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GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting
held on **Tuesday 27 May 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.

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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.

AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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

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1 PRESENT

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Cr 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

Nil.

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
Administrative Assistant - Ms C Roach

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2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 29 APRIL 2025

Minute No. 62/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Mason

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 29 April 2025 numbered 47/25 to 56/25 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings amended to include the Agenda Item Beechford Stormwater Drainage Plan was moved into open.

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

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3 LATE ITEMS

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4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Archer declared an interest in Agenda Item 7.1.

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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5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

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5.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced at: 1.07 pm.

Concluded at: 1.19 pm.

Mrs L. Wootton, Low Head

Q1. Quarterly Report - Windmill Point Interpretative Signage, Installation & replacement

I notice in this report that there is still only \$6,211 expended from the \$20,000 allocated for this. It seems a lot for what we were told would be was one small sign.

It must be 10 years or more since the interpretation panels from Windmill Point and York Cove mysteriously disappeared, and nearly that long since Eddie Freeman carved the macrocarpa trunks, and a few years since this was included in the budget.

Some months ago I heard that the interpretation was with whoever was making the signage. It's still not there.

How much longer will it be before visitors and locals can read about the significance of that historic site, and what the carvings are all about?

Through the Chair to the General Manager. The General Manager advised that the sign has been commissioned and will be installed in the coming weeks.

Q2. Mount George Signal Station & Semaphore

I was very pleased last year when the semaphore mast on Mount George had finally been re-erected, but very disappointed to see that both arms of the mast had been aligned with the pole rather than being offset as the four replica semaphores up the Tamar Valley were originally installed and as the others still are.

When the original mast was deemed a danger to visitors, Parks & Wildlife removed the main interpretation panel near the semaphore mast, but advised it would be kept in storage and replaced when the mast was repaired. It has not yet been replaced.

Can Council please liaise with Parks & Wildlife to have the interpretation panel returned as soon as possible so that visitors know what they are looking at? and also

Is it possible to have the arms on the semaphore mast offset, as it was before, so that it gives a better idea of how these historic structures worked.

Through the Chair to the General Manager. The General Manager advised that Council can make an enquiry with Parks and Wildlife Services for the return of the interpretative board. Also the General Manager will consult with Council staff on the structural requirements to have the arms outset on a permanent basis.

Ms D. Judd, Low Head

Q1. Does George Town Council delight in insulting its ratepayers. Last month I questioned the statistics which said George Town is the most unhealthy town in Tasmania which is contrary to the Primary Health statistics. This month I question your statement on

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page 22 the George Town Open Space Network Plan which states compared to Tasmania and Australia, Low Head has a lower than average income level; tertiary education attained; and a higher proportion of people who have long term and mental health conditions. I have tallied numbers of current and retired professionals living and owning properties at Low Head. Ms Judd stated her tallied results which resulted in a number of professionals within Low Head. Within the statistics it did not include Bell Buoy Beach.

- Q2. Ms Judd asked where do you get your statistics from and is it time that Council reviewed the quality of Council's source?

The Chair thanked Ms Judd for her question and advised his comments relate to the health statistics not the Low Head specific data.

Ms Judd clarified her question stating that she is questioning the low socio-economic and tertiary education attained

The Chair advised that any questions should be referred to the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Department of State Growth. On the Low Head specifics the Chair referred the question to the General Manager.

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that the data you have referred to in the past, is available through Profile.ID.com.au which relies on the census and housing data 2021 and it refers to a number of long term health conditions and was commissioned by the Department of State Growth. I understand that the Primary Health Tasmania use a different data set.

Ms Judd stated that was last month's question.

The General Manager advised that it was taken from the 2021 census data

- Q3. How does the census data split Low Head and George Town or is it all compiled?

The General Manager directed Ms Judd to the ABS data.

- Q4. Does the census data ask people their primary residence as there a lot of people who have Low Head as their secondary residence? So this data is inaccurate.

The Chair advised that Ms Judd may be right but requested that Ms Judd contact either the Bureau of Statistics or the Department of State Growth.

Ms Judd stated that Council is using this data.

The Chair advised that this is the official data.

Ms Judd asked do you admit that the data is incorrect?

The Chair advised that this is the official Australian Government sanctioned data and the official data published by State Growth.

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Mr J. Glisson, Low Head

- Q1. Today in the agenda includes the Low Head Pathway Network Plan not the Low Head Open Space Plan. In the draft Low Head Open Space Plan on page 18 quoted: "There are more couples without children in George Town Council (50.4%) compared with Tasmania (44.5%). There are less couples with children in George Town (29.4%) than there are in the state of Tasmania (36.8%). Mr Glisson stated that those two sentences contradict themselves and trying to work out which of the figures are to be relied upon?

The Chair thanked Mr Glisson for his observation.

Through the Chair to the Director Infrastructure and Development who responded that the draft plan has been circulated and the feedback received will be forwarded to consultants to make any adjustments that need to be made prior to the final document.

- Q2. Will a decision be made on the corrected document?

The Chair advised that yes it will.

- Q3. Will the corrected document be made available to the ratepayers for them to look at?

The Chair interrupted and stated that the draft document may contain numerous errors and once passed through Council the document will be published on Council's website.

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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.")



12 May 2025

Ms F. Hills

George Town TAS 7253

Email: fhills2@icloud.com

Dear Ms Hills,

Re: Ordinary Council Meeting 29 April 2025 – Public Question Time

Thank you for your interest in, and attendance at the 29 April 2025 Ordinary Council meeting which you raised the following question:

Q1. Was every school that used this pool in the last season charged these rates? How many school swimming carnivals were held and what was the total amount received to use the George Town pool for these in the past swimming season, October to March?

Response

Council charges all users. A total of seven carnivals were held during the pool season. Two local school carnivals, four from other municipalities and one for Tamar Primary School Sports Association. Total income for pool hires from carnivals was \$8,165.00. Total lifeguard wages cost for carnivals is approximately \$6,400.00.

Again, thank you for your question and engagement with Council proceedings.

Yours sincerely,

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

Shane Power
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Mr John Glisson
Low Head TAS 7253

Dear Mr Glisson,

Re: Ordinary Council Meeting - 29 April 2025 – Public Question Time

Thank you for your interest in, and attendance at the 29 April 2025 Ordinary Council meeting which you raised the following question:

Q1. Can Council confirm that adequate stormwater drainage is going to be installed (at McKenzie Drive) to address the problem?

Response:

We appreciate your continued engagement and the opportunity to clarify the scope of works on McKenzie Drive.

As part of the upgrade, all properties along both sides of the road, where topography permits, will be provided with stormwater connection point. This includes the installation of kerb adaptors and 100mm PVC pipes to the property boundary, enabling downpipe connections where gravity flow is feasible.

For some properties currently discharging into swale drains their stormwater will be redirected into the new kerb and channel system, improving runoff management and reducing overland flow.

For some properties located downhill from the road that cannot achieve gravity connections, connections may be difficult to achieve.

The new drainage system has been professionally designed to accommodate runoff from the road and connected properties. Council is confident it will significantly improve drainage performance in the area.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Council.

Yours sincerely,

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Shane Power
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Ms Jenny Baxter

Pipers River TAS 7252

Dear Ms Baxter,

Re: Ordinary Council Meeting 29 April 2025 – Public Question Time

Thank you for your interest in, and attendance at the 29 April 2025 Ordinary Council meeting which you raised the following question:

Q1. Ms Baxter stated that she understands Pipers River Road is State Growth and that she is unaware whether Council has the ability to notify State Growth or Fulton Hogan who was spraying there today with no dye in their trucks. Ms Baxter acknowledged when the Council sprays or when they employ the contractor to spray that it is always dyed."

Response:

Council sent a request to the Department of State Growth (DSG) regarding the use of dye for roadside spraying. The Department confirmed the use of dye in any spraying of herbicide is not a requirement under the state roads maintenance contract. Council will continue its practice to use dye when spraying.

Yours sincerely,

Shane Power
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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.



Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65

65. Qualified persons

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

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7 PLANNING AUTHORITY

7.1 DA 2024/108 - 381 SOLDIER SETTLEMENT ROAD, GEORGE TOWN - UTILITIES (SOLAR FARM)

REPORT AUTHOR: Senior Town Planner - Mr J. Simons
REPORT DATE: 15/05/2025
FILE NO: DA 2024/108

Cr Archer left the meeting at 1:19 pm.

The Senior Planner entered the meeting at 1.20 pm.

Minute No. 63/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Lowe

That the application for use and development, Utilities (Solar Farm and Associated Transmission Line) at 381 Soldiers Settlement Road, GEORGE TOWN, and transmission across various titles (CT C/T 43381/1, 154906/1, 139746/1, 154929/1, 107403/1, 154910/1, 135016/1, 154928/1, 43382/1, 104543/3, 156738/4, 11369/23, 30617/4, 30617/8, 86544/1, 251653/1 & 86544/3) 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. Envoca Environmental Consultancy, Development Application -Cimitiere Plains Solar Farm, Volume 1 and 2, including appendix A to P, dated 22/11/24.
 - b. ARCADIS, Cimitiere Creek Solar Farm -Flood Assessment, dated 20/03/2025.
- to the satisfaction of the Council, unless otherwise provided for by condition of this permit. Any other proposed development and/or use will require a separate application to and assessment by the Council.

2. ENGINEERING DESIGN DRAWINGS (PUBLIC WORKS)

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:

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- a) All public infrastructure works shown on the endorsed plans and specifications;
- b) Detailed civil designs for upgrades to the intersection of North Street and Low Head Road;
- c) Detailed civil designs for all works required to be undertaken to Musk Vale Road as indicated in the endorsed traffic impact assessment.

In all instances where the detailed design requires deviation from the standards identified above, approval must be sought from Councils Director Infrastructure and Development. Any such request for approval must be accompanied by supporting evidence prepared by a suitably qualified engineer. Once approved by Council's Director Infrastructure and Development, engineering design drawings are valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of such approval, following which they will automatically lapse if they have not been carried into effect via works. Where any engineering design drawings have lapsed, Council may require the resubmission and review of the relevant engineering design drawings, any associated calculations and any other relevant information to ensure compliance with current infrastructure standards and applicable legislation.

3. ENGINEERING DESIGN DRAWINGS (PRIVATE WORKS)

- a) Typical access track construction detail, including;
 - i) Include intermittent cut off drains designed to minimize concentrated stormwater flows,
 - ii) Detail of all watercourse crossings,
- b) Detailed location plans for all transmission towers for the full length of the transmission corridor showing:
 - i) The location of all transmission towers;
 - ii) Setbacks of towers from all public roads;
 - iii) Setbacks of towers from the State Rail Corridor;
 - iv) Setback of towers from natural watercourses;
 - v) Relative locations of Council's existing mountain bike trails relative to towers.
- c) Solar farm site drainage including;
 - i) Typical design design,
 - ii) Outfall design at the point of discharge incorporating mechanisms to minimize the entry of sediment and other pollutants to the natural watercourse;
- d) Security fence design including provisions for the passage of flood waters.

4. ENGINEERING DESIGN DRAWINGS (TASNETWORKS)

Prior to the commencement of works a detailed engineering design plan (to Scale) covering the last 1km of the transmission line at the southern end is to be submitted to TasNetworks for approval, showing:

- a) the proposed transmission tower locations

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- b) easement alignment, including the easement edges, clearance between the tower centres and the easement edge
- c) relative proximity to TasNetwork's existing (Starwood) 110kV Transmission Line, including the existing towers and easement edge;
- d) separation from other existing electricity infrastructure, including transmission and distribution lines, and ground based infrastructure;
- e) clearances between the proposed infrastructure and all existing distribution lines intersecting the route.
- f) Any other such detail as may be required by TasNetworks in order to demonstrate the proposal does not compromise or interfere with the existing TasNetworks infrastructure in the vicinity.

Once approved by TasNetworks, the plan is to be provided to Council and will form part of the planning permit.

Note: In accordance with Section 109 of the *Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995*, a person must not, without proper authority –

- (a) attach an electrical installation or other thing to a transmission system or distribution network; or*
- (b) connect, disconnect or interfere with a supply of electricity from a transmission system or distribution network; or*
- (c) interfere with electrical infrastructure or an electrical installation in any other way.*

5. SIGNS

A single Ground Based Sign is approved at each of the proposed access points. Ground Based Signs are:

- a) to be located on or within the boundary of the property.
- b) not be higher than 2.4m above the ground; and
- c) have a supportive structure that does not project above the sign face, unless it forms a feature or is incorporated in the sign design.

6. CONDITION ASSESSMENT (Cimitiere Creek Crossing)

- a) Prior to commencement of works a Level 2 – Structural/Engineering Assessment is to be undertaken to determine the condition of the existing culverts conveying Cimitiere Creek under Soldiers Settlement Road. The assessment is to be prepared by a suitably qualified person (e.g. civil engineer or similar) and is to be in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards including Austroads Guide to Bridge Technology and Australian Standard AS 5100 (Bridge Design Code).

The report is to be provided to Council and will serve as the benchmark for future assessments.

- b) A Level 2 Structural/Engineering Assessment will be conducted again by a suitably qualified professional:

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- i) One year after either the commencement of operations or the re-establishment of pasture, whichever occurs later.
- ii) immediately after a 10% AEP flood or greater.

A condition report will be prepared and provided to Council.

- c) If any material changes to the culverts are identified, including structural damage, blockages, sedimentation, or flow obstructions, the Proponent will carry out the necessary repairs to restore the culverts to their pre-construction condition.

The Proponent is not responsible for any damage to the culverts in the event of a flood that exceeds a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability.

7. CONDITION ASSESSMENT (ROADS)

Prior to commencement of works, a pre-condition survey of the relevant sections of the existing road network is to be undertaken.

During construction the sections of the road network utilised by the proposal are to be monitored and maintained to ensure continued safe use by all road users, and any faults attributed to construction of the solar farm would be rectified.

At the end of construction, a post- condition survey would be undertaken to ensure the road network is left in the consistent condition as at the start of construction.

All condition assessments are to be provided to Council.

If any damage or deterioration of the roads are identified, including structural damage, reasonably attributed to the development, the proponent will carry out the necessary repairs to restore the roads to their pre-construction condition.

All assessments are to consider the full length of Musk Vale Road, including the sections not intended to be utilized and sections not managed by Council.

8. CROSSOVERS

Prior to the commencement of the use, the proposed crossovers, accessing Soldiers Settlement Road and Musk Vale Road, are to be constructed and existing upgraded in accordance with the typical sections identified in the endorsed traffic impact assessment and LGAT Standard Drawings, to the satisfaction of the Director Infrastructure and Development.

Prior to undertaking any works within the Council road reserve, including the installation of the vehicle crossover, separate consent is required from Council as the relevant Road Authority. The developer must make application to Council for a Permit to Undertake Works in the Road Reserve using Council's designated form and obtain approval prior to

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the start of works. This work must be at expense of the person responsible for the development.

9. VEGETATION REMOVAL

Vegetation clearance is to be limited to that reasonably required to accommodate the endorsed solar farm and to meet the minimum clearance required to maintain separation.

8. LANDSLIP RISK

- a) Prior to the commencement of works a detailed landslip risk assessment is to be prepared by a suitably qualified person and submitted to the satisfaction of Council. The detailed assessment must include a site-specific assessment of the location of all transmission towers (as per the Engineering Design Drawings-Private Works).
- b) A Form B – Structural/Civil/Geotechnical Engineering Declaration, prepared by a suitably qualified person and in accordance with the Australian Geomechanics Society – Practice Note Guidelines for Landslide Risk Management 2007, or the equivalent written advice, is to be provided to the satisfaction of Council, confirming that all recommendations relating to landslip mitigation have been incorporated in the construction drawings.
- c) Prior to the commencement of use a Form G - Geotechnical Declaration Final Geotechnical Certificate, prepared by a suitably qualified person and in accordance with the Australian Geomechanics Society – Practice Note Guidelines for Landslide Risk Management 2007, or the equivalent written advice, is to be provided to the satisfaction of Council.

9. 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) weeds;
- c) vegetation removal and track construction works within watercourse protection areas, with reference to the Wetland and Waterways Works Manual.
- d) erosion, including methods for the stabilising exposed soils within drains and adjacent to watercourses;
- e) soil and water management to minimise discharge of polluted or sediment laden runoff directly or indirectly into Council's drains and natural watercourses.

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 Construction Environmental Management Plan.

10. CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Prior to the commencement of works a Construction Traffic Management Plan and Guidance Scheme in accordance with AS1742.3 is to be prepared by a suitably qualified person and submitted to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development.

The plan is to include procedures for ensuring impacts on private accesses are minimised and that land owners are notified of any disruption to property access.

The plan is to be accompanied by the advice of the Department of State Growth as to the adequacy of the plan relating to State Roads.

11. 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.

12. 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 Manager of Infrastructure and Works.

Permit Notes

1. This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for DA 2024/108. 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. Please be aware that any physical activity within the gas pipeline easement or over the pipeline requires contact to Tasmanian Gas Pipeline Pty Ltd, through Before you Dig Australia (Formerly Dial before you Dig 1100).

The Tasmanian Gas Pipeline Pty Ltd can be contacted via enquiries@tasmaniangaspipeline.com.au

4. Separate consent is required from the Department of State Growth in accordance with the *Roads and Jetties Act 1935* prior to the undertaking of any

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works in/over State Roads, for the movement of Oversize/Overmass vehicles on State Roads and for a new access or use of an access on a Limited Access Road.

For further information please visit https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/roads_and_traffic_management/permits_and_bookings or contact permits@stategrowth.tas.gov.au.

