



# **GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL CONFIRMED MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting  
held on **Tuesday 25 February 2025**

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

commencing at **1:00 pm.**

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*The public are requested to pre-register if attending this meeting of Council.*

Shane Power  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**Meeting Commenced at 1:00 pm**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

*George Town Council acknowledges the palawa people from the litarimirina tribe from Port Dalrymple as the traditional custodians of the land.*

*We honour and give thanks for the caring of country, seas and skies of kinimathatakinta and surrounds.*

*We pay respect to the elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hope of pakana people in lutruwita.*

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## **1 PRESENT**

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser, Chairperson  
Deputy Mayor Cr Greg Dawson  
Cr Heather Ashley  
Cr Heather Barwick  
Cr Tim Harris  
Cr Simone Lowe  
Cr Jason Orr

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

Cr Winston Archer  
Cr Winston Mason

### **1.2 IN ATTENDANCE**

General Manager - Mr S Power  
Director Corporate & Community - Mrs C Hyde  
Director Operational Performance, Strategy & Engagement - Mr R Dunn  
Director Infrastructure & Development - Mr A McCarthy  
Senior Executive Support and Governance Officer - Ms L Dickenson  
Assistant Governance Officer - Ms C Roach

## **2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28 JANUARY 2025**

**Minute No. 12/25**

#### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Harris  
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 28 January 2025 numbered 001/25 to 007/25 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

#### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe and Cr Orr  
Against: Nil  
Abstained: Nil

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**3 LATE ITEMS**

Nil.

## **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

## **5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

### **5.1 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 GTC13.*

*Questions asked and answers provided may be summarised in the Minutes of the meeting.*

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*Council requests that members of the public pre-register to attend meetings of Council.*



## **5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

### **Mr G. Neilsen**

At the time of preparing this question I do not have the benefit of a response to my Right to Information application re the Swimming Pool Asset Condition.

My question is in relation to the demolition of the existing 25 metre outdoor pool. Given that the whole complex is on a generous footprint of land and if the report assessment advises that the pool has few structural defects and can reasonably have the capacity to serve the community for say 10 years or more I ask:

Why is Council proposing to demolish this much loved and utilised facility when it could be kept in situ to be enjoyed by the community until either grants or a budget are raised in the meantime?

We as a community could enjoy continuous use of a pool and have the best of two worlds including the proposed Health and Well Being Centre.

### **Response**

*While the existing 25-metre outdoor pool has served the community well, its retention and continued operation presents several challenges that impact both the feasibility and overall quality of the new aquatic, health and wellbeing facility.*

*The existing pool is showing its age, and like all infrastructure, there is only so much upkeep that can be done before a facility of that age needs to be redeveloped. To incorporate the existing pool into the new facility would require significant investment in remediation works, and significant upgrades to meet current compliance standards. Doing so would divert funds from the broader project, reducing the scope and quality of the planned development.*

*Additionally, the location of the current pool compromises the ability to orientate the new building to maximise accessibility and deliver operational efficiencies.*

*We understand that some in the community would like to see the outdoor pool retained, but the reality is that doing so would come at the expense of a better, more accessible, and more sustainable facility. By focusing resources on a modern indoor aquatic, health and wellbeing centre, Council is ensuring that the community has access to aquatic, health and wellbeing facilities all year round as a priority, and in doing so provide much greater access for considerably more residents.*

### **5.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Commenced at: 1.05 pm

Concluded at: 2.37 pm.

#### **Mr G. Neilsen**

Q1. Mayor, you mentioned my question on notice, asking why we are demolishing such a much loved and useful pool? That some of the community would like to see the outdoor pool retained but in reality, would come at the expense of a better, more accessible and more sustainable facility.

Why as a town can't we have the best of both worlds and keep as much as possible of what we've got.

*The Chair responded that Council has heard the sentiment from a large proportion of our community and acknowledged this. It is a well loved facility that has served us well for 40 years.*

Ms Mitchell interjected asking so why are you doing it?

*The Chair issued Ms Mitchell with a first warning at 1.07 pm.*

*The Chair continued responding to Mr Neilsen's question. Firstly, Council's response to his question on notice was not acknowledged. Secondly, Council is not withholding the engineer's report. There is a legal reason why, under Freedom of Information Council is following. The process is nearing to a close and will be made available to the community and there is nothing to hide. In summary, the report states that the costs of extending the life of the swimming pool to service a community for an anticipated 10 years don't stack up. Extending the life of the existing pool would erode the capital to complete the new facility.*

*The project is fully funded by external sources, and yet to be confirmed, the ratepayers of George Town will not need to fund for this facility which Council is proposing. If however, the proposition is substantially changed, a possibility that the ratepayers of our community will have to fund.*

*The General Manager advised the Council meeting that there may or may not be some video recording or recording taking place from the gallery in this meeting. It was requested that the gallery do not record the meeting.*

#### **Mr G Mitchell**

Q1. The pool down Oatlands is quite a good pool. How many people does it serve? How many people live in Oatlands.

