



GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL CONFIRMED MINUTES

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

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

commenced at **1:00 pm.**

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

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

Rick Dunn
ACTING 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.

AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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1 PRESENT

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

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

General Manager - Mr S Power
Director Infrastructure & Development - Mr A McCarthy

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

Acting General Manager - Mr R Dunn
Director Corporate & Community - Mrs C Hyde
Senior Executive Support and Governance Officer - Ms L Dickenson
Administration Officer - Governance - Ms C Roach

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 25 FEBRUARY 2025

Minute No. 27/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 25 February 2025 numbered 012/25 to 021/25 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

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

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3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Ashley and Mayor Kieser declared an interest in Agenda item 10.2 as members of Rotary and advised they will not be leaving the meeting.

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.

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

5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

5.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Unofficially commenced at: 1.16 pm

Formally commenced at: 1.32 pm

Concluded at: 2.06 pm

Mr M. Judd

Preamble

I have been following the swimming pool issue with some interest via social media and am shocked at the amount of redaction that the released pool condition assessment has been subject to. In light of this I feel that myself and the greater rate paying residents of this community require the following questions answered.

- Q1. On completion of the pool condition assessment was it supplied to all of our elected councillors?
- Q2. If indeed it was supplied then when was this action taken, date please?
- Q3. At any stage after council received the pool condition assessment were the elected Councillors given an opportunity to inspect and query the condition assessment with a suitably qualified person?
- Q4. If no pool condition assessment inspection was not offered was any formal briefing given to elected Councillors from a suitably qualified person, in order that they were able to ask the suitably qualified person of any concerns they may have had.
- Q5. At any stage during the consultation and design stage were there conceptual drawing done which included the existing 25 metre outdoor pool?
- Q6. In light of there being plans within the new pool project for a cafe was any form of building assessment undertaken in order to identify opportunities for reuse, upgrading or incorporating any worthwhile features from the existing infrastructure?
- Q7. When was the decision made to demolish the original 25 metre outdoor pool?
- Q8. How was this decision reached and by what means?
- Q9. Was this decision voted on by elected Councillors or was the decision made by senior management?
- Q10. Was the key factor in reaching this decision orchestrated from the pool condition assessment?
- Q11. If so, then can that key information be made public?

The Chair advised that Mr Judd's questions are taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

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Mrs D. Rainbow, George Town

Preamble

Ms Rainbow advised that she has lived in George Town for 43 years next to this land and have been to Council numerous times. Action has occurred previously. Currently the land has 1.5 metre high blackberries which poses a risk i.e. snakes.

Q1. What is the view or policy held by Council on residential land that has not been developed or maintained?

The Chair advised that if it is private land we defer to the private landowner to maintain that land. Council at the periodically beginning of this year i.e. December have issued fire abatement notices. Council sends the notice in bulk to owners of vacant block of land. Owners have a period of 4 weeks to respond to abatement notice, and mow their block of land. If they do not clear their block during this time period, Council will organise an independent contractor to mow/slash the land and Council will add that service cost to their rates charge in the next cycle.

Mrs Rainbow advised that over the past twelve months it hasn't been done.

The Chair requested that Mrs Rainbow provide Council with the details, Council will follow up and monitor for abatement notices.

Mrs L. Wootton, Low Head

Preamble

Aquatic Centre Community Information Sessions

When I first looked at the advertisement intending to book for the Community Information Sessions to be held on Wednesday 19th March, it was only a few days after it was posted (I think about 8th March), I found all four sessions were full.

However, about a week later I looked at it again and found two sessions had vacancies, so I booked for the inconvenient 6 pm slot. There were only 5 other people at that session.

I understand from another resident there was only three at one of the Thursday meetings.

I attended a meeting on the Thursday, I wonder how many others were put off attending from their first look at the site.

Q1. How many people in total attended the series of meetings held on two days last week?

The Chair thanked Mrs Wootton for her question. When Council set up the sessions, it was not anticipated individuals booking every seat in the session (booking each 10 seats). Council went through the process of contacting this person who booked the session advising that it was available for you and one other and then those seats were made available. The first day attendance was full, second day unsure of.

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Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that the sessions were fully booked.

The question was taken on notice on the exact numbers.

Q2. What was the total cost of running those meetings?

The Chair advised that they were expensive, as Council flew down two main advisers to participate in the sessions.

The question was taken on notice.

Q3. Wouldn't it have been more cost effective to have had one, or possibly two meetings (day and night), where a greater number of people could have attended and heard what others had to say and saved the presenters having to repeat everything so many times?

The Chair advised that it was a way of making effective communication both to and from the participants. There is a relationship that as the numbers go up, you have, as I have seen at the Roadshows, the more attendees it tends to be a one-way exchange. The community telling you what they want versus an opportunity to respectfully and thoughtfully responded and provide them with information. Council takes advice from experts which we recruit for these projects and that was their advice. It worked overall very well, with a number of people contacting me regarding those session thanking for the quality of the dialogue.

Mr G. Neilsen, George Town

Q1. Mayor the community in the main I believe wants this magnificent new Aquatic Centre (maybe with some modifications) but it does not have to be at the expense of the much loved and utilised 25 m outdoor pool.

I ask this question assuming that Council administration entered into negotiations or arrangements with architects and construction companies before elected members voted to decommission and demolish the entire swimming pool complex.