5. Separate Consent is required from Tas Rail prior to the undertaking of any works in/over the State Rail Corridor. See attached document for specific advice relating to progressing development in the State Rail Corridor.
6. Separate consent is required from TasNetworks in order to connect to the Bell Bay Substation. In accordance with Section 109 of the *Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995*, a person must not, without proper authority –
 - (a) *attach an electrical installation or other thing to a transmission system or distribution network; or*
 - (b) *connect, disconnect or interfere with a supply of electricity from a transmission system or distribution network; or*
 - (c) *interfere with electrical infrastructure or an electrical installation in any other way.*
7. The applicant is strongly encouraged to liaise with TasNetworks, The Department of State Growth, and other renewable energy proponents to consider opportunities for co-location of infrastructure, particularly transmission line corridors, in order to minimise costs and the cumulative impacts of such infrastructure.
8. 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
9. 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.
10. 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.

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11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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 Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe, Cr Mason
and Cr Orr
Against: Nil
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 / 0

Cr Archer returned to the meeting at 1:25 pm.

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7.2 DA 2025/17 - LOT 200 PIPE CLAY DRIVE, GEORGE TOWN

REPORT AUTHOR: Senior Town Planner - Mr J. Simons
REPORT DATE: 6/05/2025
FILE NO: DA 2025/17

Minute No. 64/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lowe
Seconded: Cr Orr

That the application for use and development, Subdivision (4 Lots - Road & Balance) at Lot 200 Pipe Clay Drive, George Town (CT 151955/200) 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. Nova Land Consulting, Proposed Subdivision, Job No. L220727, V3.0, sheet 1, dated 14/02/2025;
- b. Nova Land Consulting, Planning Report, dated April 2025;
- c. Nova Land Consulting, Bushfire Hazard Report, dated March 2025;
- d. Rare., Infrastructure Design, Project No. 231028, Drawing C101, C400 and C401 (Lots 1-4 only, future works excluded)

to the satisfaction of the Council, unless otherwise specified by the condition of this permit. 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 shown on the endorsed plans and specifications or otherwise specified by the conditions below:

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- i. Roads, crossovers and reticulated drainage infrastructure;
 - ii. All necessary line marking and traffic signage;
 - iii. Reticulated water and sewage;
 - iv. Electricity infrastructure including street lighting;
 - v. 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 on both sides of road crossings;
 - ii. Kerb & channel;
 - iii. Roads; and
 - iv. Road junctions & intersections.
- c) show:
- i. the proposed road with a minimum carriageway width of 8.9 meters with 35mm asphalt seal, conforming to TSD-R06-v3;
 - ii. a 20m wide road reserve is to be maintained consistent with the existing width of Pipe Clay Drive.
 - iii. provision of kerb and channel on the north side of the new road extension;
 - iv. provision of a temporary turning head with minimum external radius of 12m in accordance with the endorsed bushfire hazard management plan and including bollards or boulders suitable to minimize unauthorized entry into the balance.
 - v. all lots, including the balance are to be provided with a driveway crossover in accordance with the Tasmanian Standard Drawings.
- d) a Stormwater Management Plan that includes the following:
- i. Certification from an experienced and licensed practicing Civil/hydraulic Engineer;
 - ii. A piped minor stormwater drainage system able to accommodate a storm with an 10% AEP, when the land serviced by the system is fully developed;
 - iii. A major stormwater drainage system designed to accommodate a storm with a 1% AEP, inclusive of climate change loading based on RCP8.5 to the year 2100; the major system is to include a cut off drain intercepting overland flow from the balance prior to Lots 4 and 2 and discharging to the existing stormwater system.
 - iv. All capacity calculations are to assume that residential lot surfaces have a minimum of 30% impervious surfaces;
 - v. Modelling encompassing the entire development site, as well as the existing downstream drainage network on Franklin Street up to the connection with York Creek; and
 - vi. Should modelling demonstrate insufficient capacity of the existing stormwater system on White Street to accommodate the additional runoff generated by the development, the developer must submit proposed solutions to mitigate this issue. Acceptable solutions may include: (a) Onsite detention to reduce the peak runoff discharge to the White Street system; or (b) Upgrading the downstream stormwater network to ensure adequate capacity; The cost of upgrading the existing drainage system is to be borne by the developer.
- e) treatment of points of transition where new infrastructure does not match the existing is to be clearly detailed.
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- f) a landscape plan showing a minimum of one street tree per lot, and a minimum spacing between tree centres not exceeding 20m. Where possible, a 1.5m offset, on all sides from the centre of the tree trunk to be maintained free of services and footpaths on both sides of all roads to accommodate a corridor for planting trees. Where insufficient space is provided, engineering solutions, such as trees cells, are required. The species of trees are to be approved by Council's Director Infrastructure and Development.
- g) all roads are to be designed in accordance with the Austroads Guide to Road Design, LGAT Standard Drawings and where applicable the Tasmanian Subdivision Guidelines, except where deviations are strictly necessary and approved or directed by Council's Director Infrastructure and Development. The Guidelines are available at www.lgat.tas.gov.au
- h) the means of connection to power reticulation services to each lot and street lighting in accordance with a design approved by TasNetworks. A copy of the approved design must be submitted to Council upon approval by TasNetworks.
- i) the means of connection for all lots to telecommunications. Where physical infrastructure is provided, services are to be underground. Written advice regarding the preferred means of connection and/or a plan approved by Telstra or other approved supplier must be submitted to Council upon approval by the supplier.
- j) all drawings are to be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced engineer or Engineering Consultancy.
- k) future use of the balance should be considered and infrastructure appropriate for the intended use be installed to avoid re-work in the future.

In all instances where the detailed design requires deviation from the standards identified above, approval must be sought from Council's Director Infrastructure and Development. Any such request for approval must be accompanied by supporting evidence prepared by a suitably qualified engineer.

Once approved by Council's Director Infrastructure and Development, engineering design drawings are valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of such approval, following which they will automatically lapse if they have not been carried into effect via works. Where any engineering design drawings have lapsed, Council may require the resubmission and review of the relevant engineering design drawings, any associated calculations and any other relevant information to ensure compliance with current infrastructure standards and applicable legislation.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF WORKS

Prior to the sealing of the Final Plan, all private and public infrastructure works must be constructed in accordance with the engineering design drawings approved by the Council's Director Infrastructure and Development in accordance with Condition 2. All works, including infrastructure and landscaping, must be commenced under the direct supervision of a civil engineer and completed to the satisfaction of the Council's Director Infrastructure and Development. Certification from the supervising engineer that all works have been carried out in accordance with the approved engineering design plans and to Council standards will be required prior to issue of the Certificate of Practical Completion.

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4. CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

- 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 notifying the owner of 4 Pipe Clay Drive prior to the commencement of works likely to give rise to dust, and for receiving and addressing complaints from surrounding land owners. All works are to be undertaken in accordance with the approved construction environmental management plan.

5. CONTRIBUTION IN LIEU OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Pursuant to section 117 of the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993, Council has determined that the subdivision will, or is likely to, increase the demand for public open space and, as no or no sufficient or acceptable provision has been made in the plan of subdivision for public open space, Council has determined that payment of a cash contribution (the Contribution) in lieu of public open space is appropriate.

The contribution must be in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the value of the area of land, comprising Lots 1-4, in the approved plan of subdivision, excluding the balance lot.

The amount of the contribution is to be determined by a valuation (the Valuation) of the specified lots prepared by a registered land valuer. The Valuation must be procured at the subdivider's expense. Unless otherwise specified in this condition, the Valuation is to determine the value of the relevant land as at the date of lodgment with Council of the Final Plan of subdivision for sealing (the Final Plan), following the completion of all works required by this permit, including but not limited to all private and public infrastructure and landscaping works.

The subdivider must pay the contribution to Council before the Final Plan will be sealed by Council. References in this permit condition to payment of a contribution includes the provision of security for the same in the form of a bond by the landowner to pay the contribution which is supported by a bank guarantee, in accordance with the requirements of sub-section 117(4) of the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993. Each of the bond and the guarantee must be in a form acceptable to Council

6. TRANSFER OF ROAD LOT

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The Road Lot, Lot 100, is to be transferred to Council on sealing of the Final Plan (the lot is to be directly issued in the name of George Town Council). All costs incurred in the surveying and transfer of the ROAD Lots are to be borne by the subdivider.

7. DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD

Prior to the sealing of the Plan of Survey, the person responsible must lodge with Council a bond and bank guarantee/cash deposit for the duration of the Defect Liability Period (12 months) for the amount of 5% of the construction value of the public works.

8. VEHICULAR CROSSOVERS

Prior to the sealing of the Final Plan, the driveway crossovers servicing each lot are to be constructed in accordance with the endorsed plans, Tasmanian Standard Drawing TSD-R09-v3 and to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Development.

9. EASEMENTS

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

10. COVENANTS

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

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

11. BUSHFIRE HAZARD MANAGEMENT

- a) The land is to be maintained at all times in accordance with the endorsed Bushfire Hazard Management Plan.
- b) Prior to the Sealing of the final plan a Part 5 Agreement (Agreement under Section 71 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993) is to be registered to the title ensuring ongoing maintenance of the balance land in accordance with the endorsed Bushfire Hazard Management Plan.

12. TEMPORARY TURNING HEAD

Prior to the sealing of the Final Plan, an agreement made pursuant to section 71 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 must be executed by the George Town Council (Council) and the permit holder providing for the following:

- a) A permanent legal right of access must be provided for the general public over the proposed temporary turning head (12m outer radius); and
- b) A right to access and undertake maintenance work for Council over the proposed temporary turning head.

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Once executed, the Agreement must be lodged and registered on CT 182617/1 in accordance with section 78 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993. All costs associated with preparing and registering the Agreement must be borne by the applicant.

Or

Some other mechanism which provides a permanent and unalienable right of access and maintenance for the general public and Council over the temporary turning head (12m outer radius), agreed between the General Manager and the developer, is in place.

13. TASWATER

The development must be in accordance with the Amended Submission to Planning Authority Notice issued by TasWater (**TWDA 2025/00350-GTC** attached).

14. 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.

15. 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 Manager of Infrastructure and Works.

Permit Notes

1. This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for DA 2025/17. You should contact Council with any other use or development, as it may require the separate approval of Council. The 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. This permit does not constitute and should not be taken as any form of approval for any future stage indicated on the plans. Approval is limited to those lots and road indicated in Nova Land Consulting, Proposed Subdivision, Job No. L220727, V3.0, sheet 1, dated 14/02/2025. It is strongly recommended that any future stages be discussed with Council prior to the submission of an application.

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4. TasNetworks has advised the following:

Based on the information provided, the development is not likely to adversely affect TasNetworks' operations.

As with any subdivision, consideration should be given to the electrical infrastructure works that will be required to ensure a supply of electricity can be provided to each lot.

It is recommended that the customer or their electrician submit an application via our website portal found here <https://www.tasnetworks.com.au/Connections/Connections-Hub> to establish an electricity supply connection to each lot.

5. 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

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

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In this instance there is an existing Part 5 with a number of restrictive covenants that no longer reflect modern standards of development or the provisions of the planning scheme. It is strongly recommended that consideration be given to the removal or amendment of the Part 5 prior to sealing of the final plan. If not removed, all resulting lots will be subject to the agreement and covenants within it.

10. 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.

11. 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 left the meeting at 1.28 pm.

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8 OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOP APRIL AND MAY 2025

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE: 13 May 2025
FILE NO: 14.10

Minute No. 65/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council:

1. Receives the report on the Council Workshops held on the 29 April 2025, 13 May 2025 and 20 May 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

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**8.2 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ALGA) NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2025**

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	14 May 2025
FILE NO:	14.15

Cr Dawson called a point of order against Cr Barwick at 1.35 pm LG(MP)R 23 (1)(c) no seconder had been called.

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

The Director Corporate and Community left the meeting at 1.38 pm.

Minute No. 66/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council:

1. Supports the attendance of the Deputy Mayor to represent Council as a voting delegate at the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 24–27 June 2025.
2. Approves the Director Organisational Performance & Strategy to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government 2025.

VOTING

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

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8.3 QUARTERLY REPORT - QUARTER 3 - 1 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 2025

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager – Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	8 May 2025
FILE NO:	14.21

Minute No. 67/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Orr
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council:

1. Receives the George Town Council 3rd Quarter Performance Report 1 January – 31 March 2025.
2. Provide public access to the report as part of Council's commitment to ongoing good governance.

VOTING

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

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8.4 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	21 May 2025
FILE NO:	23.1

Minute No. 68/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Archer
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council defer Agenda Item 8.4.

VOTING

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

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9 INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

9.1 GEORGE TOWN & LOW HEAD URBAN ROAD NETWORK PLAN

REPORT AUTHOR: Senior Town Planner - Mr J. Simons
REPORT DATE: 16th May 2025
FILE NO: {custom-field-file-no}

The Senior Planner entered the meeting at 2.16 pm.

Minute No. 69/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council:

1. Adopts the Urban Road Network Plan for George Town & Low Head.

VOTING

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

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9.2 GEORGE TOWN & LOW HEAD PATHWAY NETWORK PLAN

REPORT AUTHOR: Senior Town Planner - Mr J. Simons
REPORT DATE: 16th May 2025
FILE NO: 63.12

Minute No. 70/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council:

1. Adopts the Pathway Network Plan for George Town & Low Head.

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 left the meeting at 2.25 pm.

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9.3 DRAINAGE UPGRADE VICTORIA ST EASEMENT - BUDGET TRANSFER

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director Infrastructure & Development - Mr A. McCarthy
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REPORT DATE: 27 May 2025

FILE NO: 66.154

The Director Infrastructure and Development entered the meeting at 2.26 pm.

Minute No. 71/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lowe
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Approves the transfer of a combined budget of **\$130,962** from the 2024/25 Reseal Program (J90077) and Stormwater Pipe Renewal Program (J90096) to fund the Drainage Upgrade at the Victoria Street Easement located at 110–112 Victoria Street; and
2. Authorises the General Manager to utilise the transferred budget to fund the proposed drainage upgrade works at 110-112 Victoria St Easement.

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 Infrastructure and Development left the meeting at 2.32 pm.

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10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

10.1 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE POLICY

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Corporate & Community - Ms C. Hyde
REPORT DATE: 28 May 2025
FILE NO: 14.33

The Director Corporate and Community entered the meeting at 2.33 pm.

Minute No. 72/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ashley
Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council:

1. Adopt the amended GTC-11 Community Assistance Policy.

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 2.38 pm.

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11 ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE & STRATEGY

11.1 FEES & CHARGES - COMPLIANCE

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement – Mr Rick Dunn
REPORT DATE:	21 May 2025
FILE NO:	45.24

The Director Organisational Performance and Strategy entered the meeting at 2.38 pm.

Minute No. 73/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Archer
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council:

1. adopt the below Environmental Health fees and charges for the 2025/2026 financial year; and
2. adopt the Dog Registration and Management fees and charges below for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Environmental Health

Facility or Service	Fee Description	G ST In c.	2024/2025 Fees	2025/2026 Fees
Environmental Health				
Food Business Inspection	Additional inspection	N	\$189	\$198
Food Business Notification	Notification Only	N	\$21	\$22
Food Business Registration (incl. state wide)	Low risk premises [1]	N	\$168	\$176
Food Business Registration (incl. state wide)	Medium risk premises [2]	N	\$324	\$339
Food Business Registration (incl. state wide)	High Risk premises [3]	N	\$324	\$339

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Food Business Registration (incl. state wide)	Late fee	N	Standard fee above + \$50	Standard fee above + \$52
*Food Business Registration (incl. state wide) – New Business (DecJune)	Low risk premises [1]	N	\$84	\$88
*Food Business Registration (incl. state wide) New Business (DecJune)	Medium risk premises [2]	N	\$157	\$164
*Food Business Registration (incl. state wide) New Business (DecJune)	High Risk premises [3]	N	\$157	\$164
Community Organisations and Sporting Clubs	Non Commercial / Charity fee waived	N	\$0.00	\$0.00
Water and Food Sampling	Food Sampling [4]	Y	Laboratory fees plus 15%	Laboratory fees plus 15%
On-site Wastewater Management System Design Assessment	Subdivision assessment (1 lot)	Y	\$368 + \$50 per additional lot	\$383 + \$52 per additional lot
On-site Wastewater Management System Inspection	Reinspection due to incomplete or faulty work	Y	\$189	\$198
Water Supply Registration (Water Carters, Food Premises, Tourist Accommodation)	Registration as a supplier of bulk potable water, or water from a private source (other than from TasWater). Includes registration, inspection and water sample on costs.	N	\$173 per vehicle/tanker \$173 per food premises \$173 per tourist accommodation site	\$180 per vehicle/tanker \$180 per food premises \$180 per tourist accommodation site
Public Health	Place of Assembly Licence (new or renewal)	N	\$179	\$187
Public Health	Registration of premises for public health risk activity (e.g. skin penetration)	N	\$173	\$181
Public Health	Registration of a Regulated System (e.g. cooling towers)	N	\$179	\$187

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***Pre-purchase	Inspection of Food Business	Y	\$189	\$198
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Abatement Notice	Contractor engaged to complete works at cost
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Public Health – notes:

- 1 Premises are ranked in accordance with a Risk Classifications System, low risk includes cafes.
- 2 Premises are ranked in accordance with a Risk Classifications System, medium risk includes restaurants.
- 3 Premises are ranked in accordance with a Risk Classifications System, high risk includes nursing homes.
- 4 Does not include costs of analysis.
- 5 Includes connections to Council gravity or low pressure sewer or other special connections

* Registrations of less than a year - Fee may be reduced by 6% per month for registrations less than 12 months.