*The Chair requested relevance.*

Ms Hills said you told us to look at the Oatlands pool.

*The Chair advised that it was for the design concept.*

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Mr Mitchell advised that the Oatlands pool is smaller than the current pool we have. Oatlands doesn't even have 900 people living there. We have 7,000 here.

*The Chair responded that he referred to the Oatlands pool about the design aesthetics, the overall concept that Philip Leighton Architects have put forward, which Council have incorporated in the proposal we put to the Community.*

Mr Mitchell asked again but the physical size of the pool is not as big as our current pool?

*Council have recruited the services of experts in this field and part of the calculation is firstly the amount of water you need to service your user base and ongoing running costs of the facility. They look at our demographics and our user population etc. and provide recommendations and more importantly, this what can be afforded based on your rate base.*

Mr Mitchell asked its a drawing still and is it smaller than the one we've got?

*The Chair continued stating that there are two things that Council look at. It is the build cost and there are some additional elements which have to be costed by the time Council get a completed contract and then there's the run costs. The cost of heating traditionally is one of your major concerns. So the volume of water and the volume of the building for heating is pivotal.*

Mr Mitchell asked so you're going to give us a smaller pool to save money?

*The Chair responded that Council is going to give this community a pool that is appropriate for our current population and projected population to deliver the best outcome for our community.*

Mr Mitchel asked we're still going to get a pool that is smaller than what we have?

The Chair advised yes.

Q2. Will the site overlap part of where the existing pool is, or entirely cover the whole where you have to destroy the current pool. I can't see why we can't leave the old pool there and build the new one round a bit. And then, like you say, maybe we are going to get another outdoor pool. That is a maybe?

*The community cannot afford the ongoing costs of the ageing pool. The cost of maintaining that pool and making it standard and compliant for the next 10 years of the journey are exclusive. If you build a new pool that doesn't have the ongoing maintenance costs, it would be a feasible pool, but given the age of its construction, some of the defects, ongoing maintenance issues and bringing up to standard simply precludes having both.*

Mr Gideon asked if just put everything on hold for a year and look at getting a bigger pool.

*The Chair took the feedback. Based on our revenue projections and our financial situation as a community, he cannot see how it can be done, but will give it further consideration.*

**Ms F. Hills**

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Ms Hills presented a petition to the Chair.

- Q1. By rejecting the Freedom of Information it gives the impression that you have discovered something within the engineers report that you are hiding from the community and have a right to know.

The Council mentions several times and the letter received, the contents of the report may damage the reputation of the author and the Council and this indicates something that the Council does not want the community to know i.e. how much life the George Town pool has left?

I have been looking at the Glenorchy Council website and their community consultation is good. The reports are all on their website not hidden.

My question to you is what are you hiding?

*The Chair advised that he has already answered this question.*

- Q2. The Deputy Mayor made a comment to another ratepayer that the pollution in George Town's air is causing the current pool to be contaminated?

*The Chair responded that the question is irrelevant and not a position of Council.*

Ms Hills responded that the people of George Town want answers. This is ridiculous and your just lying to us.

*The Chair stated that he had answered her question. Council is following a process and it is a legal issue.*

Ms Hills responded that it is a process that we follow and then you don't.

*The Chair issued Ms Hills her first warning. The Chair reiterated that it is a legal process and have told you face to face what the contents of the report are being transparent and honest.*

Ms Hills responded you are hiding something.

The Chair issued Ms Hills with her second warning.

**Ms L. Mitchell**

- Q1. Can I please see the engineer's report?

*The Chair advised as soon as the Freedom of Information process has concluded. It is a government process. The redaction has happened and waiting on their approval. Once they accept the redaction then we can send it out.*

Ms Mitchell stated that you have taken their word and seen no paperwork that the pool is no good.

The Chair advised they are experts in their field.

Who are they?

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They are qualfield engineers.

Who are they?

*The Chair advised that he cannot disclose that information.*

*Ms Mitchell responded (with profanity).*

*The Chair requested Ms Mitchell to leave the meeting. The meeting will be put into recess until Ms Mitchell leaves the meeting.*

*The meeting is now in recess at 1.21 pm.*

*The meeting commenced again at 1.21 pm.*

**Mr G. Neilsen**

Q2. I look around this room and at the Councillors and I know enough about the planning rules. If any councillor has offered an opinion I strongly suggest that you do not participate in the voting for this proposal today. I am offering advice as somebody who's been on both sides of the fence. Obviously you aren't familiar with your responsibilities as a planning committee, I am putting you on notice that you will be subject to an appeal.