We state categorically that it is our belief that only elected members as trustees of all assets owned by a community or ratepayers have the authority (unless delegated to management) to buy, sell, build, or dispose of assets owned by ratepayers of a community.

We i.e. Fiona Hills, Lorraine Wootten and I will gladly withdraw our Appeal if Council decides to modify its planned footprint of the new centre and keep the 25 m pool.

We will be asking the Tribunal to order that this matter returns to Council as some aspects of the proposal are Prohibited in an Open Space Zone.

I ask when did elected members as the Community Trustees of all that we the ratepayers own debate and pass a motion to make the momentous decision to authorise management to initiate and proceed with plans and processes that would

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lead to the decommissioning and destroying of all of the Swimming Centre including the 25 m pool?

The Chair responded that you rightly indicated you are part of a planning appeal and matters concerning the development application appeal have now been lodged, which means Council can now no longer publicly discuss this matter. It is now subject to a TASCat Hearing and Council will not take any questions on the specifics.

Mr Neilsen asked the gallery if someone could take his questions and ask it who is not in the appeal.

The Chair advised Mr Neilsen that he is disrupting the meeting and provided him with his first warning at 1.27 pm. The Chair advised the gallery that it does not matter who asks the question on the content. Any questions pertaining to the appeal Council cannot answer.

A gallery member asked if we can ask a question about the pool?

The Chair responded that you can ask a question but not specially about the planning.

Q2. Mayor on the 6th March you made some claims and gave information on Tamar FM Radio following the February Council meeting which I considered required a response.

The station has granted me a right of reply and they have offered to record an interview with me next week.

In your report you quoted over \$3 million to keep the outdoor pool functional and referenced the Deed which covers the Federal \$15 million contribution to the new Aquatic Centre.

Can you please provide me with a copy of the Deed this week and the evidence on which you relied to quote the costs of keeping the 25 m pool operational?

The Chair advised that Council cannot do this as it is a Deed between the Federal Government and George Town Council. The Chair stated that he would look into this and took the question on notice.

Mr Neilsen reasked so Council cannot provide me with the Deed?

The Chair responded that this is the preliminary advice received and the question is taken on notice.

Mr Neilsen asked then why did you quote it on Tamar FM?

The Chair responded that he can make a generalised assertion about a deed. Mr Neilsen is talking about the specific written document which is quite different.

Mr Neilsen stated that you mentioned the deed and you made specific commentary about it and how it would affect the project.

The Chair advised that the question was taken on notice and respond to you in writing.

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Mrs F. Hills

Q1. This question is directed to Cr Mason.

The Chair advised that the question is to be directed to the Chair.

Cr Archer called a Point of Order at 1.31 pm that it is correct that the question is to be directed to the Chair and that the Chair can delegate the question to whom he chooses i.e. General Manager, other staff or a Councillor.

The Chair advised that he chooses not to. The Chair advised Mrs Hills that the question is to be directed to himself and he chooses not to delegate the question.

Ms Hills asked that Cr Mason had attended the majority of the community consultation meetings last week and I would like to hear his feedback in the terms of the majority of the matters raised?

The Chair deferred the question to Cr Mason.

Cr Mason advised that the question about keeping the pool was relevant but not the main concern of the people present. Their main concern was that Council did not have a management plan/an operational plan when the pool is actually finished. What people misunderstood was that the therapy pool was a waste of time as we have a swimming pool at the high school. Now these are two different things. The therapy pool is 10 metres by 16.5 metres. That is the same size as the Launceston pool which caters for 100,000 people, whereas ours will cater for 7,000. The size of the pool and referred them to the pool at Oatlands and two advised they were happy with that.

Ms Hills asked do you know how many the population of Oatlands is?

Cr Mason advised 7,000. There may only be 1,000 people in Oatlands but it is the catchment area that they cater for.

The Chair advised that it is of similar size. The Chair has had detailed discussions with the Mayor and General Manager of Southern Midlands and by their words, and the swimming pool is working exactly as they had intended and has been a success.

Cr Mason opportunity for parents and grandparents to spend time in the pool with the young children, this can happen in the large pool as one lane is 1 metre deep and this is the lane for the learn to swim and mums and bubs. They can also spend time in the warm water or therapy pool.

Ms Hills interrupted and asked did anyone talk about carnivals?

Cr Mason advised that when you talk about carnivals, Council cannot build a facility to facilitate a one day event per year.

Ms Hills interrupted and said I am sure there is more than 1 day event.

Cr Mason responded that we have Lilydale, Exeter, Beaconsfield, Scottsdale, St Pats that come to our pool when they are closer to Launceston. Why are they coming here?

Ms Hills stated that we should be happy that they coming here to spend their money?

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The Mayor advised that there are 11 group bookings a year. There are 11 days that you have swimming carnivals in a year.

Q2. *After last week's community consultation meetings, what is the initial consensus by Council of the community support in the health and wellbeing centre and retraining the current pool?*

The Chair advised that Council will have to wait for feedback?

Ms Hills asked did you go to any of the meetings?

The Chair advised that he specifically chose not to attend but some of the other councillors did and staff were there. They collated feedback and that anecdotally, it would appear that there was overwhelmingly support for the plan.

Ms Hills stated that you should have listened to my petition and had a community meeting and you would have found out what the community wanted.

The Chair tried to continue.

Ms Hills interjected and asked what is happening with my petition?