* Refunding fees where business changes hands or closes – Calculate refunds at 6% per month of balance of registration period.

Facility Service or	Fee Description	GS T inc	2024/2025 Fees	Proposed 2025/26 Fees
Environmental Health				
Food Premises Referral (FORM 42/49)	Fee for provision of form 49 as requested from a Building Surveyor	Y	\$182 + hourly rate for assessment	\$190 + hourly rate for assessment
Food Premises Occupancy Inspection/Report (FORM 50)	Fee for inspection and provision of form 50 as requested from a Building Surveyor	Y	\$182	\$190
Waste Water Referral	Referral from Plumbing surveyor to EHO for assessment of On Site Waste Water system	Y	\$380	\$410

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Inspections	Normal inspection costing for quotes. Additional inspections due to failure of booked inspection, resulting in the need for EHO to re-inspect a particular stage.	Y	\$182	\$190
Environmental Health Officer Hourly Rate	Hourly rate for all works that are not covered under specific fees.	Y	\$182	\$190
Place of Assembly Licence	Assessment of, and issue of POA licence.	Y	\$182 (waived for NFP groups as in kind support)	\$190 (waived for NFP groups as in kind support)

Dog Registration fees

1. Re-registration of dog on or before 30th June 2025 or first registration of dog reaching the age of 6 months

Facility or Service	2024/2025	Proposed Fees 2025/2026
Dog Registration fees		
Whole Dog	\$63	\$66
Desexed Dog	\$30	\$31
Pensioner Concession – Whole Dog	\$30	\$31
Pensioner Concession – Desexed Dog	\$19	\$20
Working Dog	\$30	\$31
Registered Breeding Dog	\$30	\$31
Greyhounds Registered	\$30	\$31
Guide Dog	Exempt	Exempt
Companion Dog	Exempt	Exempt
Guard Dog	\$125	\$131
Dangerous Dog	\$535	\$559

2. Re-Registration of dog after 30 June 2025

Facility or Service	2024/2025	Proposed Fees 2025/2026
Re-Registration of dog after 30 June 2024		
Whole Dog	\$88	\$92

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Desexed Dog	\$40	\$42
Pensioner Concession – Whole Dog	\$32	\$33
Pensioner Concession – Desexed Dog	\$20	\$21
Working Dog	\$40	\$42
Registered Breeding Dog	\$40	\$42
Greyhounds Registered	\$40	\$42
Guide Dog	Exempt	Exempt
Companion Dog	Exempt	Exempt
Guard Dog	\$173	\$181
Dangerous Dog	\$574	\$600
Lifetime Registration – Whole Dog	\$310	\$324
Lifetime Registration – Desexed Dog	\$155	\$162
Lifetime Registration – Pensioner Whole Dog	\$155	\$162
Lifetime Registration – Pensioner Desexed Dog	\$80	\$84
Lifetime Registration – Working Dog	\$155	\$162
Transfer Registration dog registered in other Tasmanian Council – annual registration only	\$13	\$14
Transfer Registration dog registered in other Tasmanian Council – lifetime registration		\$75

Rules for Lifetime registration – no refunds given for deceased dogs

Rules for Lifetime registration – no refunds given for transfer to other Local Government

First time registration may be pro-rated for registrations within three months of the 30 June 2025

Facility or Service	2024/2025	Proposed Fees 2025/2026
Miscellaneous fees		
Replacement registration tag	\$13	\$14
Fee for notice of complaint	\$31	\$32
Annual renewal of Kennel licence	\$30	\$31
Kennel licence – 3 to 5 dogs	\$93	\$97
Kennel licence – more than 5 dogs	\$136	\$142
Declared dangerous dog	\$535	\$559
Dangerous dog sign, collar, etc.	\$130	\$136
Surrendered Dog	\$119	\$124
Microchip booked through Council	\$61	\$64

Facility or Service	2024/2025	Proposed Fees 2025/2026
Impounding/Release fees		
Pound maintenance charge per dog per day	\$53	\$55

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Dog release for 1st seizure of dog	\$79	\$83
Dog release for 2nd & subsequent seizure of dog	\$196	\$205
Microchip required prior to release when found at large without chip	\$87	\$91

VOTING

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

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The Director Organisational Performance and Strategy left the meeting at 2.39 pm.

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12 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

12.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT - MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

REPORT DATE: 21 May 2025

FILE NO: 14.11, 14.15

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser		
April	23	Attended George Town Neighbourhood Shed Committee meeting
	23	Tamar FM Radio Interview
	25	Attended Anzac Day Commemoration
	26	Guest at Nigeria Association meeting
	28	Attended launch of Tas Police Community Strategy
	29	Chaired Council Workshop
	29	Chaired Ordinary Council Meeting
May	1	Tamar FM Radio Interview
	5	Participated in General Manager Annual Performance Review Panel
	8	Guest Speaker for Bell Bay Aluminium Leadership Forum
	8	Attended Marinus Project Updated Briefing
	10	Opened the Post-Graduate Society Exhibition - "Creative George Town"
	13	Chaired Council Workshop
	20	Chaired Budget Workshop
	21	Presented the George Town Council Volunteer Awards
Deputy Mayor Cr Greg Dawson		
April	29	Attended Council Workshop
	29	Attended Ordinary Council meeting
May	5	Participated in General Manager Annual Performance Review Panel
	13	Attended Council Workshop
	20	Attended Budget Workshop
	21	Presented with the Mayor the George Town Council Volunteer Awards
Cr Jason Orr		
April	25	Attended the Weymouth Anzac Day Service
May	5	Participated in General Manager Annual Performance Review Panel
	6	Attended DAP Meeting

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Minute No. 74/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Dawson

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

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13 PETITIONS

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15 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Barwick

Q1. Cr Barwick asked if there could be another Council area i.e. Secret Park to commemorate the late Peter Cox.

Response

Given the complexities associated with obtaining approval from The Crown to rename sites along Tamar Avenue, a Council owned site such as Secret Park is less complex.

If the Council decided this was the preferred site, the installation of a commemorative seat can be arranged promptly. However, if Council wanted to rename the park "Peter Cox Reserve", this will require it to be approved by Placenames Tasmania.

Cr Barwick

Q1. Cr Barwick asked where did Secret Park's name come from?

The General Manager took the question on notice.

MOTION FROM THE FLOOR – POTENTIAL LAND SALES

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Lowe

That motion 025/18 Potential Council Land Sales be returned to Council for further decision.

Cr Barwick called a Point of Order at 2.57 pm against Cr Dawson LG (MP)R 23(1)(a) the item was referred to a workshop and had not returned to a Council meeting to express a public opinion.

The Chair requested the General Manager to provide clarification if there was a requirement in the Act to deal with properties individually.

The General Manager advised that a report to April meeting was received and noted the quarterly performance report and that the completed motions will be removed. As Council has resolved this item it cannot come back to the meeting without new information.

The Chair advised that Cr Barwick's motion is mute because the previous motion is specific about the completed motions.

Cr Barwick requested this in writing.

The Chair directed Cr Barwick and agreed to provide his response in writing.

The Chair accepted the motion.

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The Director Corporate and Community entered the meeting at 3.09 pm.

VOTING

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

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MOTION FROM THE FLOOR – FUTURE IMPACT GROUP

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council invites Mr Andrew Taylor as Chair of the Future Impact Group to give Council an update on their current activities and intention of becoming incorporated.

VOTING

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

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The General Manager left the meeting at 3.25 pm.

Cr Harris left the meeting at 3.25 pm.

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16 CLOSED MEETING

16.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

Minute No. 75/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Lowe

That Council move into closed meeting at 3.25 pm to discuss the following items:

Agenda Item 16.2 Minutes of the Closed Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 April 2025

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

Agenda Item 16.3 Local Government Association of Tasmania LGAT 2025 Elections

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

Agenda Item 16.4 Leave of Absence – Cr Heather Ashley

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

Agenda Item 16.5 General Manager Annual Performance Review 2024/2025

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

VOTING

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

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17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.26 pm.

Cr Greg Kieser
MAYOR

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GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL

REFLECT RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

NOVEMBER 2022 — JUNE 2023





milaythina and muka
Land and Sea

The ocean is life source of beauty
a place of peace and of great
connection, the land gives many
gifts to our people and lutruwita
has markings of significance deep
in its existence.

Artist Susan Mansell

acknowledgement to traditional owners

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.

The language used throughout the RAP document is in palawa kani. The language of the Tasmanian Aborigines.

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pulingina mapili,

Welcome everyone,

To this the kinimathatakinta Reconciliation Action Plan.

We live on the land of the pakana people, my people.

The Traditional custodians of this land, Lutruwita.

I Honour all my ancestors before me... by learning from this country, respecting it, listening to its sounds, learning from the sky and seasons, caring for the land, respecting my culture, and always learning from my Elders.

We welcome others to share this land with us.... with respect and care, for together the future can be a rich and prosperous one for us all.

When we understand that caring for this land and preserving pakana culture is something we must all do together.

The rich history of this place, kinimathatakinta (George Town), is a story that should be shared, learned from, and celebrated.

I grew up in George Town, raised my children here and worked here in the community, for the past four years in Aboriginal Education at a local school, and more recently with the George Town Council as their Aboriginal Community Development Officer.

Like our river, the kanamaluka we must always be moving, sometimes forward sometimes back but always respecting the natural flow and find beauty in that.

I welcome you to this Land and ask you to always respect it and continue to care for your community, and its people and be advocates for Aboriginal People in Lutruwita/Tasmania.

nayri nina tu

Susan Mansell

Aboriginal Community
Development Officer





GM STATEMENT

It is with much excitement that I introduce the Reconciliation Action Plan, George Town Council's first.

The plan has been developed in partnership with representatives from our local Aboriginal community who (along with those who identify as Torres Strait Islander) make up for 5.5% of our population. Other partners include Reconciliation Tasmania, Bell Bay Aluminum and elected representatives. I thank all involved for the courage and commitment to embark on this journey of reconciliation and am particularly proud of the way in which our organization has embraced this endeavor.

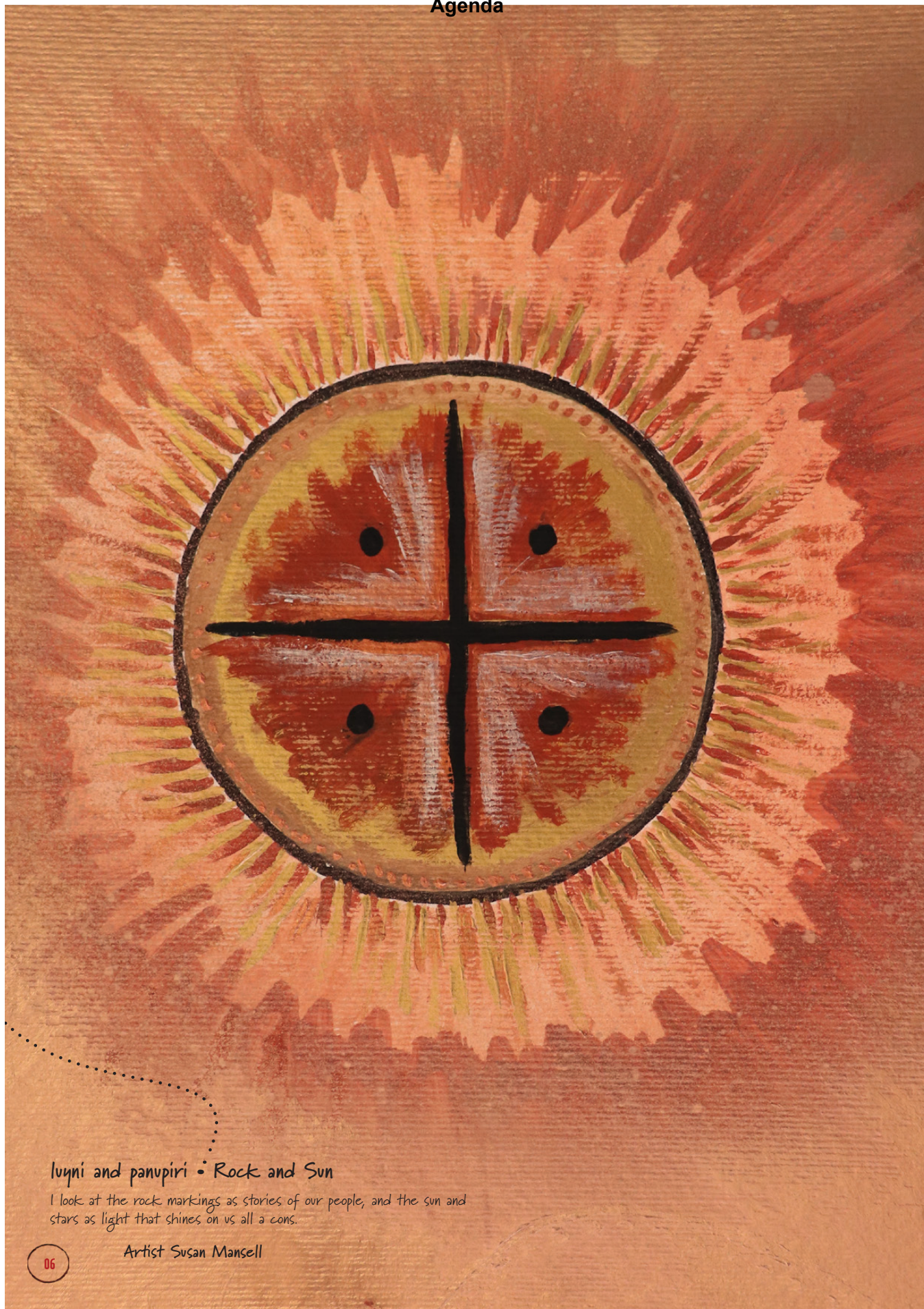
So much is known and celebrated about our short lived colonial history. There is so much more to learn, preserve and celebrate of the worlds longest surviving culture. This is true even within our small part of the world, kinimathatakinta.

We acknowledge the atrocities suffered by our first nations peoples by early Europeans and recognize the challenges that exist today for our Aboriginal community. We are steadfast in improving the quality of life for all of our community and especially those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.

There is much to do to accomplish genuine reconciliation, however I am confident that we will achieve this, with our first RAP confirmation that the journey for us has begun.

Shane Power
General Manager
George Town Council





CEO STATEMENT

Reconciliation Australia welcomes George Town Council to the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program with the formal endorsement of its inaugural Reflect RAP.

George Town Council joins a network of more than 1,100 corporate, government, and not-for-profit organisations that have made a formal commitment to reconciliation through the RAP program.

Since 2006, RAPs have provided a framework for organisations to leverage their structures and diverse spheres of influence to support the national reconciliation movement. The program's potential for impact is greater than ever, with close to 3 million people now working or studying in an organisation with a RAP.

The four RAP types — Reflect, Innovate, Stretch and Elevate — allow RAP partners to continuously develop and strengthen reconciliation commitments in new ways. This Reflect RAP will lay the foundations, priming the workplace for future RAPs and reconciliation initiatives.

The RAP program's strength is its framework of relationships, respect, and opportunities, allowing an organisation to strategically set its reconciliation commitments in line with its own business objectives, for the most effective outcomes.

These outcomes contribute towards the five dimensions of reconciliation: race relations; equality and equity; institutional integrity; unity; and historical acceptance.

It is critical to not only uphold all five dimensions of reconciliation, but also increase awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, knowledge, and leadership across all sectors of Australian society.

This Reflect RAP enables George Town Council to deepen its understanding of its sphere of influence and the unique contribution it can make to lead progress across the five dimensions. Getting these first steps right will ensure the sustainability of future RAPs and reconciliation initiatives, and provide meaningful impact toward Australia's reconciliation journey.

Congratulations George Town Council, welcome to the RAP program, and I look forward to following your reconciliation journey in the years to come.

Karen Mundine
Chief Executive Officer
Reconciliation Australia



OUR BUSINESS

George Town Council exists to provide a high quality of life for its community and is a vocal advocate and key contributor to positive social change beyond the borders of the municipal area. We are determined to challenge ourselves to be better, to provide leadership to the community in acknowledging the history of our area, including atrocities befallen to the First Nations people. We are resolute on moving towards reconciliation through accepting our past, through truth-telling and through genuine partnerships with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Our community and its attitudes are changing as we will work together to build a resilient and inclusive community.

kinimathatakinta / George Town municipal area is 663km², located in lutruwita / trowunna (Tasmania), north of Launceston. The municipal area is bound by the kanamaluka / Tamar River in the west, Bass Strait in the north, Dorset municipal area in the east and the City of Launceston municipal area in the south. Our primary offices are located in kinimathatakinta / George Town, the largest town in the municipality situated at the mouth of the kanamaluka / Tamar River as it enters the Bass Strait.

The George Town Council employs 54 full-time equivalent people to provide services to over 7,100 residents. Our community is growing in diversity and includes some 4.4% who identify as First Nations people.

The municipal area is host to Tasmania's largest industrial precinct responsible for almost 60% of the State's Gross Regional Product. However, our population remains among the most disadvantaged in lutruwita / trowunna (Tasmania). Council, through collaborative efforts across all sectors and community are working hard to close the gap.

