – Bell Bay with the General Manager
	1	Met with RecFit representatives with the General Manager

### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

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

**Minute No. 105/22**

### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Dawson

Seconded: Cr Mason

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

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**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr  
Parkes

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

**13 PETITIONS**

Nil.

**14 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Nil.

## **15 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE**

### **15.1 SENIOR'S EXERCISE EQUIPMENT - REGENT SQUARE - CR BARWICK**

**Cr Barwick**

Ordinary Council Meeting 24 May 2022

1. *In February and March, I asked for a copy of the report pertaining to the safety audit and removal of the Senior's exercise equipment from Regent Square and that this report be tabled at the next Ordinary Council meeting.*
2. *Has Council ordered a replacement of exercise equipment for Regent Square?*

#### Response

1. *Officers have commissioned a condition assessment of the Senior's exercise equipment. The report was not available for inclusion in the agenda at the time of publication. A report will be tabled at the next Ordinary Council meeting once completed.*
2. *Council has not ordered a replacement of exercise equipment for Regent Square at this stage.*

The report on the Senior's exercise equipment from Regent Square is attached for information purposes.

**15.2 TOURISM TAS., RAP, RELATIONSHIPS AUST., EMAIL, WPA GRANT,  
DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE STRATEGY, ANZAC DRIVE  
BUILDING, STAFFING, BASS & FLINDERS - CR BARWICK**

**Cr Barwick**

**Q1. Reference Report Funding**

According to Item 22 of the Third Quarter Report, (to be tabled at the July meeting) I note that Tourism Tasmania has declined a further extension to the grant for the development of a series of stories to be celebrated on Digi Glass panels in Regent Square.

My questions are:

1. What was the amount of money that was to be returned to Tourism Tasmania?

*Response: \$9,000.*

2. Who are the alternate partners Council is pursuing to progress the project?

*Response: A further grant application was made under the Experience Initiative TAS program which was unsuccessful.*

3. What new grant applications are being considered?

*Response: Council officers continue to investigate suitable funding opportunities for the project.*

**Q2. Reconciliation Action Plan – REFLECT**

I request a copy of the following Reconciliation Action Plan REFLECT documentation:

1. The original George Town Council RAP Draft that was submitted by Council to Reconciliation Australia for review and/or approval.
2. The response from Reconciliation Australia with amendments and recommendations.
3. The revised and amended GTC RAP Draft 2 that was submitted by Council to Reconciliation Australia for review and approval.
4. The response from Reconciliations Australia on review of the revised and amended GTC RAP Draft 2.

*Response: Hardcopies provided.*

**Q3. Relationships Australia Funding Agreement**

The George Town Safety Group Committee were working with Meagan Bennett who was finalising a Funding Agreement with Melanie from Relationships Australia for \$5,000 for a Suicide Prevention training and support program to be undertaken in the community. On the 4th April 2022 the funding application was forwarded to Director Cheryl Hyde for completion and action with Relationships Australia. The funding is to

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provided Suicide Prevention Training with CORE and monthly community BBQs to provide support throughout the municipality.

1. Can you advise that the application has been completed and sent to Relationships Australia?

*Response: The Application is in progress, Director – Corporate and Community is working with Relationships Australia.*

2. Have the funds been received?

*Response: No*

3. Provide a timetable when and where the training and BBQs will to occur.

*Response: Not yet finalised*

**Q4. Motion 085/22**

I request a copy of ALL correspondence written to the State Government, Deputy Premier, Ministers, and Parks and Wildlife from General Manager Shane Power, or any staff member, including any returned correspondence received by Council on this matter.

The request for this correspondence is because the General Manager, Shane Power has refused to send emails to my personal email address which prevents me receiving important Council documentation and from doing my job effectively as an elected member.