The Chair requested Ms Hills to let him answer the question. The Chair responded that the overwhelming feedback that he had received, its anecdotal, and he has not received a collated report for a Council officer who's attending, heard that people are happy with the plan. Those who attended those sessions had genuine questions and they received answers. Those who are passionately invested in keeping the outdoor pool hear you, love the passion and that those people came with opinions left with the same opinions.

Ms Hills responded (with profanity).

The Chair issued Ms Hills with her first, second and third warning at 1.38 pm. This is a professional environment.

Mrs D. Rainbow

Q1. When are you going to adopt the rules that are laid down in the government for the protection and treatment of women?

The Chair advised that Council follows the regulations by the Government and includes Code of Conduct and behaviour conduct.

Ms C. Crawford-Coates

The Chair did not accept her question advising that this is a highly person question and it is private. Personal circumstances cannot be commented on for the protection of all.

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- Q1. Ms Crawford-Coats advised that she has Mr Neilsen's question. I ask when did elected members as the Community Trustees of all that we the ratepayers own debate and pass a motion to make the momentous decision to authorise management to initiate and proceed with plans and processes that would lead to the decommissioning and destroying of all of the Swimming Centre including the 25 m pool?

The Chair advised that this question is taken on notice as there is a planning appeal underway.

- Q2. My other issue is with footpaths. I have done a lot of snaps and solves. I have spoke to members in the Council and apparently we don't have enough funding, when will we be getting the funding for this? I push my pram with my daughter in it every day, and every day I nearly tip her out of it at some point.

The Chair advised that this is correct and thank you for your question. Council has an extensive network of footpaths, some new, some very dated. In our operational budget every year Council sets a nominated value that is put towards maintenance and the upgrading of those footpaths. Some years that money is used entirely for regrinding and levelling where there are tree roots that have moved the slabs. Other years we may replace sections. Council looks for outside assistance and funding for the maintenance and expansion of paths. Recently the Federal Member for Bass, Bridget Archer, in an election commitment of approx. \$600,000 for North Tamar, The Strand and Little Street will get a footpath. This is assuming its matched or that the Liberal Party wins the election. Council's budget is for approx. 150 metres a year.

Ms Crawford-Coates asked if the footpath Pipe Clay Bay will only be done if this if she is re-elected?

The Chair advised yes.

Ms Crawford-Coates stated that Council can do it over at the redevelopment are in Friend Street.

The Chair advised that the development, in circumstances, have to install the infrastructure, cross service pavement footpaths as part of their development application. So it is funded privately by the developer.

Ms Crawford-Coates stated like Housing has funded.

The Chair answered yes.

Ms Crawford-Coates reiterated that the footpaths are really bad and that I push my daughter out of her pram and that they are not going to get fixed without the funding.

The Chair commented and thanked her for letting Council know. The Snap and Send would be better if you submit it to Council. Council put the request into our works schedule and if Council has the money, we do it sometimes straight away. Otherwise Council waits.

Ms Crawford-Coates advised that she submitted the photo over a year ago and is not fixed. She has taken photos of it today and requested the Chair or Councillors to look at the footpath as it is a liability.

The Chair advised to fill in a service request online. There was an issue with the customer service request system and requested that she resubmit this request and an initial assessment will be made.

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Ms Crawford-Coates advised that she resubmitted the request and had received feedback saying that there was no funding.

The Chair advised that Council is entering into the next financial year which means funding. Council can then reassess and prioritise all the service requests that come in. It cannot be guaranteed.

Mr L. Brown, George Town

Q1. It states in one of the documents that there is considerable leakage in the current pool. What is classified as considerable leakage?

The Chair advised that he didn't think that was actually published in the engineering report but will relate a discussion he had on the pool. A Council Officer words stated; and Cr Orr and myself had an underwater inspection of the pool; the pool does leak considerably. There is a clay base underneath the pool and when you fill it up in the first 24 hours, a third of the volume of the pool leaks straight out. Overtime, we suspect the clay underneath the pool hydrates and this sort of plugs the leaks. Council had TasWater, who had to fix a line that traversed underneath the pool and the feedback was when they cut the trench, there was significant volume of water in it. Council adds water to the pool constantly.

Mr Brown asked at what rate does Council add water to the pool?

The Chair advised that he could not answer that question.

Mr Brown stated that this then adds to the cost?

The Chair advised that this is part of it. The pool was designed for a lifespan of 50 years. So when the original members of this community did this on Sundays, weekends with their own equipment and not necessarily civil engineers or experts, good people of this community got together.

The Chair issued a second warning at 1.48 pm.

The Chair continued the lifespan was intended to be 50 years, now the pool is 40 years old, so the feedback received to bring the pool up to today's standard extending its life, is almost equivalent to the cost of building a new pool. So the return on the investment for the community in doing that is negligible.

Mr Brown continued that from what I understand, that pool

The Chair issued Mrs Rainbow a first warning at 1.50 pm.

Mr Brown continued that with that the current pool will go to make way for the new complex.

The Chair advised that the existing pool will be demolished and the plan is to build undercover facility and Stage 2 and 3 an outdoor kids water play area and an external pool. Stage 2 and 3 are unfunded and Council needs to have success with the State or Federal government or private i.e. Bell Bay to provide Council with the funding. If Council had to raise funds through rates, Council would have an unhappy community.

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Mr Brown followed up with another question. With an indoor pool .George Town has a lot of asthmatics, so how is that going to react with the chlorine and the acids going into the pool with those asthmatics?