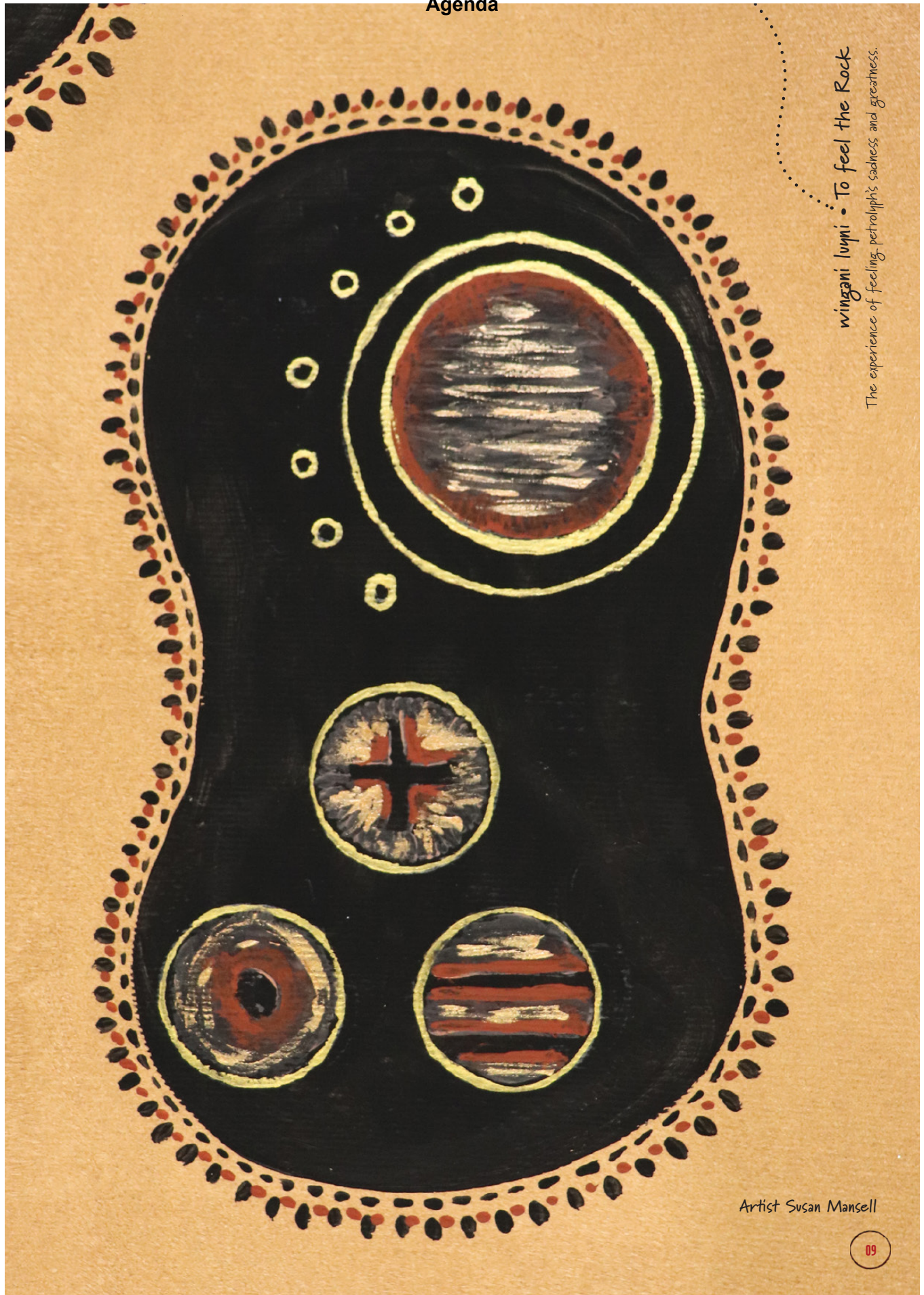
Council provides a vast range of services it delivers to the community, ranging from infrastructure provision, health and wellbeing programs, sports facilities, public and environmental health and regulatory services. Council is investing significantly in education, hospitality and tourism endeavours creating a second economy aimed to provide the local community with alternate pathways to meaningful employment.

George Town Council strives to be an employer of choice, providing diverse roles and opportunities to its 54 (full-time, part-time and casual staff) who represent the diverse community in which it serves.

The actual number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff is unknown. Council acknowledges and respects that not all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are comfortable identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Council employs an Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (1 EFT) who is a descendant of the Tasmanian First Nations people.

The municipal area has a geographical footprint of 663km² in the North of lutruwita / trowunna (Tasmania). Council actively advocates for positive social change regionally, state-wide and nation-wide. In addition to advocacy vehicles such as regional partnerships, the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the Australian Local Government Association. The Council makes individual representations to all levels of government.

Council also operates the administration centre, a depot facility and tourism facilities all located within the George Town township.



OUR RAP

The kinimathatakinta / George Town municipality has significant First Nations and colonial history. The First Nations history in the kinimathatakinta / George Town area has been under acknowledged. George Town Council has committed to acknowledging the history of First Nations people and to celebrate the rich cultures of the First Nations peoples in collaboration with the local Aboriginal community. It has been confronting to accept our history: however, we have matured to a point of acceptance and willingness to progress genuine reconciliation.

Our journey to a RAP was initiated by our community starting through a presentation by Reconciliation Tasmania to the Chamber of Commerce, the George Town Bowls Club and the George Town Rotary Club. Council is led by a collective of culturally aware elected representatives, supported by a contemporary management team who are steadfast on equality for all.

As an organisation, we are committed to the George Town Council and the community. Being able to acknowledge past atrocities, recognise current challenges for today's local First Nations people and provide opportunities for the advancement of prosperity and culture for First Nations people as we commence our journey and our commitment to genuine reconciliation.

The commencement of our RAP journey included the establishment of a Reconciliation Action Working Group and many of our staff participating in the Come Walk With Us cultural education training. We have celebrated NAIDOC week for two consecutive years and have an ongoing commitment to financially support Mannalargenna Day in North East Tasmania with the melythina tiakana warrana Aboriginal Corporation. We now incorporate an Acknowledgment of Country in all Council practices and we advocate for dual naming of State assets and places. The current redevelopment of our central retail precinct includes an Aboriginal Gathering Space that we are building and designing along with a Cultural Education and Experience Trail. We expect these projects to showcase First Nations culture, provide educational experiences for all and lead to new employment opportunities for our local Aboriginal community members in the area of cultural tourism and education.



As we progress our RAP journey, we work in collaboration with the people of our local First Nations community in the development and implementation of policies and practices that acknowledge cultural sensitivities and ensure we consider cultural needs in all of our decision-making. We will work to ensure that each elected and employed representative of the George Town Council is an ambassador for reconciliation and shares the accountability for the implementation of the RAP. We will also ensure adequate budgetary provisions are made to implement the actions of our RAP journey and we will work to provide opportunities for First Nations people.

Council is committed to the establishment, resourcing and support of a Reconciliation Action Working Group comprising of the Mayor, elected members, senior officers, local industry and local Aboriginal representatives from within the community.

We also commit to work in collaboration with our local Aboriginal community.

Through revision, development and implementation of organisational policies and practices that acknowledge cultural sensitivities, we aim to provide opportunities for local First Nations people, ensuring we consider cultural needs in all of our decision making.

Council's reconciliation journey is very much in its infancy. The acknowledgment of the atrocities of the past and the existence of a local population identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people was the impetus for commencement of the journey towards reconciliation.



The George Town Council is committed to advancing its reconciliation journey and truth-telling by local First Nations people to build respect and understanding in the community and staff about the First Nations history, identity, heritage, and culture.

We recognise the injustices that have befallen First Nations people. It's the aim of the Council to support the Closing the Gap targets and will support initiatives to bring equity and opportunities to our local Aboriginal community and beyond, within its capacity, including through advocacy efforts at all levels.

The George Town Council recognises and respects First Nations people as the original custodians of the land. We are led by a body of culturally aware elected representatives, supported by a contemporary management team steadfast for equality for all by building respectful relationships between First Nations people, our community and broader Australia. We are committed to an organisation and community that acknowledges past atrocities, recognises current challenges for today's local Aboriginal peoples and provides opportunities for the advancement of First Nations peoples, cultures and prosperity.

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and teach us.

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OUR PARTNERSHIPS/ CURRENT ACTIVITIES

George Town Council has several valued partners on its RAP journey.

The Future Impact Group (FIG) has been working since 2016 to explore community-led pathways to change and the building of a resilient, inclusive community. The work of FIG is supported by Bell Bay Aluminium, George Town Neighbourhood House, TasCOSS, Tamar FM, Beacon Foundation, Collective Ed, Liberty (Fuel) and the George Town Council. The ACARA Myschool website records that there are 16% and 17% of students in the two George Town Public schools who identify as First Nations and these schools have active programs to promote reconciliation. South George Town Primary has recently acquired the dual name kinimathatakinta, the palawa kani name for the George Town area.

We are working with community art groups who support National Reconciliation Week and our local Historical Society is working to acknowledge both our First Nations and colonial history. Bell Bay Aluminium is a significant employer in the the kinimathatakinta / George Town

region, and over the past few years, Bell Bay Aluminium has shown a commitment to work with the Council and the community towards reconciliation and acknowledgment of our shared history. The work of Bell Bay Aluminium and of all our partners has had a ripple effect by contributing to community connections and a safe environment for people to acknowledge and take pride in their First Nations heritage and history. Our partners also include the Commonwealth Government, the Tasmanian State Government, other Tasmanian Councils, the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the Australian Local Government Association.

Council also has developed a partnership with the Child and Family Centre, Service Tasmania and the First Nations community in the establishment of the Community Hub, providing a valuable resource to promote social cohesion and well-being, and as a space for the celebration of all the cultures living in the kinimathatakinta / George Town.



The George Town Hub and their cultural journey.

The George Town Community Hub has for some years now had a strong relationship with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) and the Department's own Aboriginal Education Services via our Aboriginal Early Years Education Worker based at the Child and Family Learning Centre (CFLC). As an integrated service model, the CFLC and Library work closely together to support Aboriginal Cultural events at the Hub and within the broader community. We see our connection to the Aboriginal families in our community as extremely important, linking them where possible to cultural program opportunities and information and support - creating safe spaces, including one that celebrates Aboriginal culture via artwork, and embeds inclusive practices.

We aim to incorporate cultural elements into everything we do across the year. In addition we have held celebrations such as NAIDOC week, youth programs with local schools and representatives from QVMAG via Auntie Vicky West.

Aboriginal Elders Uncle Murray Everett and Auntie Dawn Blazely, alongside Susan Mansell, have given their time to run cultural youth programs which have been very successful.

Recently we sought TAC's assistance in dual naming our meeting and training rooms with Aboriginal words. We have also started the process to rename our building (as South George Town Primary School has recently done) in addition to working on a Hub Aboriginal Acknowledgement of Country to be displayed at our entrances. The CFLC is also working as a part of the George Town Early Years Collective (Port Dalrymple School, South George Town Primary School and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) to develop a children's Acknowledgement of Country for our early years' programs.

To assist us in ensuring cultural awareness is embedded into daily practices and programs we have a Hub Aboriginal Cultural Working Group, whose purpose is to coordinate Hub Aboriginal cultural activities as well as support this work in the broader community. In doing so we hope to be responsive and inclusive to the needs of the local community and in line with the Hub's Operational Plan and broader Libraries Tasmania's/ Department for Education, Children and Young People's strategic objectives. This group aspires to lead Hub Aboriginal activities and events that are culturally sensitive and appropriate, and which reflect the views and perspectives of the Aboriginal community.



RELATIONSHIPS

Establish and strengthen mutually beneficial relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and organisations.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Identify First Nations people stakeholders and organisations within our local area or sphere of influence.	November 2022	Aboriginal Community Development Officer and Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Research best practices and principles that support partnerships with First Nations people stakeholders and organisations.	November 2022	Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences and Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement
Establish and maintain a close Facebook page for connecting with First Nations people in the George Town region to let the community know about the RAP project.	November 2022	Aboriginal Community Development Officer
Establish and develop meeting places for First Nations community members that are culturally safe and welcoming, that acknowledge the thousands of generations of Tasmanian Aboriginal people in the George Town area and that encourage community voices in the project.	November, 2022 January, March, May, July 2023	Aboriginal Community Development Officer and a representative member of the Aboriginal community
Develop an engagement strategy to encourage input by First Nations community members into the implementation of the RAP.	November 2022	Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Provide the opportunity for increased cultural exchange of knowledge and history among First Nations people through the RAP commitments and the kanamaluka trail project that engages Elders to share the local history and provide cultural awareness.	June 2023	Director of Corporate and Community and Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences

Build relationships through acknowledging and celebrating National Reconciliation Week (NRW)

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Circulate Reconciliation Australia's NRW resources and reconciliation materials to our staff.	May 2023	General Manager and Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement
RAP Working Group members to participate in an external NRW event.	27 May - 3 June 2023	Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement
Encourage and support Council staff and senior leaders to participate in at least one external event to recognise and celebrate NRW week.	27 May - 3 June 2023	Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement

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Promote reconciliation through our sphere of influence.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Communicate Councils commitment to reconciliation to all staff.	25 November 2022 27 January, 30 March, 26 May, 28 July, 29 September, 18 November 2023	Mayor, General Manager, Director of Corporate and Community and Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement
Identify external stakeholders that our organisation can engage with on our reconciliation journey.	January, April and August 2023	Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Identify RAP and other like-minded organisations that Council could approach to collaborate with during the reconciliation journey.	December 2022	General Manager, Director of Corporate and Community and Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Opening of the redeveloped Regent Square, which includes a First Nations Gathering Space that has been created in collaboration with the Aboriginal community to celebrate First Nations peoples and their connection to this country and land. The opening of the First Nations Gathering Space will leader by the Aboriginal community.	December 2022	Mayor and General Manager
Advocate for and promote reconciliation benefits at LGAT (Local Government Association of Tasmania) and other forums (such as Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce) to encourage information sharing with other Tasmanian Councils, forum members and partners.	May 2023 to report progress	Mayor and General Manager

Promote positive race relations through anti-discrimination strategies.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Conduct a review of HR policies and procedures to identify existing anti-discrimination provisions and future needs.	July 2023	Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement and Director of Corporate and Community
Ensure Council policies reflect and are aligned to our RAP to inform all Council staff about what constitutes a culturally safe, welcoming environment for First Nations people and implement agreed recommendations to achieve the RAP.	July 2023	General Manager and Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement



RESPECT

Increase understanding, value and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, knowledge and rights through cultural learning.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Conduct a review of cultural learning needs within our organisation.	February 2023	Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement and Director of Corporate and Community
Display a large copy of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and other local history information through consultation with First Nations community members.	November 2022	Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
In consultation with the local First Nations community, explore opportunities to display items of cultural significance within the Council chamber and at the entrance to Council Offices.	December 2022	Aboriginal Community Development Officer
Develop and display material that acknowledges First Nations community leaders and explore dual-naming for places within the George Town municipality.	December 2022 March, May, July and September 2023	Aboriginal Community Development Officer and Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences and Director of Infrastructure & Development



Demonstrate respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by observing cultural protocols.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Develop an understanding of the First Nations people of the lands and waters within Councils operational areas.	August 2023	Aboriginal Community Development Officer and Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Increase staff's understanding of the purpose and significance behind cultural protocols, including Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome to Country protocols.	November 2022	Aboriginal Community Development Officer Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Develop a Council specific Acknowledgement of Country to be used and included in significant events and in Council staff's email signatures.	November 2022	Aboriginal Community Development Officer and Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement

Build respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories by celebrating NAIDOC Week.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Raise awareness and share information amongst our staff about the meaning of NAIDOC Week.	July 2023	Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Introduce our staff to NAIDOC Week by promoting external events in our local area.	July 2023	Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Council RAP Working Group members to participate in an external NAIDOC Week event.	July 2023	Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Promote the Council's NAIDOC week and flag raising at local schools in the lead up to NAIDOC week to encourage families and children to feel welcome at these events.	July 2023	Aboriginal Community Development Officer and Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences

Recognise and acknowledge dates that are significant to local Aboriginal communities.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Explore options to schedule events that encourage broader social inclusion and participation at NAIDOC week events.	June 2023	Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Explore community views on the creation of a day of celebration for the George Town Aboriginal community called Litarimirina Day.	April 2023	Aboriginal Community Development Officer
Promote the acknowledgment of the local tribe of the Stony Creek Nation.	April 2023	Aboriginal Community Development Officer

Increase educational and creative initiatives to support opportunities in cultural knowledge exchange and intercultural collaborations.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Develop cultural events or workshops that are offered to First Nations community members as a way for them to develop their cultural knowledge and identity.	July 2023	Aboriginal Community Development Officer and Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Endeavour to embed acknowledgment of First Nations people and the cultural diversity of all people in the George Town Municipality at all festivals and events in the municipality.	July 2023 to report progress	Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences



OPPORTUNITIES

Increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander supplier diversity to support improved economic and social outcomes.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Investigate Supply Nation membership.	December 2022	Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement and Director of Corporate and Community
Develop a timetable of cultural festivals/events in the George Town municipality that promote First Nations people economic enterprise.	May 2023	Director of Corporate and Community and Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences

Improve employment outcomes by increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recruitment, retention and professional development.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Develop a business case for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment within our organisation.	May 2023	Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement
Build understanding of current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staffing to inform future employment and professional development opportunities.	May 2023	Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement and Director of Corporate and Community





GOVERNANCE

Establish and maintain an effective RAP Working Group (RWG) to drive governance of the RAP.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Review membership of and support the governance of the Reconciliation Working Group (RWG) to meet regularly to oversee RAP implementation.	December 2022 February, May and August 2023	Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement, Director of Corporate and Community and Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Review and update the Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Working Group annually.	March 2023	Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement and Director of Corporate and Community
Maintain First Nations people representation on the RWG.	December 2022 March, June and September 2023	Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences

Provide appropriate support for effective implementation of RAP commitments.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Review resource needs for RAP implementation.	June 2023	Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement and Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Engage senior leaders in the delivery of RAP commitments.	April 2023 to report progress	General Manager and Director of Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement and Director of Corporate and Community
Apply appropriate systems and capability to track, measure and report on RAP commitments.	November 2022	Community Officer in Culture, Arts and Experiences
Allocate an annual budget to support RAP commitments	July 2023	General Manager

**Build accountability and transparency through reporting
RAP achievements, challenges and learnings both internally and externally.**

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Complete and submit the annual RAP Impact Measurement Questionnaire to Reconciliation Australia.	September 2023	General Manager and Director of Corporate and Community
Complete and submit the annual RAP Impact Measurement Questionnaire to Reconciliation Australia.	September 2023	General Manager and Director of Corporate and Community

Continue our reconciliation journey by developing our next RAP.

DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBILITY
Register via Reconciliation Australia's website to begin developing our next RAP.	September 2023	General Manager





Kanamaluka • Story

The life we live on the banks of this significant river give inspiration to tell a story of its inspiration for me, The footsteps of our people on the land the birds that fly above us and provide food, the beauty of the beaches and shells for creating jewellery. The significance of our rock markings across lutruwita all come together in a story.

Artist Susan Mansell

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DELEGATIONS

Delegations by
Council Reviewed:
June 2025

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DELEGATIONS TO GENERAL MANAGER

Pursuant to

Section 22 of the Local Government Act 1993; and

Section 64 of the Local Government Act 1993

Pursuant to the powers of the Local Government Act 1993 (the LGA) the Council hereby delegates the exercise and performance of its functions and powers to the General Manager on the following conditions:

- 1: Each delegation is subject to the condition or restrictions (if any) referred to in the table to this delegation;
- 2: Each delegation is subject to such policies, policy guidelines and directions as the Council may from time to time approve;
- 3: Each delegation is subject to the provision of any Act;
- 4: Subject to the Council in writing, delegating with or without conditions to the General Manager any of its functions or powers (Section 22 of the LGA), other than its power of delegation unless authorised by the Council and the powers referred to in Section 22(3) of the LGA; and
- 5: Unless prohibited by Section 22(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 or otherwise prohibited, authorise that those powers and functions delegated to the General Manager by the Council may be sub-delegated by the General Manager pursuant to Section 64 of the Local Government Act subject to the condition or restrictions (if any) referred to in the table to this delegation.
- 6: Each delegation includes any person acting in the delegated positions.

The George Town Council pursuant to a resolution of Council 452/14 dated 17th December 2014, 004/15 dated 21st January 2015, 236/15 dated 15th July 2015, 270/16 dated 19th October 2016, 036/17 dated 15th February 2017, 264/17 dated 20th September 2017, 096/18 dated 18th July 2018 149/19 dated 27th August 2019, 063/20 dated 28th April 2020, 119/21 dated 24 August 2021, 51/24 dated 23 April 2024, **XXX** dated 24 June 2025 hereby approved these delegations.

Signed on the day of 2025.

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Mayor Greg Kieser

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General Manager Mr Shane Power

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No. 1 Biosecurity Act 2019

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 31(1)(b)	Appointment of Authorised Officer	The Secretary of the Department may appoint an employee of a council to be an authorised officer for the purpose of the Biosecurity Act.

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No. 2 Building Act 2016

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 8(3) Building Act 2016	A council may delegate to any person any of its powers and functions under this Act, other than this power of delegation and its powers and functions as a permit authority.	
S. 24(2)(b)(i) Who is a permit authority	This provision requires that a council must ensure functions or powers of the permit authority are carried out only by a licensed person, as defined under the <i>Occupational Licensing Act 2005</i> , who is nominated by the council.	Council nominate Tamara Burt and Chelsea Blyth to exercise all powers and functions of the permit authority in accordance with Section 24 (2)(b)(i) of the <i>Building Act 2016</i> .
S.27(3) & (4) Records of permit authority	Power to make information retained pursuant to S.27(2) available to the persons specified in S.27(3), and to provide a copy of that information upon payment of a fee in accordance with <i>Section 27 of the Building Act 2016</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.

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No. 2 Building Act 2016 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S.265(3) & (4) Failure to comply with emergency, building or plumbing order	Power to perform works where there has been failure to comply with an emergency, building or plumbing order, including the power to: (a) enter on the land where the work is to be done with the appropriate equipment; and (b) exclude other persons from the place where the work is being done; and (c) if anything is to be altered, determine the form of the alteration so far as it was not previously specified; and (d) if anything is to be taken down, demolished or removed, determine in what condition the remainder is to be left; and (e) carry away to some convenient place any materials removed; and (f) sell any materials so carried away and deduct the proceeds from the cost of the work In accordance with <i>Section 265 of the Building Act 2016</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.266 Possession of building	Power to take proceedings to obtain possession of a building or temporary structure if any occupier fails to allow any person to do work pursuant to S.265 in accordance with <i>Section 266 of the Building Act 2016</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.267(1) & (2) Demolition order	Power to serve an order to demolish building work in accordance with <i>Section 267 of the Building Act 2016</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S.269(1) Recovery of performance costs	Power to enter land or a building and perform the required work in accordance with <i>Section 269 of the Building Act 2016</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 2 Building Act 2016 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S.269(2) Recovery of performance costs	Power to make an application to recover the cost of performing any work, and to impose a charge on land in accordance with <i>Section 269 of the Building Act 2016</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S.271(1) Purchasing buildings and materials	Power to sell a building for removal or after demolishing a building, sell the materials on the materials on the premises for removal in accordance with <i>Section 271 of the Building Act 2016</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S.271(2) Purchasing buildings and materials	Power to grant the purchaser of a building sold pursuant to S.271(1) all of the powers Council has under <i>Section 265 of the Building Act 2016</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 3 Building Regulations 2016

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
R. 42 Plumbing work involving, or in the proximity of, service easements.	A person must not perform plumbing work over or within a service easement unless the person has obtained the written consent to do so from the person on whose behalf the service easement was created.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
R.43(1) Plumbing work involving network utility operator's stormwater drainage systems	Power to provide written consent for works proposed pursuant to r.43(1) and in accordance with <i>Regulation 43 of the Building Regulations 2016</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
R.43(3) Plumbing work involving network utility operator's stormwater drainage systems	Power if not satisfied that a stormwater drainage system is sealed in accordance with the Act, to enter the premises and perform any work necessary in accordance with <i>Regulation 43 of the Building Regulations 2016</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
R.43(5)(a) Plumbing work involving network utility operator's stormwater drainage systems	Power to recover costs as a charge under the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 4 Burial and Cremation Act 2019

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 1	Council as Cemetery Manager The Council delegates the following functions and powers of the Council in its capacity as cemetery manager pursuant to the Burial and Cremation Act 2019 (except the setting of fees), to the General Manager and authorises the General Manager to delegate those functions and powers.	The ultimate responsibility for the cemetery will remain with the Council, as cemetery manager.
S. 29(1)(c)	Interment otherwise than in cemetery The general manager's written permission (and the landholder's and Director of Public Health) is required to inter human remains otherwise than in a cemetery	Nil.
S. 29(4)	Interment otherwise than in cemetery The general manager must ensure Council keep a record of the proposed interment and ensure it is included on any s337 LGA certificate issued by Council.	Nil.
S. 29(5)	Interment otherwise than in cemetery Permission given by the general manager under section 29(1)(c) may be subject to any conditions necessary to ensure that the proposed interment will not be prejudicial to public health or public safety.	Nil.

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No. 4 Burial and Cremation Act 2019 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 34(1)	Duties and powers of cemetery managers Keep a cemetery in accordance with the Act so as not to be prejudicial to public health or public safety.	Nil.
S. 34(2)	Duties and powers of cemetery managers Ensure that as far as reasonably practicable the cemetery is maintained to prevent it from falling into disrepair, or from being defaced or damaged. Rectify any disrepair or defacement as soon as possible.	Nil.
S. 34(4)	Duties and powers of cemetery managers Keep all prescribed records (as per 2002 Act - see Sch 1 part 2)	Nil.
S. 34(5)	Duties and powers of cemetery managers Permit any person access free of charge at any reasonable time	Nil.
S. 34(7)	Duties and powers of cemetery managers A cemetery manager may (a) improve, embellish and enlarge a cemetery under the management of that manager; and (b) restrict interments in any portion of the cemetery, except as may be required by an exclusive right of burial; and (c) take any other action as may be required for the reasonable management and maintenance of the cemetery.	Nil.

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No. 4 Burial and Cremation Act 2019 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 39(1)	Monuments, &c. The cemetery manager may permit any vault or grave to be made or dug, and any monument to be erected or placed, in any portion of the cemetery on payment of the fee which has been fixed for doing so.	Nil.
S. 39(2)	Monuments, &c. The cemetery manager may determine the position of any monument to be erected or placed according to its description, size and character and having regard to the general plan for ornamenting the cemetery in an appropriate manner.	Nil.
S. 39(3)	Monuments, &c. The cemetery manager may enter into an agreement for the maintenance of a vault, grave or monument.	Nil.
S. 40(1)	Requirement to remove monuments The cemetery manager may provide notice to require a person to take down or remove a monument or to render it safe, if a monument has been erected or placed contrary to the terms and conditions on which the permission to erect or place it was granted or, in the opinion of the cemetery manager, it is unsafe.	Nil.
S. 40(3)(c)	Removal of certain monuments in cemeteries To make enquiries to find a person who erected or placed a monument	Nil.

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No. 4 Burial and Cremation Act 2019 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 40(3)(d)	Removal of certain monuments in cemeteries Render the monument safe or take the monument down and remove	Nil.
S. 40(3)(e)	Removal of certain monuments in cemeteries Recover in a court the reasonable cost of rendering the monument safe or taking a monument down and removing it	Nil.
S. 40(6)	Removal of certain monuments in cemeteries Provide notice of the removal of a monument and arrange for it to be re-erected if there is an agreement pursuant to s.40(4) which meets the requirements of the Act	Nil.
S. 41(2)	Exclusive right of burial Grant an exclusive right of burial. Note: The cemetery manager must issue a certificate of exclusive right under the Burial and Cremation Regulations 2015 R37.	Nil.
S. 42(2)	Notifications of possible cemeteries The general manager of a council is to notify the regulator as soon as practicable after becoming aware land within municipal area is a cemetery or contains more than one monument and is not covered by an entry in the register (section 14)	Nil.

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No. 4 Burial and Cremation Act 2019 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 51	Powers of authorised officer/s to enter premises in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 of the <i>Burial and Cremation Act 2002</i> .	Nil conditions or restrictions.
S. 63	Closure of cemeteries for reasons of public health or public safety The general manager may given notice to cemetery manager that the whole or portion of cemetery is to be closed	Nil conditions or restrictions.

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No. 5 Child & Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 10(3) - Delegations	A General Manager may delegate, to a worker of the entity any of the functions or powers of the General Manager under this Act other than this power of delegation.	"Worker" is defined in Section 8.

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No. 6 Dog Control Act 2000

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
All Sections	All powers associated with this Act.	
S. 3	Appointment of authorised officer to undertake duties in accordance with the <i>Dog Control Act 2000</i> .	The General Manager may delegate to any person any of his or her functions or powers under this Act other than this power of delegation.

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No. 7 Electrical Industry Supply Act 1995

Statutory Reference	Function	Conditions or Restrictions
Section 44L (1) - Planning authorities to notify relevant entities of planning applications	If a planning authority receives a permit application and it is likely that works by a relevant entity are required or the development may affect the entity's operations, the authority must promptly provide the relevant transmission entity with notice of the application.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
Section 44M (2)- Relevant entity to give notice to planning authority	A planning authority is to provide a copy of the notice to the applicant within 5 business days after receiving the notice related to the permit application.	

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No. 8 Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 22 LGA	Delegation (of functions or powers) by Council	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 64 LGA	Delegation (of functions or powers) by General Manager	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 21	Power to appoint an employee of the council to be a council officer for the purpose of this Act in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the <i>Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994</i> .	The General Manager may delegate to any person any of his or her functions or powers under this Act other than this power of delegation.
S. 25 (1) - Assessment of permissible level 2 activities	If a planning application involves a permissible Level 2 activity or a non-ancillary use on the same land as an existing Level 2 activity, the planning authority must assess it under Section 57 of the <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i> (unless specific exemptions apply). The application must also be referred to the relevant board within 21 days of lodgment for further assessment.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 25 (1B) - Assessment of permissible level 2 activities	If a planning authority determines that a use or development of land that is on the same land as an existing level 2 activity is ancillary to that activity, the planning authority must, if required by any person, give written reasons in support of its determination.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 8 Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 (cont.)

S. 27AD - Minor variations of planning permit in relation to EL activities	A planning authority may amend a permit for an EL (Environmentally Licensed) activity under Section 43 or 56 of the <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i> , however this requires the Board's approval. If an amendment is needed, the planning authority must apply to the Board, which will then decide whether to approve or refuse the change.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
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No. 9 Food Act 2003

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
101(2)	Power to appoint an authorised officers for the purposes of this Act in accordance with the provisions of Section 101(2) <i>of the Food Act 2003.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.

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No. 10 Gas Industry Act 2019

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
Section 50 (1)(a)(i) - Effect of declarations: permitted development applications	The planning authority must notify the pipeline licensee of the application and allow at least 14 days to provide advice on the proposed development, subject to the time constraints in section 58(2) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
Section 50 (3)(a) - Effect of declarations: permitted development applications	If a permit is granted with a safety condition and the applicant appeals, the planning authority must notify the gas infrastructure licensee of the appeal.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
Section 51 (1) (a) - Effect, on discretionary development applications, of declarations	If a discretionary development application is within a gas infrastructure planning corridor, the planning authority must refer the application to the gas infrastructure licensee when issuing notice under section 57 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
Section 51 (6) - Effect, on discretionary development applications, of declarations	When a planning authority complies with section 57(7) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 for a referred application, it must notify the gas infrastructure licensee of its decision, regardless of whether the licensee provided advice.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 11 Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013 & Heavy Vehicle National Law (Queensland)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S.16 Road Manager	Declaration to be the road manager <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 16 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 118(1)(b)	Granting consent for exemption on mass or dimension restriction.	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 124(1)(b)	Granting consent for exemption (permit) on mass or dimension restriction.	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 139(1)(b); 145(1)(b)	Granting consent for a class 2 heavy vehicle authorisations.	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.156 Deciding request for consent generally	Power to decide request for consent generally <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 156 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.158 Action pending consultation with third party	Power to undertake action pending consultation with third party <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 158 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.159 Deciding request for consent if route assessment required	Power to decide request for consent if route assessment required <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 159 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.160 Imposition of road conditions	Power to impose road conditions <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 160 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.161 Imposition of travel conditions	Power to impose travel conditions <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 161 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.

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No. 11 Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013 & Heavy Vehicle National Law (Queensland) (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S.162 Imposition of vehicle conditions	Power to impose vehicle conditions <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 162 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.167 Expedited procedure for road manager's consent for renewal of mass or dimension authority	Power to Expedite procedure for road manager's consent for renewal of mass or dimension authority <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 167 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.169 Granting limited consent for trial purposes.	Power to Grant limited consent for trial purposes <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 169 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.170 Renewal of limited consent for trial purposes	Power to provide a renewal of limited consent for trial purposes <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 170 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.172 Requirements for statement explaining adverse decision of road manager	Power to provide a written statement explaining adverse decision of road manager <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 172 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.173 Amendment or cancellation on Regulator's initiative	Power to amend or cancel on Regulator's initiative <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 173 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.174 Amendment or cancellation on request by relevant road manager	Power to amend or cancel on request by relevant road manager <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 174 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.

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No. 11 Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013 & Heavy Vehicle National Law (Queensland) (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S.176 Amendment or cancellation on application by permit holder	Power to amend or cancel on application by permit holder <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 176 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013.</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.178 Amendment or cancellation on request by relevant road manager	Power to amend or cancel on request by relevant road manager <i>in accordance with the requirements of Section 178 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 611(2)	Application for a compensation order where a Court convicts a person of an offence against the National Law [<i>Heavy Vehicle National Law (Queensland)</i>]	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 617(2)(b)	Repayment of compensation order voided in certain circumstances. [<i>Heavy Vehicle National Law (Queensland)</i>]	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 645	Decide a review of a reviewable decision under the Act. [<i>Heavy Vehicle National Law (Queensland)</i>]	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.