*The Chair requested Mr Neilsen to take a seat.*

*The Chair issued Mr Neilsen with his second warning at 1.23 pm.*

**Ms L. Wootton**

Q1. I understand that there has been two and now three petitions that have been presented and been deemed not acceptable.

*The Chair advised non compliant.*

Ms Wootton continued that in April 2023 Council accepted a petition on the continuation of Healthy George Town and Aqua Fitness that is carried out at the Port Dalrymple pool. It didn't meet any criteria of a petition with 61 signatories.

I understand that the last petition presented had over 700 signatures. Why are there no details of what the petition was presented at the last two meetings about in the minutes?

*The Chair responded that he recalled the Healthy George Town petition but for compliance cannot comment on it as it was too long ago. There are regulations in terms of what is considered a compliant petition.*

I understand what a petition is but a lot of people don't know or where to find it.

*The Chair advised that it is published on government websites.*

*So in terms of the process is that if you have a compliant petition, then Council will publish the details. If it is rejected then you don't publish the contents.*

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Mrs Wootton stated that then this is valid as was the one back in April 2023 was.

*The Chair advised that he cannot comment on this as he was not familiar.*

- Q2. Mrs Wootton advised that she had been looking at the Glenorchy Council website and you can see the whole process. They have asked the whole community, all the users of the pool, the schools and is all on their website. The community were given 9 different options. We were given one.

It was advised as demolishing the pool and going to be a new pool and didn't see until just before Christmas.

The Glenorchy pool is 60 years old which is 20 years older than George Town and surely this one has got a bit of life?

The Glenorchy pool had \$5m to upgrade the pool and the community had options given to them and they made the decision from what came in, but this community hasn't had a say at all.

I came up to the World Cafe where there were a few people, my table had three people, to put in input. Some people said they would like to swim in the winter time.

*The Chair responded that each process is going to be different. Glenorchy has been given \$5M to rehabilitate an existing pool which given in terms of projections would cost to update and bring that pool to standard.*

*So our pool of funds is \$17.5M and if Council spend \$5M to bring the existing pool up to stand that means our working budget to do an indoor health and wellness centre.*

*The Chair issued Mr Neilsen with his third warning at 1.30 pm.*

*The Chair advised Council that meeting will pause whilst Mr Neilsen leaves the meeting.*

*The Chair advised that the meeting is now in recess at 1.30 pm.*

Ms Hills made a comment.

*The Chair advised Ms Hills to remove herself from the meeting at 1.30 pm.*

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*The Chair resumed the meeting at 2.26 pm.*

**Ms G. Walsh**

- Q. If the Council and the town don't agree what at chances of getting a committee together of random people i.e. teachers, parents, carers and setting down and having a meeting to discuss what it is that the town needs and wants and stopping what is happening already?

*The Chair thanked her for her question. Council did run an extensive piece of public consultation with over 400 respondents that guided us in terms of the strategic priorities of future sporting infrastructure. That information has been the primary source of information which we used to formulate the proposal to the federal government. The federal government agreed to fund a Health and Wellness Centre targetted at helping our long-term health journey for our community. It is a holistic proposal, which includes heated program pools, gymnasium, all accessibility as well as an all-year-round accessible facility.*

*Lets say that Council changed our strategy at this stage and reassess. The primary funding of \$15m which has been secured from the federal government is at risk. Secondly the \$2.5m which was provided by the State Government for the execution of our tender process, design phase which has been expended now is also at risk because Council will not be able to complete the project. Which means in its entirety, the health and wellness is at risk.*

*If there is an overwhelming design of the community to stop and rethink, the community would rather have the 40 year old facility that they have funded out of their own pocket, out of rates instead of getting the \$17.5m fully funded, no cost to the community, the Health and Wellness facility then we would be receptive.*

Once again, my question is, can we stop what's happening now and get a Committee together to discuss what it is the town needs and wants?

*The Chair responded that if the objective is to provide further input to the project, Council will hold a further round of community engagement which is scheduled for the 19th March. The community will be invited, briefed on the project, the full designs and Council will take their feedback. If in that process there is a strong, consistent message that they want Council to stop.*

I think the petition says that.

- Q2. Our town is getting bigger, our pool is used for swimming carnivals, not just our local schools but Scottsdale, Launceston and over the river. Where will the children have their swimming carnivals, school Christmas parties and end of year school parties, picnics and all the town picnics. Where will they go?