*Response:*

1. *Hardcopies of correspondence provided. The General Manager cannot provide information of a sensitive nature to private email addresses.*
2. *Hardcopy of GTC19 Councillor Allowances Policy (as endorsed by Council) provided with the following clauses being of relevance:*

*That all Councillors shall be paid an allowance for telephone rental, telephone calls and internet usage. The telephone and internet access allowance was set at \$121 per month in November 2021. The CPI adjustment noted below has been applied since that time. Telephone rental, telephone calls and internet access allowance is to be adjusted annually by the Hobart CPI factor, with the increment to be calculated as applicable from the 1 November each year at the same time as the statutory Councillor allowance is adjusted; and*

*A councillor may opt to bring their own electronic device for use in carrying out their official duties. A reimbursement of \$50 per month will be provided to Councillors who bring their own device. Councillors providing their own device are required to ensure the security of Council information, to the satisfaction of the General Manager and in accordance with Council's Information Technology Framework.*

3. *Hardcopy of risk register (as presented to Audit Panel 9 December 2021 and 7 April 2022) provided, with the following risk/s being of relevance:*

*Risk #5 – Risk Rating Extreme*

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*IT disruption and Cyber security attacks including data breach, fraud or theft, data loss and data privacy*

**Q5. Weymouth Progress Association Community Grant**

On the 26th April 2022 Council approved the Weymouth Progress Associations (WPA) Community Grant Round 2 application for the Nolan Bay Project administering \$2,000 with a further \$3,000 pending subject to the delivery of a scoping report that meets with Council's approval.

1. Can you please advise if the pending \$3,000 for the WPA Community Grant has been allocated as a separated item in the 2022/23 budget and not part of the Community Grants funding for 2022/23?

*Response:*

*The minute is as follows:*

*Minute No. 049/22*

**DECISION**

*Moved: Cr Dawson Seconded: Cr Parkes*

*That Council:*

1. *Awards financial assistance to I. II. III. St Vincent de Paul Society (TAS) inc to the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Dining with Friends Program;*
2. *Weymouth Progress Association to the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Noland Bay Energy Co-operative, subject to provision of project and reporting scope to the satisfaction of Council;*
3. *Friends of Low Head Penguin Colony to the amount of \$800.00 for the Mapping and Reporting on Penguins nesting on private property.*

**VOTING**

*For: Cr Kieser, Cr Barraclough, Cr Barwick, Cr Dawson, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes*

*Against: Nil*

*No allocation of a further \$3,000 was committed at this meeting.*

**Q6. Motion 100/20 – Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Strategy**

In June 2020 motion 100/20 Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Strategy was successfully moved by then Cr. Justine Brooks-Bedelph "that Council develops the strategy in order to demonstrate our commitment to making our community safer for everyone impacted by the trauma of violence and that Council formally commit to working with Police, Community Service Organisations and Housing providers, on not only addressing, but stamping out this insidious society problem."

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1. Can you please advise Councillors what has been actioned to date regarding this motion?

*Response:*

*Council staff have been involved in the Respect at Work Initiative facilitated by Our Watch. This has included training of an implementation team, and a number of Council staff completing disclosure training.*

*The next piece of work in relation to this initiative includes the implementation team facilitating a staff survey and self-assessment workshop.*

*George Town Council has successfully lobbied and supported the Northern Midlands Council's LGAT motion passed in March:*

*"That LGAT Members support the development of a family and sexual violence framework for local governments across the state."*

2. Has a Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Strategy been compiled? If not, why not?

*The strategy is not yet complete as it is being informed by the work currently being undertaken as per the answer provided above.*

3. Has an internal working group been established and has training been undertaken?

Yes

4. Who is represented on the working group?

*Members from all directorates of Council are represented on the working group.*

*Updates on the progress of this motion are reported to Council on a quarterly basis as part of the Quarterly Performance Report.*

**Q7. RSL Anzac Drive Building**

As per council workshop discussions held on the 12th July 2022 regarding renovations and maintenance of the RSL Anzac Drive building.

1. I request a fully costed building renovations budget for this project.

*Response:*

*a revised Bill of Quantities has been commissioned and has not yet been received. This will be provided to all Councillors as communicated at by the General Manager at the Council Workshop 5 July 2022.*

2. Can you please confirm that the funds for the renovations will be obtained from the Future Impact Leadership Table's State Government funding for the

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Launch Pad Project and the balance will funded externally in the form of an interest free loan to Council?

*Response:*

*A total of \$250,000 from the Tasmanian Government's Strategic Initiative Fund for the purposes of the Launchpad is for the refurbishment of the Anzac Drive Building.*

*Funding sources for the balance of works required will be subject to a decision of Council.*

**Q8. GTC Staffing Restructure**

It has been noted by ratepayers that Council has been rigorously advertising for multiple positions at the George Town Council. My understanding is this has been brought about by the recommendations made by the River Road Consultants engaged by the General Manager in February 2022. As a Councillor, I have requested on numerous occasions a copy of River Road Consulting's Final Report with its recommendations regarding the staffing restructure. As a Councillor there is an expectation that we know the organisational structure.