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No. 12 Historic Cultural Heritage Act

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 36(2) - Permit application to be sent to and considered by Heritage	The relevant planning authority must give a copy of the permit application to the heritage council as soon as practicable after the application day.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 37 - Procedure if Heritage Council requires additional information to consider permit application	Planning authority must as soon as practicable require the applicant for a permit application to provide additional information required by the Heritage Council and provide it to the Heritage Council.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 38 - Procedure if Heritage Council has no interest in permit application	Planning authority determination of permit applications. Notifying the Heritage Council and applicants of determinations and representations.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 39 - Procedure if the heritage council wishes to be involved in determining discretionary permit application	Determining discretionary permit applications. Notifying the Heritage Council and Applicants of determinations and representations.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 39A - Procedure if Heritage Council wishes to be involved in determining combined permit application	Determining combined permit applications. Notifying the Heritage Council and Applicants of determinations and representations.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 39B - Provision of further information to Heritage Council	Provide any further information received from permit applicant to Heritage Council.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 50 - Notification of Recorder of Titles	Planning authority must lodge for registration with the Recorder of Titles notice of heritage agreements that come into effect or the variation or termination of a heritage agreement.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 89 - Assistance to Heritage Council	A planning authority is to give all reasonable assistance to the Heritage Council to enable it to perform its functions and exercise its powers.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 13 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
TPPs & SPPs		
S. 12C – Draft of TPPs	Consult with the Minister regarding a draft of the Tasmanian Planning Policies, on behalf of the planning authority.	Delegate to the General Manager on condition that the submission be workshopped prior to being forwarded to the Minister.
S18 - Preparation of draft amendment of the SPPs by Minister S19 Minister may direct Commission to prepare draft amendment of the SPPs	The Minister and the Commission are both required to consult with planning authorities during the preparation of a draft amendment of the State Planning Provisions (SPPs).	Delegate to the General Manager on condition that the submission be workshopped prior to being forwarded to the Minister.
30C. Terms of reference in relation to draft amendment of the SPPs	A planning authority or another person may request the Minister to consider preparing terms of reference in relation to a draft amendment of the SPPs.	Delegate to the General Manager.
S. 30IA – Urgent Amendments: Amendments to correct errors, inconsistencies with the Act and other Planning Schemes and anomalies.	Power to send Urgent Amendments directly to the Tasmanian Planning Commission without the need for a S35 report to Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 30IA of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals act 1993</i> .	Redundant – remove from delegations.
S.33 Amendments to the Planning Scheme	Power to send Section 33 reports directly to the Tasmanian Planning Commission when there are no representations received during the Statutory consultation period in accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Redundant – remove from delegations.

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No. 13 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
Combined Amendment/Permits		
S40U (1) Additional information	A planning authority has 28 days from receiving a permit application to request additional information from the applicant before assessing the application.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S40Z Exhibition in respect of permit application	The permit authority must ensure that all relevant permit material related to a request for a permit under section 40T(1)—including the application, supporting documents, and decision—is made publicly available. This material must be accessible both at the physical exhibition location and online for the duration of the public exhibition period associated with the draft amendment of a Local Provisions Schedule (LPS).	Delegate to the General Manager.
S43 (2) Minor amendment of permit S43 (6), (7), (9) & (10) – Notification of amendment.	A planning authority may amend a permit within a combined permit, upon request if the changes are minor.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 43A Application for a permit when amendment requested	Power to accept a combined application for a permit and an amendment to the planning scheme in accordance with the provisions of Section 43A of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Redundant – remove from delegations.

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No. 13 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S.39(2) Representations in respect of Draft Amendments	Power to send Section 43A reports directly to the Town Planning Commission when there are no representations received during the public consultation period in accordance with the provisions of Section 39(2) of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.40T	Permit application that requires amendment to the LPS (6) An application for a permit under subsection (1) by a person to a planning authority to amend the zoning or use or development of one or more parcels of land specified in an LPS must, if the person is not the owner, or the sole owner, of the land and the relevant planning scheme does not provide otherwise – (a) be signed by each owner of the land; or (b) be accompanied by the written permission of each owner of the land to the making of the request	Delegation (by council as land owner)
S48AA. Enforcement of major project permits	A planning authority is required to enforce any conditions or restrictions attached to a major project permit, within its powers.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S48A. Notice to remove signs	A planning authority may direct a person to stop, remove, or rectify an unlawfully erected sign and can take action itself if the person fails to comply. It may recover costs for doing so and is not liable for any damage caused during removal.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 13 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S52. What if applicant is not the owner?	If a permit application relates to council-owned or administered land, it must be signed by the General Manager, who may delegate this function to a council employee to ensure appropriate authorisation.	No need for delegation.
S.53(5A-C) Power to Extend a Permit	Power to extend an existing permit for a period of 2 years if it has not been substantially commenced in accordance with the provisions of Section 53(5A-C) of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Recommended that the current notation relating the Team Leader be removed. Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S.54 Additional Information	Power to require an applicant to provide additional information before considering an application for a planning permit in accordance with the provisions of Section 54 of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S.55 Correction of mistakes	Power to amend a planning permit where there is a mistake in accordance with the provisions of Section 55 of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 56 Minor amendments to a permit	Power to make minor amendments to planning permits in accordance with the provisions of Section 56 (2) of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> . This power is delegated along with the duty to service notices in accordance with the provisions of Section 56 (3) and 56 (4) of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 13 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
Discretionary Applications		
S. 57(3) Applications for discretionary permits	If a planning authority does not require the applicant to give notice of a permit application, the authority itself must provide the prescribed notice.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 57 Applications for discretionary permits	Power to approve with or without conditions applications for discretionary permits where no representations have been received against the application.	Where no representations have been received. Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 57(2) Applications for discretionary permits	Power to refuse applications for permits where such applications could no lawfully be approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 57(2) of the Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 57 (5) Application for discretionary permits	Power to extend the period of time for the making of representations relating to an application for a discretionary permit in accordance with the provisions of Section 57 (5) of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 57 (6) Application for discretionary permits	Power to approve with or without conditions applications for discretionary permits where no representations have been received against the application.	<p>Delegate to the General Manager where two or less representations are received which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -from a State Authority or regulated entity and are of a regulatory nature; or -where representations do not contain any planning merits or matters relating to the planning scheme. <p>This delegation may only be exercised following briefing of Council at a workshop unless a minimum of 2 Councilors advise in writing that they wish the decision to be made by Council at a regular meeting.</p>

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No. 13 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S 57 (6A) Application for discretionary permits	A planning authority and an applicant may agree in writing to extend or further extend a previously agreed period, with the new period then becoming the agreed further period.	Where no representations have been received. Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S 57A. Mediation	The planning authority must facilitate mediation if requested by the applicant or a representor by notifying other parties, seeking their agreement, and supporting arrangements for mediation, including agreement on a mediator and terms; if mediation is agreed, the decision period for the application may be extended.	Where no representations have been received. Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a). Noting mediation only occurs if requested and if both parties agree to the terms.
Permitted Applications		
S. 58 Application for other permits	Power to determine (permitted) planning permits.	Where no representations have been received. Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 58 (2) Application for other permits	Power to extend the time to consider an application by agreement with an applicant in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 (2) of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Where no representations have been received. Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 59 (2) (A) Application for other permits	Power to further extend the time to consider an application by agreement with the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Section 59 (2) (A) of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Redundant. Delete.

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No. 13 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 59(7) Failure to determine an application for permit	Power to make determination in relation to an application for a discretionary planning permit where time periods in which to do so under the provisions of Sections 57 and 58 of the Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993 have expired but where no application under Section 59(3) has been made by the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Section 59(7) of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act</i> .	Where no representations have been received. Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
Major Projects		
S60H (3)	A council or relevant State entity that receives a notice must take all reasonable steps to provide the requested information to the Minister within the specified timeframe.	Where no representations have been received. Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S60ZX (1) Provision to Panel of further information	A person/planning authority must provide requested information to the Panel within the set or extended timeframe.	Where no representations have been received. Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S 60 ZZZAB Enforcement certificates	An enforcement certificate must specify which conditions or restrictions of a major project permit the planning authority is responsible for enforcing, including by land area, land use, or both.	Where no representations have been received. Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
Enforcement		
S.65A Infringement Notices	Power to issue an infringement notice in accordance with the provisions of 65A of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.

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No. 13 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S.65B Notice of Intention to Issue Enforcement Notice	Power to give notice in writing where a land owner is suspected to have contravened S.60ZB and S.63(2) in accordance with the provisions of Section 65B of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.65C Enforcement Notice	Power to issue an enforcement notice in accordance with the provisions of Section 65C of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.65F Notice of Intention to Cancel a Permit to be issued before a Permit Cancelled	Where it is considered that there are grounds on which a permit in force may be cancelled in accordance with the provisions of Section 65F of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.65G Cancellation of permit	A permit in relation to land may only be cancelled under subsection 1 on any one of the grounds referred to in this section in accordance with the provisions of Section S.65G of the <i>Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Must comply with the requirements of S.65G.

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No. 13 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
Part 4 Generally	<p>Authority to require the making of a permit application and to undertake actions and proceedings in pursuance of the Council's obligations as a planning authority to observe and enforce compliance of a planning scheme; including –</p> <p>i) to give such advice, consultation, referral or notification as required under this Part;</p> <p>ii) to represent the Council and to give evidence before the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) in respect of any appeal against a decision on a planning permit;</p> <p>iii) to initiate legal proceedings for any use of land, development or act if:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - contrary to a State Policy, planning scheme or special planning scheme; - an obstruction of a planning scheme or special planning scheme; or - a breach of a condition or restriction of a planning permit. 	<p>Where no representations have been received. Delegate to the General Manager.</p> <p>Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).</p>
Miscellaneous		
Div. 4B – Authorised Officers S.65I – Delegation to Authorised Officer under LUPA	<p>Authorisation delegated by the General Manager to Team Leader Community and Development Services in respect to both the administration and enforcement of the Planning Scheme.</p>	<p>Where no representations have been received. Delegate to the General Manager.</p> <p>Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).</p>

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No. 13 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S.71 Part 5 Agreements	Authorisation to enter into Part 5 Agreements with the owner of land which is covered by the relevant planning scheme.	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S 74 (3) Duration of agreement	A planning agreement can be ended either with Commission approval or by mutual agreement between the planning authority and all parties bound by the agreement.	Delegate to the General Manager only after briefing Councilors at a Council Workshop.
S 75 Amendment of agreements		Delegate to the General Manager only after briefing Councilors at a Council Workshop.

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No. 14 Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2024

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
Part 2 - Notices and Advertisements	The regulations outline the planning authority's responsibility to advertise and display notices related to various stages of planning processes, including the approval of Local Provisions Schedules, draft amendments, permits, and planning scheme modifications, ensuring that the public is informed and able to make representations where applicable.	Where no representations have been received. Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 15 Litter Act 2007

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 8	Power to appoint an employee of the council to be a council officer for the purpose of this Act in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the <i>Litter Act 2007</i> .	This is an authorisation by the general manager to appoint an authorised officer.
S. 38	Recovery of costs arising from litter abatement notices.	Nil conditions or restrictions.

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No. 16 Local Government Act 1993

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S.19 Corporation of Council	Affixing of Common Seal.	1. No authority for the General Manager to sub-delegate 2. To comply with the provisions of the LGA relating to the Common seal. To comply with any policies and procedures of the Council relating to the Common Seal.
S. 62 Functions and powers of general manager	To manage the resources and assets of the council	The general manager may do anything necessary or convenient to perform his or her functions under this or any other Act.
S.73 Source of funds	Raise funds in accordance with the provisions of Section 73 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	1. No authority for the General Manager to sub-delegate 2. Disposal of surplus plant, equipment and materials subject to the value of such items not exceeding a value of \$100,000.
S. 74 Expenditure	Expend funds in accordance with the provisions of Section 74 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	In accordance with amounts included in the approved Annual Plan and Budget and for those activities under the control of the appropriate Officer to the maximum value allocated in accordance with the <i>financial and procurement delegations to staff</i> . Any purchase over this amount is to be authorised by the General Manager. All plant and equipment purchases including motor vehicles are to be authorised by the General Manager.
S. 76 Writing off bad debts	Power to write off bad debts owed to the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 76 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	The General Manager may write-off up to a \$5,000.00 single debt. Any write-off up to \$2,500.00 by a sub-delegated Council officer.

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No. 16 Local Government Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 77 Grants & Benefits	Power to approve a pecuniary or non pecuniary benefit or grant.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No authority for the General Manager to Sub-Delegate. 2. The General Manager may only approve any such grant or pecuniary or non pecuniary benefit upon receiving application setting out the purpose, nature, date and location of the national sporting event for which the grant is sought or details of academic assistance sought or Council fee or service charge for which assistance is sought. 3. That only one (1) grant per applicant per calendar year can be approved by the General Manager in accordance with Council Policy. 4. That a copy of the grant application must be included in a quarterly Council Information report. 5. The total expenditure for the financial year under this delegation must be reported under the "Grants & Benefits" section of the Annual report.
S. 78 Borrowings	Borrowings in accordance with the provisions of Section 78 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	Subject to budget approval.
S. 81 Authorised deposit taking institute accounts	Bank Accounts – in accordance with the provisions of Section 81 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	General Manager to consider the rate of credit fund interest and cost of account establishment.
S. 92 Adjustment of amount payable	Supplementary rate adjustment in accordance with the provisions of Section 92 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	General Manager to consider the cost of recovering the new amount as opposed to its benefit.
S. 124 Instalment of payments	Postponement of payment in accordance with the provisions of Section 124 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	Nil Conditions or restrictions.

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No. 16 Local Government Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 126 Condition of postponement	Power to grant postponement of the payment of rates in accordance with the provisions of Section 126 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	Request for postponement of the payment of rates must be received in writing addressed to the General Manager.
S. 133 – 136 Recovery of Rates (Division 10) Recovery of rates Recovery from certain person Rents under lease, & c. for unpaid rates Indemnity	Power to recover unpaid rates.	In accordance with the provisions of Sections 133 – 136 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .
S. 137 – 140 Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates (Division 11) Sale of Land for unpaid rates Title vests in purchaser Application of money from sale Procurement if Council cannot sell land	Power to recover unpaid rates.	Authority to implement the provisions of sections 137 – 140 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .

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No. 16 Local Government Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 189 Closure of local highways	Power to allow a person to conduct a market and to close a local highway or part of a local highway for the purpose of any such market in accordance with the provisions of Section (189) 1 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	Under Section 189 (2) the General Manager has a duty to publish a notice of intention in a public newspaper if it is intended that a local highway or any part of a local highway is to be closed.
S. 190 Objections	In accordance with the provisions of Section 190 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	The General Manager must consider vehicular access to affected properties.
S.197 Sale or destruction of unclaimed animals	Power to sell, give away, or destroy an impounded animal in accordance with the provisions in Section 197 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	The General Manager shall not give an impounded animal back to its owner who bears the liability for its impounding nor to where the animal might in all probability be subject to cruelty.
S.198 Destruction of animals	Power to arrange for an impounded animal to be destroyed in accordance with the provisions of Section 198 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	The General Manager shall not arrange for an impounded animal to be destroyed without advice from a qualified veterinary surgeon.
S. 200 Abatement Notices	Power to determine whether a nuisance exists and to serve notices or display a copy of such notice in accordance with the provisions of Section 200 (1) and 200 (2) of the <i>Local Government Act</i> .	This power does not extend to the determination of court action occurring.
S. 207 Remission of fees and charges	Remit all or part of any fee or charge paid or payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 207 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	Where it can be determined that the amount charged is incorrect or circumstances exist which deserves consideration of a remission.
S. 261(1) List of Electors	The general manager is to (a) prepare and keep a list of electors from the electoral roll kept under section 258(1) as at the time of closure referred to in section 260; and (b) certify that the list is correct.	General Manager to delegated to most appropriate role.

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No. 16 Local Government Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S 333A Tenders	Power to invite tenders for any contract Council intends to enter into for the supply of provisions of goods or services in accordance with Council's Code for Tenders and Contracts September 2017 and in accordance with the provisions in Section 333A of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	All tender information shall be uniformly supplied to all tenderers.

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No. 17 Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
Section 83 (1) - Approval of plan of subdivision	Approval of subdivision planning applications (not LUPAA approval).	<p>Delegation to General Manager and Director Infrastructure and Development, consistent with delegations issued for Section 58, and 57 of LUPAA.</p> <p>Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).</p> <p>Decision to remain with Council when outside the parameters of the above.</p>
Section 84. Council not to approve subdivision	If – (a) any proposed lot has not the qualities of a minimum lot; or (b) it includes any lot or other block of land smaller than is required or permitted by a finally approved planning scheme; or (c) the subdivision includes any road or other works whereby drainage will be concentrated and discharged into any drain or culvert on or under any State highway	<p>Delegation to General Manager and Director Infrastructure and Development, consistent with delegations issued for Section 58, and 57 of LUPAA.</p> <p>Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).</p> <p>Decision to remain with Council when outside the parameters of the above.</p>
Section 85 - Refusal of application for subdivision	Refusal of subdivision planning applications (not LUPAA approval).	<p>Delegation to General Manager and Director Infrastructure and Development, consistent with delegations issued for Section 58, and 57 of LUPAA.</p> <p>Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).</p> <p>Decision to remain with Council when outside the parameters of the above.</p>

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No. 17 Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 86 Security for payment	Power to require security for payments and execution of works before approving a plan or subdivision in accordance with the provisions of Section 86 of the <i>Local Government (Buildings & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
Section 89 (1AA to 1AD & 2-7) – Approval of Final plans by Council	Power to approve and seal final plans in accordance with the provisions of Section 89 (1) of the <i>Local Government (Buildings & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a). Excludes the use of the Council Seal, which is subject to separate delegation.
S. 91 (3) Corrections to final plans	Power to object to the making of a correction to a final plan by the Recorder of Titles in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(3) of the <i>Local Government (Buildings & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993</i> .	1. No Authority for the General manager to sub-delegate. 2. The General manager may only object to the making of a correction of a final plan upon advice that the application is compliant with all of the relevant legislation. [See amendment below]
Section 91. Corrections to final plans	The council or owner may object to the making of any correction within 7 days of receiving a notice under subsection (2).	Delegate to the General Manager.
Section 92 - Amendments to final plans	If the Recorder of Titles under section 89 (5) requires an amendment to a final plan, the council if it considers that the amendment should not be approved, is to withdraw the plan and return it to the owner; or in any other case, notify the Recorder and the owner that it does not oppose the amendment.	Delegate to the General Manager.