*The Chair stated that he had met with a person who runs all of the swimming, swimming classes and programs for the north of the state. She is 100% supportive of Council's strategy to move those swimming carnivals indoor.*

*The Chair advised that the pool has variable lane width configuration so for normal lap swimming the lanes will be 2 1/2 metres wide and for swimming carnivals to be reconfigured*

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*to two metres wide. There will be 6 lanes for those. Council consulted with State Government and various bodies at length and they were fully supportive. Council has every intention of hosting those carnivals in the new facility. In terms of outdoor play area, this initial phase that will go forward today under the DA is for the indoor facilities but we have designed from the outset to both accommodate an outdoor 0 depth children's splash play area as well as a future outdoor 25 metre swimming pool.*

But there are no plans.

*The Chair responded that it is a future stage and is unfunded.*

**Mrs Wootton**

Q. I listened to what was said about the pool and when we got the money that was what was going to happen. The pool was never going to be taken away. In Fact, some of the Councillors didn't know that the pool was going to be taken away. The first I saw of that existing pool being taken away was when the expression of interest went out. I spoke to Cr Mason and he stated it was not going to happen. In fact Council didn't get the money to demolish the pool. I have asked before who made the decision that the whole lot would have to, not just the pool, but the pools and the slide and the building had to be demolished. You told me, that was where we were building the new facility. When was a decision made, did Councillors make the decision, as the community certainly did not as you hear the reaction now. That money should not depend on the pool having to be taken up because that wasn't what was put in the first place when you got the money.

Who made the decision, as it was before the engineers report.

*The Chair advised that it has been a journey, we do not profess to be an expert in the area, but with our budget in mind, consulted the best engineers, who are experts in this field. Council was hopeful that we could have both an indoor and an outdoor pool, I don't think that there is an infrastructure project in this state which has not run substantially over budget in the last three to four years. The cost escalation has been dramatic. That, coupled with the late arrival of the committed fund, this project has caused dramatic costs escalation. Council has been briefed and as an elected body have made a decision based on the information and expertise that it is both the best site and the best formula investment based on what Council can afford. It is based on economics.*

You said it couldn't be changed because this is what you put in for the grant. This was years ago.

*Through the Chair to the General Manager. The General Manager advised that the outdoor pool was always going to be removed at the advice of professionals. It was going to be removed and a new outdoor pool be built from when the application was submitted.*

*Those designs were a new build.*

*Council will release a series of information sessions that will be in and out of work hours to get a cross section of our community to come in and sit down not just with our officers, but we will also have the expert in the room. The Mayor stated today that we are not aquatic experts in*



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*this room, but will have them for the community to ask questions. Council have committed to that and that will occur.*

*Mrs Wootton stated that the consultation should have occurred before Council make decisions.*

**5.4 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.

## **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 or 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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**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.

*The General Manager advised that at agenda item 8.3 the Officer's Recommendation has been amended that picks up a typographical error.*

## **7 PLANNING AUTHORITY**

### **7.1 DA 2024/114 - 24 WILLIAM STREET, GEORGE TOWN - SPORT & RECREATION - AQUATIC, HEALTH & WELLBEING CENTRE - DEMOLITION & REDEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** James Stewart - Consultant Planner  
**REPORT DATE:** 13 February 2025  
**FILE NO:** DA 2024/114

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*Council's Planning Consultant and Director Infrastructure and Development entered the meeting at 2.40 pm.*

#### **Minute No. 13/25**

#### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Lowe  
Seconded: Cr Orr

That the application for use and development of an Aquatic, Health & Wellbeing Centre - Demolition & Redevelopment at 24 William Street, George Town (CT 246832/1) be **APPROVED** subject to the following conditions:

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

The use and/or development must be carried out as shown on the endorsed plans and described in the endorsed documents:

- a. Philp Lighton Architects, 'George Town Aquatic Centre', dated 09/01/2025, project no 106.24159, drawing DA0000, DA0100, DA0200, DA1000, DA1500, DA3000, DA3500
- b. Philp Lighton Architects, 'George Town Aquatic, Health and Wellbeing Centre', Development Application, December 2024, Version 1.
- c. Philp Lighton Architects, 'Planning Permit Application Report – George Town Aquatic Health and Wellbeing Centre, dated December 2024 Revision 0.
- d. Peter Gaggin of Philp Lighton Architects, Email Correspondance - FW: 241219 George Town Aquatic Health & Wellbeing Centre\_Planning Application, Received Thursday 9 January 2025, 11:19am.
- e. Hubble Traffic, Traffic Impact Assessment, George Town Aquatic Health and Wellbeing Centre, George Town, dated December 2024.
- f. Hydrodynamica, 'George Town Aquatic Centre, 24 William Street, Flood Prone Area Hazard Code Response', dated 12 December 2024

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- g. Tarkarri Engineering, 'George Town Aquatic Health and Wellbeing Centre Environmental Noise Assessment', dated 17 January 2025.
- h. COVA – Electrical Services Carpark Lighting layout, dwg no 0739.064-E100, Revision A.
- i. Aldanmark Consulting Engineers, Sewer and Water Plan, Project No 24E66-6, Sheet C104, C302, dated 05/02/2025, Rev C.