1. I formally request a copy of the final report submitted by River Road Consulting regarding the recommendations for the staffing restructure at George Town Council.

*Response:*

*This request is denied in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 S28A (3) for the following reasons:*

*(c) the councillor has failed or refused to make a declaration under [subsection \(2\)\(b\)](#); and*

*(d) the general manager considers that the information or document requested is not required for the purpose of performing any of the councillor's functions*

*A hardcopy of the organisational structure has been provided.*

*The revised structure and recruitment plan was presented to Council at workshop prior to budget adoption. rpio*

2. Can you please advise Councillors the cost to engage the River Road Consultants?

*Response:*

*\$21,040.65*

**Q9. Bass and Flinders Maritime Museum**

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1. I request a business plan for the next 12 months operations of the Bass & Flinders Maritime Museum.

*Response:*

*Recruitment is commencing to fill a recent resignation, for the Tourism and Heritage Operation Officer. Once recruited, an operational plan for the Bass and Flinders will be developed.*

2. I request a detailed maintenance plan for the building, this is to include:
- a. The removal of black mould in the building
  - b. Temperature control throughout the building
  - c. Repairs to the leaking roof

*Response:*

*Council officers include this facility along with all buildings in its annual operational maintenance budget, including any ongoing maintenance of items which were existing when Council was gifted the facility in 2021.*

3. I would also like to receive a staffing and volunteer model on how Council intends to facilitate and pay for the ongoing operations of this facility.

*Response:*

*Resourcing model will form part of the operational plan and will be presented to Council at a future workshop.*

*The Chair advised that he wanted to specifically pass comment on behalf of this Council on the phrasing of question 4 from Cr Barwick during the Councillors submission she says "The request for this correspondence is because the General Manager, Shane Power has refused to send emails to my personal email address which prevents me receiving important Council documentation and from doing my job effectively as an elected member." I'm going to take strong exception to this phrase because it is factually incorrect on multiple levels.*

*This first thing that the Councillor is well aware that we do have a security posture and a policy in terms of trying to avoid any malicious hacking and security events and as such it is every Councillor and staff members requirement to log in on the provided 365 platform that is controlled by our security policy and framework and the Councillor is well aware of this.*

*Secondly I also want to advise that all members of the Council are given a monthly internet and access allowance of \$121.00 per head that is sufficient for you access to the internet by which you can utilize Councillors tools. All Councillors are provided with support by Council's IT consultant and Council staff should you have any challenges in performing your duties as clearly indicated by our policies.*

## **16 COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **16.1 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Arts and Culture Officer – Ms Demesa-Meraz  
**REPORT DATE:** 18 July 2022  
**FILE NO:** 14.7

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### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the George Town Placemaking Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Minute No. 106/22**

### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Mason  
Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the George Town Placemaking Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

## **17 CLOSED MEETING**

Through the Chair the General Manager brought to the attention of Council and the public that the attachment to Cr Barwick's question on notice on the Senior's Exercise Equipment will be returned to the next Ordinary Council meeting with a report as Cr Barwick is not in attendance at this Ordinary meeting.

### **17.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING**

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

#### **Agenda Item 17.2 Minutes of the Closed Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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

#### **Agenda Item 17.3 Proposed Regional Collaboration Model**

*As per the provisions of Regulation 15(2)(g) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

**Minute No. 107/22**

### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Gibbons

Seconded: Cr Michieletto

That Council move into closed meeting at 2.27 pm to discuss the following items:

#### **Agenda Item 17.2 Minutes of the Closed Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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

#### **Agenda Item 17.3 Proposed Regional Collaboration Model**

*As per the provisions of Regulation 15(2)(g) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Cr Parkes left the meeting at 2:27 pm.

## **17.2 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.*

**Minute No. 110/22**

### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Mason

Seconded: Cr Harris

That:

1. Council moves out of Closed Meeting at 2.47 pm and endorses those decisions taken while in Closed Meeting and the information remains Confidential.

### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto and Cr Parkes

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

## **18 CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.48 pm.

**Cr Greg Kieser  
MAYOR**