The Chair advised that he is not an expert but recently Councillors and himself undertook a tour under the auspices of one of consultants Council have used to visit five different facilities in Victoria. These are the equivalents of what Council is building a blended Health and Wellbeing Centre with health facilities and aquatic facilities. At no stage was that issue raised. The air conditioning and filtration appeared to be very effective.

Ms M. Butler, George Town

Q1. Ms Butler said that this is a statement. Mrs Wootten was standing up here and putting her heart on the line, but when she was talking about the pool you sat and a Councillor laughed. Next a young woman came up here and spoke about the pool and was reduced to tears. She toughened up and was pulled back down again. So the next time she spoke she lost it and the police were called. Mr G. Neilsen had done his homework and you must have known that he would ask a question.

The Chair said yes.

Ms Butler continued and said that you could not answer his question. He speaks up more than what a lot of others do. Ms Butler also stated that she could not hear Councillors speak.

The Chair said that there is a question. The Chair understands that this looks like a confronting process and one of the frustrations in local government is that Council must abide by a set of operating rules and set of standards. Simply the rules must be abide by. The Chair continued that he understood that you see that it is all the Chair, but he is the only appointed spokesman for the Council, therefore the only one who answers the questions. He may occasionally choose to direct a question to another Councillor. The Chair stated that he tries to make everyone understand these rules and there is a copy of the policy on the gallery's chair.

Ms Butler continued and stated that she sees a broken woman by the man in front.

The Chair did not accept this. The Chair advised Ms Butler to take a seat.

Ms C. Crawford-Coates

Q. There was a report done a few years ago that was around mental health, drugs and housing. What is Council going to do to fix this issues in our town?

The Chair thanked Ms Crawford-Coates for her question. A lot of times people characterise local government as roads, rates and rubbish and to a certain extent they are still the core of what local government does. Local Governments step into these void to try to deal with these things, but acknowledge that Council are under-equipped for this. Council does not have the operating expenses or the expertise in these areas. So Council fosters

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partnerships with the best available agencies to assist i.e. Laurel House; Royal Flying Doctors Service; Neighbourhood House. Council simply defer to the experts who hold that responsibility. There is 50 people approximately in the whole of the George Town Council organisation who are responsible for emptying the bins, repair the roads, front counter and it is very tight for a small organisation with a small operating budget.

Why couldn't you put our fliers? To have more organisations to come here to support the community?

The Chair advised that Council invites them to Council and to speak with them face to face.

Ms Crawford-Coates advised that there is barely been anyone for people who suffer from mental health, especially the people that have suffered through suicide.

The Chair responded that this is a terrible problem and Council is definitely not the best people to deal with this. Council does fund mental first aid courses for our community and volunteer organisations so that they are aware and have the skills to handle situations. This is the limit and our capacity.

Ms Crawford-Coates asked why can't Council ask people to come down here? My family has suffered from suicide in our family and there is barely any support here.

The Chair advised that Council is constantly meeting with organisations. Council advocates for our community as well as Vincent de Paul. They are also incredibly resource constrained. The problem is bigger than the budgets allowed. Council is open to feedback.

Mr G. Neilsen

Q. So I want clarification you gave technical details in responding to Mr Brown around the seepage from the pool. Can you please tell us if that detailed engineering is in the report and that we have in the black or the details you gave.

The Chair advised that there is an appeal underway and I cannot answer. As I mentioned clearly in my response it was related to a discussion with a conversation with a Council Officer who is not a technical specialist. These are rough parameters of an informal discussion. Council refers to the engineer's advice.

When will you be releasing the unredacted report?

The Chair responded that Council will not be releasing the unredacted report because the authors have specifically prohibited us from doing so. However, Council will release a report for public consumption.

Did you leave that unredacted report on my doorstep? Do you know who did? Do you have any objection if I release the report?

Through the Chair to the Acting General Manager. The Acting General Manager advised that you have made the Right to Information request and the process is still active subject to your requested review. Council is assessing this at the moment. How you came to find the report is a matter for yourself. Council will go through the Right to Information process as is required under the Act.

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Mr Neilsen asked the Acting General Manager do you have any objections to me releasing the document that was left at my house?

The Chair advised Mr Neilsen that the question will be taken on notice. Council requires to seek advice.

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 ACTING 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.



Rick Dunn
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65

65. Qualified persons

- (1) A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
- (2) A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless –
 - (a) the general manager certifies, in writing –
 - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
 - (ii) that the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
 - (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.

7 PLANNING AUTHORITY

7.1 DA2024/26 - 32-42 MACQUARIE STREET, 7 BATHURST STREET, CHARLES ROBBINS PLACE AND ADJOINING ROAD RESERVES, GEORGE TOWN - MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

REPORT AUTHOR: Senior Town Planner - Mr J. Simons
Town Planner - Mr A. Bowles

REPORT DATE: 11 March 2025

FILE NO: DA 2024/26

The Senior Planner and Planner entered the meeting at 2.09 pm.