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

**2. NO POLLUTED RUNOFF**

No polluted and/or sediment laden runoff must be discharged directly or indirectly into Council's drains, watercourses or the foreshore during and after development.

**3. TASWATER**

The development must be in accordance with the Submission to Planning Authority Notice issued by TasWater (TWDA No2024/01473-GTC attached).

**4. CAR PARKING CONSTRUCTION**

Prior to the commencement of the use, areas set aside for vehicle parking and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plans must;

- a) Be properly constructed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans,
- c) Be surfaced with a fully sealed, debris free surface of concrete or asphalt.
- d) Be drained to Council's requirements,
- e) Be line-marked or otherwise delineated to indicate each car space and access lanes,
- f) Provide wheel stops for each vehicle parking space.
- g) Have exterior lights that are installed in such positions as to effectively illuminate all pathways and car parking areas. Such lighting must be controlled or shielded to prevent direct light being emitted outside the site.
- h) Provide clear entry/exit and directional signage to ensure safe maneuvering within the subject site.

All work is to be completed to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development.

**5. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Prior to the commencement of works, detailed stormwater design drawings are to be submitted to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development.

The drawings are to show the means of connection to Council's reticulated stormwater network and the location of stormwater pits required to adequately impervious surfaces to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development.

The stormwater management plan must:

- a) Demonstrate post-development flows will not adversely impact downstream stormwater assets;

- b) Ensure stormwater is designed for a 5% AEP (Annual Exceedance Probability) storm event.
- c) Includes provision for an overland flow path for a 1% AEP event;
- d) Provide details regarding proposed stormwater detention.

## **6. OPERATING HOURS**

The use of the proposed swimming pool must be confined to:

- a) 6:00am to 10:00pm Monday to Sunday

The hours of operation do not prohibit cleaning or administrative activities from occurring on the premises, nor do the hours of operation apply to occasional use events as specified in clause 4.1.2 of the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - George Town*.

*Note: the above operating hours do not apply to the proposed 24hr gymnasium.*

## **7. SIGNAGE CONTENT**

Content of the sign may be updated or changed without separate approval of Council, subject to:

- a) the structure, location and size of the signage not changing;
- b) the content of the signage relating to the site; and

## **8. SIGN ILLUMINATION**

- a) Illumination of the signage must be controlled to prevent direct light being emitted outside the site.
- b) Signage must not contain flashing lights, moving parts or moving or changing messages or graphic.

## **9. USE OF GYMNASIUM**

- a) Amplifying equipment or speakers must not be used to play music within the gym between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am, Monday to Sunday. Signage is to be posted within the gym to notify users of these requirements.
- b) Group fitness classes are not to operate between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am.

## **10. AIR CONDITIONING UNITS**

In accordance with clause 29.4.1 A4 of the Open Space Zone, any air conditioning units for the facility must be separated by a distance of not less than 10m from the eastern property boundary.

## **11. DEMOLITION**

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- a) All demolition works must ensure the protection of property and services which are to either remain on or adjacent to the site from interference or damage.
- b) burning of waste materials must not be undertaken on site.
- c) all rubbish/debris must be removed from the site for disposal at a licensed refuse disposal site.

## **12. HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION**

Demolition and Construction works must only be carried out between the hours of:

- 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday
- 8am to 6pm Saturday
- 10am to 6pm on Sunday or Public Holidays.

## **13. 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:

- a) dust;
- b) erosion, including stabilisation of exposed soils within reshaped drains;
- c) soil and water management to minimise discharge of polluted or sediment laden runoff directly or indirectly into Council's drains and watercourses; and
- d) 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.

### **Permit Notes**

1. This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for DA 2024/114. You should contact Council with any other use or development, as it may require the separate approval of Council. Council's planning staff can be contacted on 6382 8800.
2. This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other by-law, covenant or legislation has been granted. The following additional approvals from Council may be required before construction commences:
  - a) Plumbing approval
  - b) Building approval
  - c) Approval to undertake works in the Council road reserve.
  - d) Approval to connect to the reticulated stormwater network.