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No. 17 Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
Section 96 – Dedication as a highway	If a sealed plan shows provision for widening or deviating a way on, or adjoining, land comprised in the plan, an obligation runs with that land to dedicate it as a highway if required to do so by the highway authority.	Delegate to General Manager.
Section 103 (1) – Amendment of Sealed Plans	Amendment of sealed plans When a plan has taken effect, it may be amended by the council of its own motion.	Delegate ability to initiate amendment to General Manager. Noting Section 104(1) deals with decision making.
S. 103 (4) Amendment of sealed plans	Power to make minor amendments to sealed plans where no person has asked to be heard pursuant to Section 103 (4) of the <i>Local Government (Buildings & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993</i> .	1. No authority for the General Manager to sub-delegate 2. The General manager may only amend sealed plans upon advice that the amendment complies with the relevant legislation.
Section 104 (1) - Hearing in respect of amendment of plans	The council – (a) may, if no person has asked to be heard in opposition, cause the amendment to be made; or (b) if a person has asked to be heard, is to appoint a day for hearing any petitioner and those persons who have asked to be heard.	Delegation to General Manager if no person requests to be heard. If hearing is required, it is to be conducted by and determined by a Council Committee convened for the purpose and comprising of any 5 or more Councilors.
<u>Section .105(2)</u>	Compensation in respect of amendments If compensation is payable under subsection (1) , the council may recover against the petitioner and any person heard or asking to be heard in support of the amendment to the extent to which they benefited by the amendment.	Requests for compensation to be heard by the Council Committee convened for the purpose of the hearing under Section 104.

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No. 17 Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 107 Access Orders	Power to make an order requiring sub-divider to carry out access works in accordance with the provisions of Section 107 of the <i>Local Government (Building & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 108 Road Widening	Road widening in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of the <i>Local Government (Building & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993</i> .	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S.110 - Adhesion orders S112 Purpose for which plan is approved.	The council may make an adhesion order if a block: (a) has the qualities of a minimum lot; and (b) comprises 2 parcels or more that may, without the approval of any plan by the council, lawfully be sold separately so as to create a block which (i) would not have the qualities of a minimum lot; and (ii) is, or in the opinion of the council is likely to be, built on or bought for building.	Delegation to remain with General Manager. Must comply with the provision of the Act.
S. 116. Limitation on Requirement for Public Open Space	If land required for open space is in excess of 5%, it is required to be purchased.	Remain with Council.
S. 246 Advertising Hoardings	Advertising hoardings. A person must not, within a municipal area, erect, put up, place or use or permit to be erected, put up, placed or used, any hoarding or similar structure for advertising purposes without a licence from the council.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 17 Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 247 Removal of advertising hoardings	Removal of hoardings in contravention of section 246.	Delegated to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 18 Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 6 Making or Opening a Highway or Road	Power to make or opening municipal highways or roads within the Municipality including widening and extending in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Local Government (<i>Highways</i>) Act 1982.	Does not apply to East Tamar Highway or other State Government owned roads.
S. 10 (2) Obligations on landowners opening highways	Power to approve a person to prepare plans and specifications for highways in accordance with the provisions of Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 10 (6) Obligations on landowners opening highways	Power to relieve an owner from having to carry out construction works in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 (6) of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 19 Closure of local highways for public functions, &c.	Power to close a local highway, forbid the use of a local highway or grant licenses for the use of a closed local highway in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> .	In consultation with Commissioner of Police. Delegation excludes 19(1)(c).
S. 20 Closure of parts of local highways for sale of goods, & c.	Power to close part of a local highway for the purpose of the sale of goods or entertainment on a Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday in accordance with the provisions of Section 20 of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> .	In consultation with Commissioner of Police & Transport Commission.
S. 34 Drainage works	Power to make, cleanse and keep open Council drains and watercourses in and through land adjoining or near a local highway in accordance with the provisions of Section 34 of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.

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No. 18 Local Government (Highways) Act 1982 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 35 Crossings over footpaths, table drains and gutters	Power to require an owner to carry out works to a vehicular crossing over a table-drain, gutter or footpath in accordance with the provisions of Section 35 of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 36 Fencing of Streets in towns	Power to require an owner to fence in accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.45 Removal and disposal of abandoned articles	Power to remove an article from a highway in accordance with the provisions of Section 45 of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 52 Projections on to highways, & c.	Power to remove or alter an obstruction to the safe and convenient passage along a local highway in accordance with the provisions of Section 52 of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 54 Names of highways, & c.	Power to put up names of highways in accordance with the provisions of section 54 of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 55 Number of buildings, &c.	The corporation may allot to a piece of land one or more distinguishing numbers, and may cause a building on that piece of land to be marked with such a number in such manner as the corporation thinks fit.	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.

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No. 21 Rail Infrastructure Act 2007

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
Section 15 (1) (a) -Effect of declarations as regards permitted planning applications	For developments within a rail planning corridor, the planning authority must notify the Minister and allow at least 14 days for feedback, as required by section 58(2) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
Section 15 (3) (a) -Effect of declarations as regards permitted planning applications	If the planning authority grants a permit with rail network safeguards and the applicant appeals, the planning authority must notify the Minister of the appeal.	
Section 16 (1) (a) - Effect of declarations as regards discretionary development applications	If a discretionary development application is made within a rail planning corridor, the planning authority must refer the application to the Minister when notice is given under section 57 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.	
Section 16 (5) - Effect of declarations as regards discretionary development applications	When a planning authority complies with section 57(7) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 for a referred application, it must notify the Minister of its decision, regardless of whether the Minister has provided advice.	

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No. 22 Right to Information Act 2009

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 21 Delegation	Delegation of power to make original decision on application for assessed disclosure Section 21.	The General Manager may delegate his powers and functions under Section 21 for a period not exceeding three (3) years to a delegate who has the skills and knowledge necessary to perform or exercise these functions and powers.
S. 43 Delegation	Delegation of power to conduct internal review under Section 43.	The General Manager may delegate his powers and functions under Section 43 for a period not exceeding three (3) years to a delegate who has the skills and knowledge necessary to perform or exercise these functions and powers.
S. 24 Delegation	Delegation of power to make original decision on application for assessed disclosure Section 21 and delegation of power to conduct internal review under Section 43.	The General Manager may delegate his powers and functions under Section 21 and Section 43 for a period not exceeding three (3) years to a delegate who has the skills and knowledge necessary to perform or exercise these functions and powers.

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No. 23 Roads and Jetties Act 1935

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 40 Power to make drains on adjoining land	Power to make, cleanse and keep open drains or watercourses in and through land adjoining or near any road in accordance with the provisions of Section 40 of the <i>Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S. 44 Culverts to be constructed by owners at entrances to lands adjoining roads	Power to require an owner of land to construct a culvert over a table-drain, gutter or road in accordance with the provisions of Section 44 of the <i>Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.41 Timber growing near roads may be cut down: Consent of owner required in certain cases	Power to cut down and remove any indigenous timber growing or standing within 23 metres of the centre of any road of which Council has the care in accordance with the provisions of <i>S41 of the Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.42 Hedges, &c., obstructing view of traffic to be cut or trimmed	Power to require the reduction in height of any obstruction in accordance with the provisions of <i>S42 of the Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions..
S.47 Road metal, & c., may be placed on side of road	Power to store road metal or other materials, or any vehicle or plant in connection with the construction or maintenance of any road in accordance with the provisions of <i>S47 of the Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i> .	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.47A Warning gantries for bridges with overhead members	Power to erect Warning gantries for bridges with overhead members in accordance with the provisions of <i>Section 47A of the Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.48A Removal and disposal of abandoned articles	Power to remove and an abandoned article in accordance with the provisions of <i>Section 48A of the Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.

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No. 23 Roads and Jetties Act 1935 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S.49 Obstructing roads: Notice to remove obstructions	Power to require the removal of any obstructions in accordance with the provisions of <i>S49 of the Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.50A Scaffolding	Power to approve/prohibit the erection of any scaffolding or boarding in a street in a town in accordance with the provisions of <i>S50A of the Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.
S.50B Excavations	Power to approve/prohibit any excavation in accordance with the provisions of <i>S.50B of the Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i>	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.

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No. 24 Strata Titles Act 1993

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
Section 31 Application for, and grant of, certificate of approval	The application for a certificate of approval. The council must decide within 30 business days unless further information is requested. Approval is granted only if the proposal complies with planning and building regulations, does not constitute a subdivision, and meets all necessary safety and development requirements.	Delegate to the General Manager.
S. 31(2B) Application for, and grant of, certificate of approval	Council may give the applicant notice requiring further information in order to determine the application	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 31AA Requirement for staged development scheme	Where an application for a certificate of approval is made wholly or partly in respect of vacant land, the council may refuse the application on the ground that an application for a staged development scheme under section 38 should be made.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 36(1) Application for council approval	Application for council approval (in relation to a staged development scheme)	Delegation to General Manager. Vacant lots not to be approved without planning and building permits in place.
S. 37(1)(a) Approval of scheme in principle	Before giving in principle approval for a staged development scheme Council can require specified changes to the scheme	Delegation to General Manager. Vacant lots not to be approved without planning and building permits in place.
S. 37(1)(b) Approval of scheme in principle	Before giving in principle approval for a staged development scheme Council can require the demolition or alteration of buildings on the site	
S. 37(2)(a) Approval of scheme in principle	Council can approve a staged development scheme unconditionally	

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No. 24 Strata Titles Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 37(2)(b) Approval of scheme in principle	Council can approve the staged development scheme subject to specified conditions	
S. 37(2)(c) Approval of scheme in principle	Council can refuse to approve the staged development scheme	
S. 37(4) Approval of scheme in principle	If Council approves the proposed staged development scheme it must issue a certificate of approval	
S. 41(2) Progressive development	The council may refuse to approve a particular stage in a staged development scheme if an earlier stage of the scheme has not been completed as required under the terms of the registered scheme.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 42(2) Application for variation of scheme	The application is to be made in the first instance to the council for the area in which the site is situated.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 42(5) Application for variation of scheme	The Council may dispense with the consent of a present or prospective owners of lots in the staged development scheme in relation to a proposed variation if satisfied of certain matters	
S. 42(6) Application for variation of scheme	The Council may approve the variation unconditionally, or approve the variation subject to specified conditions or refuse to approve the variation	
S. 45 Injunction	Council (as an "interested person" under the Act) can apply for a mandatory injunction requiring the developer of a staged development scheme to complete the scheme	Delegation to General Manager. Following a Council Workshop briefing Council on the matter

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No. 24 Strata Titles Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 54(1)(a) Approval of scheme	Before giving in principle approval for a community development scheme Council can require specified changes to the scheme	Delegation to General Manager. Following a Council Workshop briefing Council on the matter
S. 54(1)(b) Approval of scheme	Before giving in principle approval for a community development scheme Council can require the demolition or alteration of buildings on the site	
S. 54(2)(a) Approval of scheme	Council can approve a proposed community development scheme unconditionally	
S. 54(2)(b) Approval of scheme	Council can approve the proposed community development scheme subject to specified conditions	
S. 54(2)(c) Approval of scheme	Council can refuse to approve the proposed community development scheme	
S. 54 (4) Approval of scheme	If Council approves the proposed community development scheme it must issue a certificate of approval	
S. 57(2) Progressive development	Progressive development. The Council may refuse to approve a particular stage of a community development scheme in certain circumstances.	Delegation to General Manager. Following a Council Workshop briefing Council on the matter
S. 58(2) Application for variation of scheme	The application is to be made in the first instance to the council for the area in which the site is situated.	Delegation to General Manager. Following a Council Workshop briefing Council on the matter.

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No. 24 Strata Titles Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 58(5) Application for variation of scheme	The Council may dispense with the consent of a present or prospective owners of lots in the community development scheme in relation to a proposed variation if satisfied of certain matters	
S. 58(6) Application for variation of scheme	The Council may approve the variation unconditionally, or approve the variation subject to specified conditions or refuse to approve the variation	
S. 61 Injunction	Council (as an "interested person" under the Act) can apply for a mandatory injunction requiring the developer of a community development scheme to complete the scheme	Delegation to General Manager. Following a Council Workshop briefing Council on the matter.
S 65(a) Assignment of interest in land subject to scheme	If the owner of land subject to a registered community development scheme proposes to sell or dispose of land subject to the scheme the owner must give written notice of the proposed transaction to the council for the area in which the site is situated	Delegation to General Manager
S. 65(b)(i) Assignment of interest in land subject to scheme	If the owner of land subject to a registered community development scheme proposes to sell or dispose of land subject to the scheme the person who is to acquire title to the land in consequence of the transaction must give to the council a written undertaking to develop the land in accordance with the registered scheme	

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No. 24 Strata Titles Act 1993 (cont.)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 65(b)(ii) Assignment of interest in land subject to scheme	If the owner of land subject to a registered community development scheme proposes to sell or dispose of land subject to the scheme the person who is to acquire title to the land in consequence of the transaction must give the council any security required by the council, within 28 days after notice of the transaction was given to the council, for the development of the land in accordance with the scheme.	
S. 142(2)(b) Recording of certain orders	Recording of certain orders - If an order affects the management of a scheme or the rights of owners or occupiers, the Recorder must register it. The Recorder can also cancel or correct a recorded order if it no longer affects the land, either on their own initiative or upon application by an interested party (e.g., developer, body corporate, owners, council). This ensures that land title records remain accurate and up to date.	Delegation to General Manager

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No. 25 Traffic Act 1925 (Tas)

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 43	Removal of things obstruction public streets	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.

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No. 26 Urban Drainage Act 2013

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
All	Urban Drainage Act 2013 (Tas)	Nil Conditions or Restrictions.

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No. 27 Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 56O Application to go to relevant regulated entity	If a planning authority receives an application that may impact a regulated entity's water or sewerage infrastructure, it must notify the entity within five business days, unless exempted or refusing the application. Additionally, the authority must provide the entity with any new information or amendments related to the application, unless the changes do not affect the entity's interests.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 56R. Notification of decision and appeal	The planning authority must provide the relevant regulated entity with copies of any granted or refused permits, and notify them of any appeal. If the appeal relates to a refusal or conditions based on the entity's submission, the entity is considered a party to the appeal.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
S. 56S. Referral to regulated entities of draft amendments to planning schemes	A planning authority must refer a draft amendment to a regulated entity if it pertains to a planning scheme or Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) administered by the authority, prepared under section 34 or section 38 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).
Section 56T. Additional information	The planning authority must, upon receiving a request from a regulated entity within 7 days of the notice under section 56O(1), provide additional information before the application can be considered.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 28 Water Management Act 1999

Statutory Reference	Function of Power	Conditions or Restrictions
S. 165F. Referral of applications under another enactment	If a person proposing to undertake dam works needs approval or a permit under another law, the relevant authority must refer the application to the Minister before granting approval or issuing the permit	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a).

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No. 29 Miscellaneous Powers and Functions to the General Manager

No	Function of Power	Legislation
1	To call for and accept quotations, tenders or auction the disposal of surplus or redundant plant, equipment or materials.	LGA S. 333A, S. 73 GTC-2 Code for Tenders and Contracts Plant and Vehicle Replacement policy adopted Oct 2018.
2	To institute, defend, abandon, settle or compromise any proceedings before any tribunal for the recovery of debts due to the Council or for breaches of any statutes affecting the Council, or to protect, recover or secure recompense for damage to or loss of any property of the Council.	LGA S. 22(2)(ba); S. 76 GTC-P20 – Write off of Bad Debts
3	To authorise and to institute proceedings for non-compliance with any order or notice lawfully made or given by or on behalf of the Council, and where such order or notice is not complied with, to authorise the carrying out of the necessary work where the Council has the power to do so.	Building Act 2016 S. 265(3) & (4) Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 S. 65 b & c [Remove – included under Building Act 2016 and Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993]
4	To issue or publish or cause to be issued or published statements of fact relating to Council's activities or policies.	LGA S. 66-72
5	To seek legal advice and to complete affidavits on behalf of Council in accordance with Council decisions and/or policies.	LGA S. 65, S. 237
6	To sign all contracts, leases and agreements on behalf of Council in accordance with Council policies.	LGA S. 62
7	To control and supervise all contracts and to approve expenditure authorised there under in the relevant budget, including contingency provisions.	LGA S. 74
8	To authorise the carrying out by Council of private works for other parties.	LGA S. 205 (b) (c)
9	To determine the use of public roads for walk-a-thons, charitable collections or other like events.	LG (Highways) Act 1982 S. 19 & 20 [Remove – included under Local Government (Highways) act 1982]
10	To authorise the closure of roads or parts thereof temporarily for repairs or construction.	LGA S. 189
11	To authorise the total or partial release of bonds, guarantees and security deposits where the relevant Team Leader has certified that the work or thing which the bond, guarantee or security deposit relates has been satisfied in whole or in part and to call on any bonds, guarantees or security deposits where the work secured has not been carried out in accordance with Council requirements.	LG (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 S. 86 [Remove – included under Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993]
12	To authorise the use of Council's plant and equipment in emergencies at the request of the State Emergency Services, Tasmania Police or the State Fire Authority.	Emergency Management Act 2006 S. 24 (2)

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No. 29 Miscellaneous Powers and Functions to the General Manager (cont.)

No	Function of Power	Legislation
13	To make payments and donations in keeping with Council policy.	LGA S. 77
14	To lend materials from Council stores stock in emergency circumstances as determined by the General Manager subject to the provisions of a written acknowledgement of receipt of an undertaking to replace within a set time.	Emergency Management Act 2006 S. 24H
15	Power to approve demolition of buildings not classified by the National Trust or Heritage listed.	Building Act 2016 S. 26, 71 & 2
16	To approve conditionally or otherwise all temporary signs and hoardings.	Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act S. 246 & 247 [Remove – included under Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993]
17	Authority to appoint “Authorised Officers” or “Council Officers” where such are required to be appointed under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act and to issue “Certificates of Authority” to those officers where required.	LGA S. 64
19	The affixing of the Common Seal as per the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To sign and seal documents requiring the use of the Common Seal on behalf of Council and to attest to the execution of documents sealed by Council. 2. A quarterly information report detailing the Use of Council’s Seal is to be made available to Councillors. 	Provided the use of the Common Seal sealed document is necessary to implement a decision of Council, or is otherwise required under an Act to be used. LGA S. 19
20	Informal and formal consultation with State Government, State Agencies and other entities on technical matters relating to planning or legislative changes.	Delegate to the General Manager. Authorise further delegation in accordance with Section 22 (1) (a). General manager to delegate on a case by case basis.