Minute No. 28/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Lowe

That the application for use and development, Mixed Use Development - Visitor Accommodation (Serviced Apartments, Café & Bar), Residential (Multiple Dwellings x 13) & General Retail and Hire (Commercial Shops) - Demolition and Redevelopment at 32-42 Macquarie Street, 7 Bathurst Street, Charles Robbins Place and adjoining road reserves, George Town (CT's 47304/16, 226116/1, 124582/1, 124582/2, 124582/3, 124582/4, 156829/1, 156829/2, 156829/3 & 142619/2) 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. Architeria Architects, Drawing No 2348, Sheet A0.00, A0.01, A0.02, A0.03, A0.04, A0.05, A1.01, A1.02, A1.03, A1.04, A2.01, A2.02, A2.10, A2.11, A2.12,
- b. G2 Urban Planning, Submission to George Town Council.
- c. G2 Urban Planning, Letter, dated 13 August 2024.
- d. Midson Traffic Pty Ltd, Traffic Impact Assessment, dated September 2024.
- e. Midson Traffic Pty Ltd, Letter-Response to Council RFI, dated 17 September 2024.
- f. ECTM Consulting, Operational Waste Management Plan, dated March 2024.

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Unless provided for otherwise by the conditions below, 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. SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING PLANS

Prior to the commencement of works, detailed engineering drawings and specifications must be submitted for an 'Assessment of Public Works' to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development. Such drawings and specifications must include the following:

- a. all infrastructure works required to be undertaken in the public road reserve shown on the endorsed plans and specifications or otherwise specified by the conditions below, including:
 - i. Crossovers and reticulated drainage infrastructure;
 - ii. Footpaths and landscaping;
 - iii. Kerb and channel;
 - iv. All necessary line marking and traffic signage;
 - v. Reticulated water and sewage;
 - vi. Electricity infrastructure;
 - vii. Communications infrastructure.
- b. all new infrastructure is to be fully integrated with existing infrastructure networks within reasonable distance of the development, including:
 - i. The footpaths at each end of the development and pram ramps;
 - ii. Kerb & channel;
 - iii. Road junctions & intersections.
- c. The existing asphalt thresholds currently providing access to the car park of 40-42 Macquarie Street are to be removed and the pedestrian footpath reinstated, using pavers colour matched to the existing pavers on Macquarie Street. The Crossovers are to be removed and reinstated with concrete kerb and channel.
- d. Paving is to be extended from the kerb to the building line for the full length of Macquarie Street and to the existing southern extent of paving on Bathurst Street, removing sections of concrete and providing a consistent surface finish.
- e. All redundant crossovers on Bathurst Street are to be removed, including sections of trafficable kerb, and the footpath reinstated with standard kerb and channel, with a minimum width of 2.5m (as existing) between the building line and the back of the kerb.
- f. Side entry pits are to be installed on Bathurst Street to replace existing entry points to the reticulated storm water system.
- g. Beyond the extent of the existing pavers on Bathurst Street the footpath is to be reinstated with a concrete footpath, up to the south edge of Charles Robbins Place.
- h. A kerb extension is to be included on Bathurst Street, for a length of 20m, as illustrated in page 73 of the George Town Structure Plan 2021, widening the footpath to a minimum width of 5m (to the edge of the vehicle lane) and is to include provision for 3 street trees. The extended section is to be positioned

such that it does not interfere with any existing access on the eastern side of the road.

- i. An additional street tree is to be provided on the Macquarie Street/Bathurst Street corner, outside of the influence of the building awning and ensuring safe site distances at the intersection remain unobstructed.
- j. The existing pedestrian/pram ramp crossing Bathurst Street is to be reorientated to ensure the centreline is orientated towards the intended path of travel in accordance with Tasmanian Standard Drawing TSD R18-v3.
- k. A minimum of 4 parking spaces are to be retained on Bathurst Street, which are to be reconfigured and clearly line marked.
- l. The crossover accessing Charles Robbins Place is to be upgraded in accordance with the Tasmanian Standard Drawing TSD R09-v3, with a minimum width of 6m, with 1m wings on each side, to allow for two way traffic, but is to maintain the appearance of a private driveway. The finished surface of the threshold is to be visually distinct from the finished surface of both the pedestrian footpath and Bathurst Street road surface.
- m. A “pedestrian priority” sign is to be erected at the access to the public section of Charles Robbins Place. A designated pedestrian walkway with minimum width of 1.5m is to be provided on Charles Robbins Place, clearly delineated from parking and vehicle carriageways by curbing, line marking, materials or other clear means.
- n. A 10 km/h speed limit sign and a “Resident and Service Vehicle Access Only” sign is to be installed at the junction of the public and private section of Charles Robbins Place to ensure a low speed environment and minimise public entry.
- o. Any traffic calming management measures required in accordance with the endorsed Traffic Impact Assessment;
- p. Any stormwater infrastructure required in accordance with Condition 3 below.

3. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Prior to the commencement of works a detailed stormwater management plan is to be submitted to the satisfaction of Council’s Director Infrastructure and Development. The plan is to:

- a. Include modelling and design drawings for the minor drainage system, based on a peak flow in a 5% AEP rain event, assuming a 100% impervious surface.
- b. Consider the entire development site as well as the existing downstream drainage network at a reasonable distance.
- c. Assess pre- and post-development runoff volumes.
- d. Identify and address any potential impacts on the existing downstream system.
- e. If post-development runoff exceeds pre-development levels, include adequate onsite stormwater detention to mitigate the impact. This may include an underground detention system or other suitable measures and must be accompanied by calculations demonstrating the adequacy.
- f. Ensure that the rate of outflow from the detention system into the existing stormwater infrastructure does not exceed the pre-development discharge rate.

- g. Consider the necessary point in construction where the stormwater and detention system must be operational to ensure adequate capacity to drain the site during construction.
- h. All stormwater management measures must comply with Council requirements and best practice engineering standards.