All enquiries should be directed to Council's Permit Authority, via 6382 8800.

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3. 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  
any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted
4. 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).
5. 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 if a request is received within 6 months of the expiration.
6. In accordance with the legislation, all permits issued by the permit authority are public documents. Members of the public will be able to view this permit (which includes the endorsed documents) on request, at the Council Office.
7. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they are acting in accordance with any Section 71 (Part 5) Agreement or Covenant registered to the title. These matters are not taken into account as part of an assessment against the planning scheme. A permit issued under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* does not undermine or absolve any individual from any obligation imposed by such agreements. The obligations and risks associated with Section 71 (Part 5) Agreements and Covenants should be discussed with a solicitor.
8. If any Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works:
  - a) All works are to cease within a delineated area sufficient to protect the unearthed and other possible relics from destruction,
  - b) The presence of a relic is to be reported to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania Phone: (03) 6233 6613 or 1300 135 513 (ask for Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania) Fax: (03) 6233 5555 Email: [aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au](mailto:aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au); and
  - c) The relevant approval processes will apply with state and federal government agencies.
9. If this development application has been subject to the advertisement process, the applicant is requested to remove any planning advertising signs from the property boundary, and to dispose of it in a thoughtful and sustainable manner.



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**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Ashley, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe and Cr Orr  
Against: Cr Barwick  
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED 6 / 1

*Council's Planning Consultant and Director Infrastructure & Development left the meeting at 2.59 pm.*

## **8 OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER**

### **8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOP JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2025**

<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	General Manager - Mr S. Power
<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	12 February 2025
<b>FILE NO:</b>	14.10

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**Minute No. 14/25**

#### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Dawson  
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council:

1. Receives the report on the Council Workshops held on the 28 January 2025 and 11 February 2025.

#### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe and Cr Orr  
Against: Nil  
Abstained: Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

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**8.2 QUARTERLY REPORT - QUARTER 2 - 1 OCTOBER - 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	General Manager – Mr S. Power
<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	17 February 2025
<b>FILE NO:</b>	14.21

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**Minute No. 15/25**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Harris  
Seconded: Cr Orr

That Council:

1. Receives the George Town Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Performance Report 1 October – 31 December 2024.
2. Provide public access to the report as part of Council's commitment to ongoing good governance.

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe and Cr Orr  
Against: Nil  
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

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**8.3 DRAFT MODEL DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY**

<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	General Manager - Mr S. Power
<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	18 February 2025
<b>FILE NO:</b>	14.13

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**Minute No. 16/25**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Orr  
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council:

1. Adopt the Model Dispute Resolution Policy with amendments as tracked, noting under section:  
Notice to respondent  
Point iv should read *notes the confidentiality requirements of section 8 of this Policy*

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe and Cr Orr  
Against: Nil  
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

## **9 INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT**

Nil.

## **10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY**

### **10.1 RESIDENTIAL LEASE - 4 SORELL STREET, GEORGE TOWN**

<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	Director Corporate & Community - Ms C. Hyde
<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	24 February 2025
<b>FILE NO:</b>	14.10

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*The Director Corporate and Community entered the meeting at 3.13 pm.*

**Minute No. 17/25**

#### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Lowe  
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council, by absolute majority:

1. In accordance with Sec 177 Local Government Act (1993), approves the lease of 4 Sorell Street, George Town for residential rental purposes.
2. Authorises the General Manager to appoint a property manager and tenant for a rental return at market value.

#### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe and Cr Orr  
Against: Nil  
Abstained: Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0  
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

## **10.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE - HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Director Corporate & Community - Ms C. Hyde  
**REPORT DATE:** 5 February 2025  
**FILE NO:** 11.3

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### **Minute No. 18/25**

#### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Dawson  
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council:

1. Endorses the Draft Terms of Reference for the George Town Health and Wellbeing Section 24 Committee.

*Cr Dawson left the meeting at 3:28 pm.*

*Cr Dawson returned to the meeting at 3:29 pm.*

*Point of Order was called by Cr Orr against Cr Barwick at 3.30 pm on the basis of debating LG (MP) R 23(1) (c).*

*The Chair ruled that Cr Barwick was to continue.*

#### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Ashley, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe and Cr Orr  
Against: Cr Barwick  
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED 6 / 1

*The Director Corporate and Community left the meeting at 3.43 pm.*

## **11 ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE & STRATEGY**

### **11.1 DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Director Organisational Performance & Strategy – Mr R. Dunn  
**REPORT DATE:** 17 February 2025  
**FILE NO:** 43.1, 14.13, 14.33

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*The Director Organisational Performance & Strategy entered the meeting 3.43 pm.*

**Minute No. 19/25**

#### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Orr  
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Adopt the George Town Council Dog Management Policy GTC-O-09 as attached to this report effective 25 February 2025.

#### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe and Cr Orr  
Against: Nil  
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

*The Director Organisational Performance & Strategy left the meeting at 3.49 pm.*



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## **12 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

### **12.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT - MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

**REPORT DATE:** 19 February 2025

**FILE NO:** 14.11, 14.15

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<b>Mayor Cr Greg Kieser</b>		
<b>January</b>	26	Hosted the Australia Day Citizenship and Awards Civic Ceremony
	28	Chaired Council Workshop
	28	Chaired Ordinary Council meeting
	29	Met with local resident
	29	Attended online consultation session - Local Government Meeting and General Regulations
	29	Tamar FM Interview
	30	Attended online consultation session – Local Government Priority Reform
	31	Met with business developer re Flood Strategy
	31	Met with business developers
<b>February</b>	3	Met with local resident
	19	Presented at Tamar Valley Leaders Lunch
<b>Deputy Mayor Cr Greg Dawson</b>		
<b>January</b>	26	Attended the Australia Day Citizenship and Awards Civic Ceremony
<b>February</b>	1	Attended Council employee's Art Exhibition opening
	3	Attended opening of 'Yellow Eye' Film at Star theatre – Local youth actor Ryder Hawkins in leading role.
	11	Chaired Council Workshop
	14	Attended opening of Watch House art exhibition
	14	Attended opening of Jim Mooney Gallery art exhibition
	19	Attended Tamar Valley Leaders Lunch
<b>Cr Jason Orr</b>		
<b>January</b>	26	Attended the Australia Day Citizenship and Awards Civic Ceremony
	26	Attended the Weymouth Australia Day Sandcastle Building event
	30	Office of Local Government Information session - Amendments to the Local Government Act 1993
<b>February</b>	4	Friends of Low Head Penguin Colony Meeting
	11	Hillwood Progress Association Meeting
	17	East Tamar Landcare Group Meeting
	18	VNT- Local Tourism Forum
	18	Tourism Tasmania - Visitor Economy Regional Gathering
	19	Tamar Valley Leaders Lunch

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*Cr Ashley left the meeting at 3:49 pm.*

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**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Orr  
Seconded: Cr Harris

That the information report from the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor on Matters of Involvement be received and the information noted with the following amendment:

- That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cr Orr attended the Australia Day Civic Ceremony; and
- Cr Orr attended the Weymouth Australia Day sandcastle building day.

*Cr Ashley returned to the meeting at 3:51 pm.*

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe and Cr Orr  
Against: Nil  
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

## **13 PETITIONS**

The Chair acknowledged receipt of the Petition from Fiona Hills.

**14 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Nil.

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

### **Question Taken on Notice from 28 January 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting**

#### **Cr Archer**

Q1. What was the date settlement occurred for the purchase of 4 Sorell Street, George Town?

#### **Response**

Settlement occurred on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

### **Questions on Notice**

#### **Cr Orr**

Questions relate to the current financial/ reporting year of 2024/25.

Recent information suggests that graffiti or “tagging” is a significant issue in George Town and a cause for serious concern.

Question 1.

How many reports have been made to Tasmania Police regarding graffiti, involving council property, as per section 15CA of the Police Offences Act 1935?

What are the relevant dates and report numbers?

#### **Response**

- The Executive Team met with the Acting Inspector on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- Mayor and General Manager met with the Northern Commander 12 December 2024
- Email sent to local sergeant 7 January 2025

Question 2.

How many reports have been made to Tasmania Police regarding damage to council property, as a result of graffiti, as per section 37 of the Police Offences Act 1935 and/or section 273 of the Criminal Code Act 1924?

What are the relevant dates and report numbers?

#### **Response**

In liaison with the Acting Inspector officers have committed to a reporting process for all new incidents of vandalism, graffiti and property damage to public facilities (and private property when we are aware).

Question 3.

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When was the last update received from Tasmania Police regarding the status of the investigation(s)?

**Response**

Officers are awaiting an update from Tasmania Police on how to combat the problem.

Question 4.

If offence reports have not been made, how many matters involving graffiti, marked on council property, have been reported to Tasmania Police for information?

What are the relevant dates and report numbers?