4. LANDSCAPING PLAN

Prior to the commencement of works a landscaping plan is to be submitted to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development. The landscaping plan is to include:

- a) The species and location of a minimum of five feature trees to be planted within the property boundary on the Bathurst Street frontage (generally as depicted on Drawing A2348-A1.01).
- b) The species and location of one street tree on the corner of Bathurst Street and Macquarie Street, located to ensure safe sight distances are maintained and outside the influence of the building awning.
- c) The species and location of three street trees located within the kerb extension identified in Condition 2.h) above.

Prior to the commencement of use all landscaping is to be installed in accordance with the approved landscaping plan, using advanced stock with minimum height of 2.5m, and to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development.

Notwithstanding the above, at the discretion of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development, Council may accept a bond or contribution to allow the planting to occur at the most opportune time of the year to ensure survival of the vegetation.

All care is to be taken to protect and ensure the survival of the landscaping identified on the plan and any fatalities of trees within the private property are to be replaced by the land manager as per the approved plan.

5. TASWATER

The development must be in accordance with the Submission to Planning Authority Notice issued by TasWater (TWDA 2024/00470-GTC attached).

6. 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 – including the management of asbestos;
- 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) construction noise.

The plan is also to include a plan and procedure for receiving and addressing complaints from surrounding landowners. Once approved, all works are to be undertaken in accordance with the approved soil and water management plan,

7. ROAD AND PEDESTRIAN MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Prior to the commencement of use a road and pedestrian management plan is to be submitted demonstrating how disruption to vehicle and pedestrian movements will be minimised, via the timing of works within the road reserve and implementation of protection devices to allow ongoing use of public infrastructure during the extended construction period.

Once approved, works must be undertaken in accordance with the Road and Pedestrian Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development.

8. 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.

9. DAMAGE TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

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

10. AWNING AND APPURTENANCES

Prior to the commencement of use the landowner is to enter into a binding agreement with Council ensuring that the building owner will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of all building awnings, raised garden beds and any other appurtenance extending into the public road reserve and for maintaining liability insurance covering a minimum of \$20 million extending to awnings and appurtenances.

11. COMPLETION OF WORKS / COMMENCEMENT OF USE

Prior to commencement of use all civil works on the Macquarie Street and Bathurst Street Road Reserves are to be completed in accordance with the endorsed plans and conditions above.

Commencement of the residential component of the use is not contingent on completion of the commercial component, and vice versa.

12. SCREENING DURING CONSTRUCTION

During demolition and construction, the perimeter of the site is to be screened with low transparency mesh construction screening, or fencing to minimise public views into the site, except where required otherwise for access and/or safety. Screening is to be maintained in good condition at all times and replaced as required.

13. STAGING

If at any point the development is to be staged, a staging plan must be submitted to the satisfaction of Council's General Manager. The plan is to:

- a) Confirm the staging of the development and include estimated timeframes;
- b) Include provisions to visually screen the site with screening mesh, should works cease for any period exceeding 1 month.
- c) Include provisions to rehabilitate the site and erect permanent screening fencing, should construction not commence within a reasonable timeframe of demolition.

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Under no circumstances is the development to be abandoned for any period of time without adequate management of the visual appearance of the site in accordance with the approved staging plan.

Permit Notes

1. This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for DA 2024/26. 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.

3. It is the developer's responsibility to make sure they have the proper consents of all landowners prior to undertaking any work on land not owned by the developer, including Council's Road Reserve and the privately owned section of Charles Robbins Place.
4. If required by a Building Surveyor, an application to amalgamate the subject titles must be submitted prior to the commencement of works. It is strongly recommended that you discuss amalgamation with your building surveyor early, to minimise delays, should further approvals be required.
5. The buildings to be demolished are known to contain asbestos. Removal of asbestos must be undertaken by a licensed asbestos removalist in accordance with the *Work Health Safety Act 2012* and the *Work Health Safety Regulations 2022*. It is the responsibility of the persons conducting a business or undertaking to ensure asbestos is managed safely.
6. Based on the information provided and the size of the proposed development, there are likely to be impacts on TasNetworks' operations.

It is recommended that the customer or their electrician submit an application via TasNetwork's [website portal](#) to establish an electricity supply connection to support this development.

Alternatively, it is also recommended that you contact TasNetworks Early Engagement team at early.engagement@tasnetworks.com.au at your earliest convenience to discuss this development further.
7. The location of mailboxes in Charles Robbins Place should be discussed with Australia Post. A common mailbox may be required to be installed in a site that is directly accessible from a public road.

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8. The proposal relies on the use of street parking and other public parking. Council has a prerogative to manage public parking, such that it is available to all businesses and patrons in the central area. Council reserves the right to make changes to the public parking, including the imposition of time limits on public parking spaces, removal of public parking spaces or the charging of fees to use public parking spaces. While there is currently sufficient parking in the area, Council is not responsible for ensuring parking is reserved and available specifically for the proposed business, particularly given the long durations that parking will be occupied. Although, located in a Parking Precinct, it is recommended the operators of the serviced apartments give consideration to securing a long term parking option for guests.
9. 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; orany other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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; and
 - c) The relevant approval processes will apply with state and federal government agencies.

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15. 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.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

The Senior Planner and Planner left the meeting at 2.18 pm.

8 OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOP FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2025

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	12 March 2025
FILE NO:	14.10

Minute No. 29/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Orr
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council:

1. Receives the report on the Council Workshops held on the 25 February 2025 and 11 March 2025.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

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8.2 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION FUNDING PRIORITIES

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE: 12 March 2025
FILE NO: 15.15

Minute No. 30/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council resolves to:

1. Support the national federal election funding priorities identified by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA); and
2. Supports and participates in the Put Our Communities First federal election campaign; and
3. Writes to the local federal member of Parliament, all known election candidates in local federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association expressing support for ALGA's federal election funding priorities being:
 - \$1.1 billion per year for enabling infrastructure to unlock housing supply
 - \$500 million per year for community infrastructure
 - \$600 million per year for safer local roads
 - \$900 million per year for increased local government emergency management capability and capacity, and
 - \$400 million per year for climate adaptation.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

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**8.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETING
PROCEDURES REGULATIONS REMAKE 2025**

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE: 13 March 2025
FILE NO: 15.28

Cr Harris called a Point of Order against the Chair at 2.27 pm LG(MP) R 23 (1)(a) irrelevant to the motion being discussed.

Minute No. 31/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Dawson
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council:

1. Make a submission in accordance with the Officer's response to the State Government on the Discussion Paper for remaking of two regulations:
 - Local Government Regulations; and
 - Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 7 / 2

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8.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL BILL - DISCUSSION PAPER

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	13 March 2025
FILE NO:	14.16
ATTACHMENTS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Discussion- Paper- Local- Government- Electoral- Bill [8.4.1 - 40 pages]2. At-a-glance-two-page-summary- Local- Government- Electoral- Bill-discussion-paper [8.4.2 - 2 pages]

DECISION

Moved: Cr Orr
Seconded: Cr Archer

That Council:

1. Support the Officers Responses as presented for a submission to the consultation process on the Local Government Electoral Bill.

Minute No. 32/25

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Archer
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That the motion be put.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

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MOTION

Moved: Cr Orr
Seconded: Cr Archer

That Council:

1. Support the Officers Responses as presented for a submission to the consultation process on the Local Government Electoral Bill.

VOTING

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

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**8.5 RESCINDING OF OBSOLETE MOTIONS AND REMOVAL OF MOTIONS FROM
OUTSTANDING MOTIONS REGISTER**

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	13 March 2025
FILE NO:	14.12, 14.5

Cr Archer left the meeting at 3:25 pm.

Minute No. 33/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Orr

That Council defer this item.

Cr Archer returned to the meeting at 3:26 pm.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 8 / 1

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8.6 LGAT GENERAL MEETING 2 APRIL 2025 - CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	17 March 2025
FILE NO:	15.15

Minute No. 34/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Orr
Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council:

1. Determines that the Mayor is authorised to vote at the LGAT General Meeting 2 April 2025, in accordance with Council's strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions with due consideration of any conference debate on items listed for decision at that meeting;

VOTING

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

CARRIED 8 / 1

9 INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

9.1 CROWN LAND AGREEMENT - PIPERS RIVER RECREATION GROUND

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader - Planning & Building Services - Ms T. Burt
REPORT DATE: 19th February 2025
FILE NO: 52.1

The Team Leader Building & Planning entered the meeting at 3.44 pm.

Minute No. 35/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Dawson
Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council:

Apply to update the lease without amendments and accepts responsibility for ongoing management of the Pipers River Recreation Ground and authorises the General Manager to sign and seal the required documentation.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

Cr Orr requested that a map of the Pipers River Recreation ground leased area be included in the minutes.

The Team Leader Building & Planning left the meeting at 3.49 pm.



Pipers River Recreation Ground

10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

10.1 GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL AUDIT PANEL COMMITTEE CONFIRMED MINUTES 11 DECEMBER 2024

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director – Corporate and Community – Mrs. C Hyde
REPORT DATE:	13 March 2024
FILE NO:	29.11

The Director Corporate and Community entered the meeting at 3.49 pm.

Minute No. 36/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 11th December 2024 as an accurate record of that meeting.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

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10.2 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS ROUND 2

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Corporate & Community - Ms C. Hyde
REPORT DATE: 6th March 2025
FILE NO: 23.2

Minute No. 37/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Archer
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council

1. Approve the community assistance grant application of \$611.00 from the Bellingham Progress Association Inc. for the line making and pickle ball equipment.
2. Approve the community assistance grant application of \$2,000 from the George Town Junior Football Club as contribution to the purchase of players jumpers.
3. Approve the community assistance grant application of \$2,000 from the Outer Cove Creative Inc. for three art-based community workshops.
4. Approve the community assistance grant application of \$2,000 from the Rotary Club of George Town as contribution towards construction of picnic shelter at Tippogoree Hills Trail Head, Lauriston Park, subject to Council approval of the project and development application.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 8 / 1

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10.3 GEORGE TOWN HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director – Corporate and Community – Mrs C Hyde
REPORT DATE:	25 March 2025
FILE NO:	14.7
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

*Cr Dawson left the meeting at 3:57 pm.
Cr Dawson returned to the meeting at 3:58 pm.*

Minute No. 38/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council:

Appoints Cr Simone Lowe, as Councillor representative and Chair of the George Town Health and Wellbeing Committee.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 8 / 1

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10.4 LOAN COUNCIL ALLOCATION FOR 2025/2026

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director Corporate & Community - Ms C. Hyde
REPORT DATE:	25 March 2025
FILE NO:	32.20

Minute No. 39/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Authorises the General Manager to advise Treasury that no further borrowings are required by George Town Council for the 2025/2026 financial year.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

The Director Corporate and Community left the meeting at 4.04 pm.