**Response**

The following graffiti offences have been made on council buildings which were not officially lodged with Tasmania Police:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
13/10/24	Sports Complex
15/10/24	Sports Complex
16/10/24	East Beach Toilet Block
22/10/24	Lagoon Beach
30/10/24	Hillwood Jetty – Toilet
30/10/24	Hillwood Jetty - Door
05/11/24	Sports Complex – Brick wall
26/11/24	Sports Complex - Building
26/11/24	Anne Street Toilet Block
26/11/24	Sports Complex - Shed
09/01/25	Elizabeth Street Toilet block
09/01/25	Water Tower (5 separate graffities)
21/01/25	Sports Complex
22/01/25	Toilet Block
09/02/25	Anzac Drive underpass (both sides of the underpass)
18/02/25	Pump Track

**Cr Barwick**

Q1. Responsible Serving of alcohol at the art exhibition on the 14 February - there was alcohol at both the Watch House and the Memorial Hall but was virtually serve yourself. Who was responsible for this? and at what cost to Council if any?

*Through the Chair, the Director Corporate & Community advised the cost will be taken on notice. However, the responsible serving of alcohol Council had Council Officers who have*

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*their responsible service of alcohol tickets and were monitoring and providing the alcohol to the people attending.*

- Q2. The Bass Bulletin that talks about advocating for in the community area and what has been asked for in the Bass area to deliver. It included in the better futures, brighter futures for generations and included the George Town Velodrome fencing upgrade, the amenities block for the Tippogoree Hills trail at Lauriston Park; the footpath network upgrade at Pipe Clay Bay; George Town Training Centre upgrade ; and artist impression courtesy of 6ty of the Health and Wellbeing Centre. My question is did you speak to the members of Bass knowing that there was an election coming up?

*Through the Chair to the General Manager. The General Manager advised that we did not present any formal advocacy position to any member incumbent or perspective because there was not a formal position of Council, except what had been adopted which is the previous advocacy plan. In saying that, it was not called pre-election commitment but called along the line of community projects in which Council had to complete forms for one of the Federal Member of Bass' staff member. It was under the guides of Community grants it was not underneath the guides of advocacy.*

*Council will meet with the incumbent and the candidates in the coming weeks when Council has the formal finalised and published advocacy plan of the Council.*

Cr Barwick stated you can understand why I have asked the question.

*Through the Chair the General Manager responded that some of those projects may not necessarily have come from Council officers either.*

*The Chair stated that the Member for Bass is well committed, and connected to all of our community groups and does a thorough job of collating their requirements and Council's.*

- Q3. Did Council charge Halls Barbeques to utilise the space on Regional Square for the free concert?

*Through the Chair the General Manager advised no, not to my understanding.*

We didn't charge them?

No

- Q4. Cr Barwick requested an updated report on motion number 184/22 dated 20th December 2022 regarding the commemoration of the late Mr Peter Cox?

*Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that an update will be provided.*

- Q5. Cr Barwick requested a copy of the fuel card, motor vehicle policy and passenger vehicle and utility policy.

*Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that a copy will be provided to all Councillors and that they are operational policies.*

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- Q6. Cr Barwick requested a copy of the Regional Precinct and Partnership grant application master plan for the central business activity relating to York Cove named the Macquarie Street project?

*The Chair advised that a copy will be provided.*

- Q7. Cr Barwick advised that a lot of people have asked about having a zebra crossing to go from the Council Chambers side of the road to the play area so that the kids can have some safety if they need to go across Anne Street. If Council could look at grant funding as there is no fencing.

*Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that Council will be conducting traffic assessment on Anne street. For a zebra crossing, it requires approval from the Traffic Commissioner but can certainly do the analysis upfront and then make an assessment on the merits of putting one in or not.*

Cr Barwick stated that it may slow down the traffic for the safety of the children.

*The General Manager advised that Council will make the necessary inquiries by way of traffic count and speed.*

- Q8. Cr Barwick advised that there is a person living in a bus on Council land. Has Council done anything about that?

*Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that this question will be taken on notice but if Cr Barwick provided details after the meeting in respect to an individual's personal circumstances to bring to Council's attention for investigation.*



## **16 CLOSED MEETING**

### **16.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING**

**Minute No. 21/25**

#### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Harris  
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council move into closed meeting at 4.12 pm to discuss the following items:

#### **Agenda Item 16.2 Minutes of the Closed Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 January 2025**

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

#### **Agenda Item 16.3 RFT 01/2025 McKenzie Drive Drainage – Kerbing & Gutter**

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

#### **Agenda Item 16.4 Periodic Standing Contracts 2024/25 Footpath Replacement (1 March 2025 – 30 June 2025)**

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

#### **Agenda Item 16.5 General Manager's Performance Review**

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

#### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe and Cr Orr  
Against: Nil  
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

*The Chair called for a refreshment break at 4.13 pm. for 5 minutes.*

*The meeting adjourned at 4.13 pm to be resumed at 4.18 pm.*

## **17 CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.41 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Kieser', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Cr Greg Kieser  
MAYOR**