11 ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE & STRATEGY

Nil

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12 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

12.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT - MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

REPORT DATE: 17 March 2025

FILE NO: 14.11, 14.15

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser		
February	20	Met with local residents
	24	Attended NTDC Board Meeting
	25	Chaired Council Workshop
	25	Chaired Ordinary Council meeting
	26	ABC Radio Interview
	27	George Town Swimming Pool – visit with Cr Orr
March	3	Chaired Progress Association meeting
	6	Met with General Manager and ReCFit Representatives
	6	Tamar FM Interview
	11	Chaired Council Workshop
	12	Attended Audit Panel meeting
	12	Met with BBAMZ and Japanese Delegates
	12	Met with local residents
	12	Attended Youth Council meeting
	13	Attended BBAMZ General Members meeting
	14	Met with Nick Duigan MP
	15	Attended George Town United Church Peace Pole
Deputy Mayor Cr Greg Dawson		
February	25	Attended Council Workshop
	25	Attended Ordinary Council meeting
March	15	Attended Art Exhibition Jim Mooney Gallery
Cr Jason Orr		
February	24	TICT Northern Focus Event
	27	George Town Swimming Pool – informative visit with the Mayor
March	2	Swirl – informative visit
	4	Soroptimist International Women's Day Breakfast
	4	DAP/East Tamar Tourism Network Catchup
	9	Weymouth Progress Association AGM
	9	Clean Up Australia

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Minute No. 40/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Ashley

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

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

13 PETITIONS

13.1 PETITION - GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITIES SAVE OUR POOL

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE: 17 March 2025
FILE NO: 14.15

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That the Petition submitted by Ms. F. Hills on the 25 February 2025 to the Mayor be received and noted.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded:

1. That the Petition submitted by Ms. F. Hills on the 25 February 2025 to the Mayor be received and noted.
2. That Council holds a public meeting.

Cr Archer called a Point of Order against the Chair LG(MP) R 23(1)(c) Council can have a recommendation to support the motion with an amendment at 1.34 pm.

The Chair agreed with Cr Archer.

Minute No. 41/25

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Dawson
Seconded: Cr Orr

That the motion be put.

The Chair called a recess 4.35 pm for five minutes for legislative clarification. The meeting will resume at 4.40 pm.

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Cr Harris left the meeting at 4.35 pm.

Cr Harris returned to the meeting at 4.39 pm.

The Chair resumed the meeting 4.40 pm.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

Minute No. 42/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That the Petition submitted by Ms. F. Hills on the 25 February 2025 to the Mayor be received and noted.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

14 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Cr Dawson left the meeting at 4.48 pm.

Cr Dawson returned to the meeting at 4.49 pm.

MOTION FROM THE FLOOR

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Archer

That Council holds a public meeting in accordance with Section 60F of the Local Government Act within 30 days on the Health and Wellbeing Centre redevelopment.

Cr Barwick called a Point of Order against Cr Orr at 5.02 pm LG(MP)R 23(1)(c) Cr Orr had already spoken to motion.

The Chair did not accept the Point of Order as Cr Orr had asked a question.

VOTING

For: Cr Archer, Cr Barwick and Cr Orr

Against: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Ashley, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe and Cr Mason

Abstained: Nil

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MOTION FROM THE FLOOR

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded:

That Council makes available to the public the engineers report with the redaction of the author of that report.

Cr Archer called a Point of Order against the Chair at 5.13 pm LG(MP)R 23 (1)(c) asking if the Chair was refusing the motion?

Cr Dawson called a Point of Order against Cr Barwick at 5.15 pm LG(MP)R 23(1)(c) as this motion has already been before Council and considered.

The Chair denied the motion at 5.17 pm.

Cr Archer called a Point of Order against the Chair at 5.17 pm LG(MP)R 23(1).

The Chair denied the motion at 5.18 pm

15 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Questions Taken on Notice from 25 February Ordinary Council Meeting

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?

Response

Part A of Cr Barwick's question was answered, and the cost was taken on notice.

The total cost of service of alcohol at the 14 February Creative George Town Art exhibition was \$339.12. This was included in the budget for the program.

Questions Taken on Notice from 25 March Ordinary Council Meeting

Cr Barwick

- Q1. Advised that she had not received an update on the commemoration of the late Peter Cox.

The Chair acknowledged Cr Barwick's request.

- Q2. Advised that there is a person living in a bus and requested an update.

The Chair advised due to the personal nature of the request a response will not be included in the minutes but provided during a workshop.

- Q3. Cr Barwick requested a copy of Council's Drug and Alcohol Policy?

The Chair advised that a copy will be provided.

Cr Lowe

- Q1. Will this Council before considering any advancements of Stage 2 and Stage 3 of the Aquatic, Health and Wellbeing Centre hold community consultations and a community meeting to get the feedback of the community for any further stages?

The Chair advised that he will get the General Manager to respond.

16 CLOSED MEETING

16.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

Minute No. 43/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lowe
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council move into closed meeting at 5.22 pm to discuss the following items:

Agenda Item 16.2 Minutes of the Closed Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 February 2025

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

Agenda Item 16.3 George Town Aquatic Health and Wellbeing Centre – Early Works Package RFT 08/2024

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

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

**Cr Greg Kieser
MAYOR**