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Facility or Service	Fee Description	GST Inc.	2024/2025 Fees	Proposed 2025/2026 Fees
Plumbing				
Permit Authority Fee (category 3)	Processing of NOTIFIABLE WORKS	GST exempt (div81)	\$263.00	\$275.00
Permit Authority Fee (category 4)	Processing of PERMIT WORKS	GST exempt (div81)	\$402.00	\$420.00
Illegal Plumbing Work (category 4)	Processing of ILLEGAL WORKS	GST exempt (div81)	\$0.00	\$832.00
Notifiable Plumbing Work (category 3) additions	Assessing and processing of NOTIFIABLE Plumbing works	GST exempt (div81)	\$328.00	\$343.00
Notifiable Plumbing Work (category 3) (Storm-water only)	Assessing and processing of NOTIFIABLE Plumbing works for storm-water only	GST exempt (div81)	\$263.00	\$275.00
Notifiable Plumbing Work (category 3) (per unit/dwelling)	Assessing and processing of NOTIFIABLE Plumbing works	GST exempt (div81)	\$526.00	\$550.00
Permit Plumbing Work (category 4) Additions	Assessment, inspections and completions for plumbing works for additions to existing installations (+ EHO assessment where applicable)	GST exempt (div81)	\$526.00 (+ EHO assessment where required)	\$550.00 (+ EHO assessment where required)
Permit Plumbing Work (category 4) New building (per unit/dwelling)	Assessment, inspections and completions for plumbing works for new installations	GST exempt (div81)	\$718.00 (+ EHO assessment where required)	\$750.00 (+ EHO assessment where required)
Permit Plumbing Work (category 4) (stormwater only)	Assessing and processing of PERMIT Plumbing works for storm-water only	GST exempt (div81)	\$0.00	\$374.00
Onsite Waste Referral to EHO	Assessment for plumbing works for new and add/alt plumbing works	GST exempt (div81)	\$412.00	\$431.00
Plumbing Amendment	Application for an amendment to existing approvals (permit & notifiable work)	GST exempt (div81)	\$0.00	\$227.00 + hourly rate where required

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Plumbing Continued				
Plumbing Approval Extension of Time		GST exempt (div81)	\$220 (1 year) \$139 shorter periods, or when paid early)	\$229.00 (1 year) \$145.00 shorter periods)
Hourly rate - plumbing surveyor	hourly rate for all plumbing surveying	GST exempt (div81)	\$0.00	\$106.00
Inspections	Normal inspection costing for quotes Additional inspections due to failure of booked inspection, resulting in the need for Plumbing Surveyor to re-inspect a particular stage	GST exempt (div81)	\$181.00	\$189.00

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Planning Fees				
Minor Structures	Fences, signage, masts and forestry/tree removal		\$99.00	\$103.00
Minor Structures	Sheds, decks and extensions up to 56m2		\$196.00	\$205.00
Change Of Use	Change of use with no development		\$277.00	\$290.00
Change of Use – Visitors Accommodation Only	As per visitor accommodation guidelines		\$250.00	\$250.00
Larger Structures	Dwelling additions, outbuildings etc. over 56m2		\$359.00	\$375.00
New Dwellings	Building Class 1 and 2 including units - per dwelling		\$640.00	\$670.00
Other	Class 3 through to 9 (all Commercial and industrial buildings, excluding farm sheds).		0.1% of total value with a Minimum and Maximum Fee	0.2% of total value with a Minimum and Maximum Fee
	Minimum Fee		\$765.00	\$800.00
	Maximum Fee		\$24,020.00	\$35,000.00
Level 2 Activities	Level 2 Activities		Assessment fee as per commercial fee above, plus any additional advertising costs	Assessment fee as per commercial fee above, plus any additional advertising costs
Demolition	Demolition works		\$208.00	\$217.00
Advertising	Advertising costs - Examiner Newspaper	*	\$483.00	\$505.00
Retrospective	Legalisation of Use and/Or Development		Double Normal Fees	Double Normal Fees
Subdivision	Per Lot Fee - Minimum Fee applies		0	\$0.00
	Per Lot		\$163.00	\$170.00
	Minimum Fee		\$1,232.00	\$1,287.00

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Planning Fees – Continued				
Boundary adjustment	Boundary adjustment/consolidation		\$679.00	\$710.00
Adhesion	Application for adhesion order		\$713.00	\$745.00
Amendments	Scheme Amendment Fee. Scheme Admendment Fee plus 3 x Advertising Fee and + TPC Fee		\$4,036.00 plus 3 x advertising and + TPC fee	\$4,218.00 plus 3 x advertising and + TPC fee
	Combined Scheme Amendment Fee and Development Fee plus 3 x Advertising Fee + Development Fee		\$4,036.00 plus 3 x advertising + development fee	\$4,218.00 plus 3 x advertising + development fee
Minor Amendment	Minor amendment to Planning Permit		\$273.00	\$285.00
Extension to permit	Extension of time to planning permit		\$218.00	\$228.00
Plans	Examining and sealing of final plan		\$570.00	\$596.00
Stratum Plan	Stratum plan approval - Set Fee plus Per Lot Fee			
	Fee (including 2 inspections)		\$343.00	\$358.00
	Per Lot		\$74.00	\$77.00
	Additional Inspections		\$0.00	\$100.00
Sealed Plan amendment	Sealed Plan amendment – including managing Part 5 Agreements and covenants. (Where a hearing is required.)		\$1,423.00	\$1,487.00
Amendment to sealed plan	Amendment to Part 5 Agreements and covenants where no hearing is required		\$751.00	\$785.00

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Planning Fees - continued				
New Part 5 Agreements or Sealed Plan amendment, including managing Part 5 Agreements and Covenants. (Where no hearing is required.) *	Administration fees for processing and sealing of Part 5 Agreement (exclusive of cost of drafting and creating the agreement), or amending/removing Part V agreements or covenants	*	\$751.00	\$785.00
Refunds	If application is withdrawn before assessment is commenced	*	If application is withdrawn before further information is requested 75%, if after RFI 25%	If application is withdrawn before further information is requested 75%, if after RFI 25%
Peer Review	Peer review study by a suitably qualified person not employed by Council where specialist reports are submitted with an application	*	Cost of consultant plus 15% admin cost	Cost of consultant plus 15% admin cost

Public open space contributions are calculated in line with legislation – please contact Councils Planning

** See Fee Description for additional costs

* Fee description expanded to cover fees we found we needed this year but did not have clearly defined. This is for;

1. The requests to remove covenants from a title, *and*
2. Requests to remove or amend a part 5 agreement, *and*
3. Covering of costs associated with hearings.

*** 1. 'Unimproved value' - of the 'newly created lots' is the total value of all 'newly created' lots, less the costs to develop the blocks, such as levelling, installing all services, roads, crossovers, connection to services, and preparing for sale.

2. 'Newly created lots' - are all lots with the exception of any balance lot.

Note: Some applications may require payment of advertising costs i.e. tree removal, demolition, dwellings etc. Please contact Council's Planning Department for any queries on (03) 6382 8800.

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Permit Authority				
Notifiable Building Work (category 3)	Processing of notifiable works		\$263.00	\$275.00
Permit Building Work (category 4)	Application processing for permit works		\$402.00	\$420.00
Illegal Building Work (category 4)	Application processing for all illegal works		\$796.00	\$832.00
Building Approval Extension of Time	Application for an extension of time for Permit & Notifiable Work and existing permits - one year		\$220.00	\$230.00
Building Approval Extension of Time	Application for an extension of time for Permit & Notifiable Work and existing permits - less than one year		\$139.00	\$145.00
Staged Approvals	Application for a staged approvals (permit & notifiable work)		\$402.00 + \$218.00 per stage	\$420.00 + \$227.00 per stage
Amended Approvals	Application for an amendment to existing approvals (permit & notifiable work)		\$218.00 + Building surveyor hourly rate where required	\$227.00 + Building surveyor hourly rate where required
Building Certificate	Application for a Building Certificate		\$218.00 + hourly rate	\$227.00 + hourly rate where required
Temporary Occupancy Permit notification	Processing of TOP from Building Surveyor		\$68.00 (waived for NFP groups as in kind support)	\$71.00 (waived for NFP groups as in kind support)
TBCIT Training Levy	Works \$20,000 or more		Set by State Gov	Set by State Gov
Building Administrative Fee	Works \$20,000 or more		Set by State Gov	Set by State Gov

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Permit Authority - Continued				
Permit Extension of Time	As per CBOS Directors Determination - special circumstances		\$302.00	\$316.00
Archive File Search	Fee for file search for building, planning and plumbing		\$37 + copying charges (plus PA hr fee rate as required)	\$39.00 + copying charges (plus PA hr fee rate as required)
Permit Authority Hourly Rate	File searches, inspections, reports and travelling.		\$101.00	\$106.00

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Facility or Service	Fee Description	GST Inc.	2024/2025 Fees	Proposed 2025/2026 Fees
Building Surveying				
Class 1 (category 3) New or alt/add > 56m2	Processing, assessment and up to 4-5 inspections	*	\$2,139.00	\$2,235.00
Class 1 (category 4) New or alt/add > 56m2	Processing, assessment and up to 5 inspections	*	\$2,511.00	\$2,624.00
Class 1 (category 3 & 4) – additional units/dwelling	Assessment of each additional unit/dwelling proposed	*	\$200.00 per unit/dwelling	\$209.00 per unit/dwelling
Class 1 (category 3 & 4) – alterations/additions < 56m2	Processing, assessment and up to 5 inspections	*	\$1,767.00	\$1,847.00
Class 2-9 (category 3) New	Processing, assessment, referrals and inspections - Up to 2000m2	*	\$2,325.00	\$2,430.00
Class 2-9 (category 4) New	Processing, assessment, referrals and inspections - Up to 2000m2	*	\$2,726.00	\$2,849.00
Class 2-9 (category 3 & 4) Alteration or Addition	Processing, assessment, referrals and inspections - Up to 2000m2	*	\$1,953.00	\$2,041.00
Class 10 (category 3) New or alt/add > 56m2	Processing, assessment and 3 inspections	*	\$1,024.00	\$1,070.00
Class 10 (category 4) New or alt/add > 56m2	Processing, assessment and 3 inspections		\$1,210.00	\$1,264.00
Class 10 (category 3 & 4) Alt/add < 56m2	Processing, assessment and up to 3 inspections	*	\$838.00	\$876.00
Class 2-9 (category 3 & 4) Alteration or Addition <500m2	Processing, assessment and inspections - Up to 500m2	*	\$1,537.00	\$1,606.00
Demolition - class 1 & 10 (category 3 & 4)	Processing, assessment and inspections	*	\$764.00	\$798.00
Demolition - class 2-9 (category 3 & 4)	Processing, assessment and inspections	*	\$995.00	\$1,040.00

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Building Surveying – Continued				
Owner Builder	Processing of owner builder applications		Additional 20% of the surveying fees charged	Additional 20% of the surveying fees charged
Hourly Rate – Building Surveyor	Hourly rate for all Building Surveying		\$199.00	\$208.00
Hourly Rate – Administration	Building surveying administration		\$101.00	\$106.00
Inspections	For additional inspections due to failure or where required		\$199.00	\$208.00
Application for Occupancy Permit (where not part of above active CLC)	Receive application for occupancy permit, carry out inspections, referrals, etc. and issue occupancy permit		\$218 (admin fee) + hourly rate (building surveyor) min 1 hour	\$228.00 (admin fee) + hourly rate (building surveyor) min 1 hour
Application for Temporary Occupancy Permit (FORM 5)	Assess and issue Temporary Occupancy Permit		\$291 (waived for NFP groups as in kind support)	\$304.00 (waived for NFP groups as in kind support)

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Facility or Service	Fee Description	GST Inc.	2024/2025 Fees	Proposed 2025/2026 Fees
Engineering Charges				
Stormwater Connections	A new Private Stormwater Connection to Public Stormwater System, including Kerb Connection. Per connection.	*	Cost plus 15%	\$250.00
Works Permit / New Crossover Application Fee / Application to Open Road	Fee per application, including pre & post inspection fee.	*	\$300.00	\$314.00
Services location	Charge per hour or part thereof.	*	\$105.00	\$110.00
Supply of Traffic Counts (existing data)	Charge per count, if current data is already available.	*	\$79.00	\$83.00
Supply of Traffic Counts (New data)	Charge per count, if data must be obtained.	*	\$150.00	\$157.00
Assessment of Public Works* (Only applies to works that have been certified by the qualified engineer and approved by the Director of Infrastructure & Development)	Assessment of Engineering Drawings, Construction Audit Inspections, Practical and Final Inspection.	*	1.25% of the value of the public works for plan checking, construction audit inspection and practical completion and final	1.5% of the value of the Public Works. Minimum Fee of \$750.
Inspection of Failed Public Works*	Re-inspections of works that failed a previous inspection	*	\$120.00	\$125.00
Road Closure *	Closure of public road or section of road	*	\$150.00	\$157.00
Road Closure Advertisement	Per Advertisement		Cost plus 15%	Cost plus 15%
Parking Bays For Private Use	Closure of parking bay such as for Skip Bins etc.	*	\$30.00	\$50.00

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Facility or Service	Fee Description	GST Inc.	2024/2025 Fees	Proposed 2025/2026 Fees
Environmental Health				
Food Business Inspection	Additional inspection		\$189.00	\$198.00
Food Business Notification	Notification Only		\$21.00	\$22.00
Food Business Registration (incl. state wide)	Low risk premises [1]		\$168.00	\$176.00
Food Business Registration (incl. state wide)	Medium risk premises [2]		\$324.00	\$339.00
Food Business Registration (incl. state wide)	High Risk premises [3]		\$324.00	\$339.00
Food Business Registration (incl. state wide)	Late fee		Standard fee above + \$50	Standard fee above + \$52
*Food Business Registration (incl. state wide) – New Business (DecJune)	Low risk premises [1]		\$84.00	\$88.00
*Food Business Registration (incl. state wide) New Business (DecJune)	Medium risk premises [2]		\$157.00	\$164.00
*Food Business Registration (incl. state wide) New Business (DecJune)	High Risk premises [3]		\$157.00	\$164.00
Community Organisations and Sporting Clubs	Non Commercial / Charity fee waived		\$0.00	\$0.00
Water and Food Sampling	Food Sampling [4]		Laboratory fees plus 15%	Laboratory fees plus 15%
On-site Wastewater Management System Design Assessment	Subdivision assessment (1 lot)		\$368.00+ \$50.00 per additional lot	\$383.00 + \$52.00 per additional lot
On-site Wastewater Management System Inspection	Reinspection due to incomplete or faulty work		\$189.00	\$198.00
Water Supply Registration (Water Carters, Food Premises, Tourist Accommodation)	Registration as a supplier of bulk potable water, or water from a private source (other than from Taswater). Includes registration, inspection and water sample on costs.		\$173.00 per vehicle/tanker \$173.00 per food premises \$173.00 per tourist accommodation site	\$180.00 per vehicle/tanker \$180.00 per food premises \$180.00 per tourist accommodation site
Public Health	Place of Assembly Licence (new or renewal)		\$179.00	\$187.00
Public Health	Registration of premises for public health risk activity (e.g. skin penetration)		\$173.00	\$181.00
Public Health	Registration of a Regulated System (e.g. cooling towers)		\$179.00	\$187.00
***Pre-purchase	Inspection of Food Business		\$189.00	\$198.00

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Abatement Notice	Contractor engaged to complete works
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Public Health – notes:

- (1) Premises are ranked in accordance with a Risk Classifications System, low risk includes cafes.
- (2) Premises are ranked in accordance with a Risk Classifications System, medium risk includes restaurants.
- (3) Premises are ranked in accordance with a Risk Classifications System, high risk includes nursing homes.
- (4) Does not include costs of analysis.
- (5) Includes connections to Council gravity or low pressure sewer or other special connections

* Registrations of less than a year - Fee may be reduced by 6% per month for registrations less than 12 months.

* Refunding fees where business changes hands or closes –

Calculate refunds at 6% per month of balance of registration period.

Notes for use in considering to adopt these fees: ‘Water Supply Registration’ has been simply clarified to make it clearer when this registration and associated fee is required.

Facility or Service	Fee Description	GS T inc	2024/2 025 Fees	Proposed 2025/26 Fees
Environmental Health				
Food Premises Referral (FORM 42/49)	Fee for provision of form 49 as requested from a Building Surveyor		\$182 + hourly rate for assessment	\$190 + hourly rate for assessment
Food Premises Occupancy Inspection/Report (FORM 50)	Fee for inspection and provision of form 50 as requested from a Building Surveyor		\$182.00	\$190.00
Waste Water Referral	Referral from Plumbing surveyor to EHO for assessment of On Site Waste Water system		\$389.00	\$410.00
Inspections	Normal inspection costing for quotes. Additional inspections due to failure of booked inspection, resulting in the need for EHO to re-inspect a particular stage.		\$182.00	\$190.00
Environmental Health Officer Hourly Rate	Hourly rate for all works that are not covered under specific fees.		\$182.00	\$190.00
Place of Assembly Licence	Assessment of, and issue of POA licence.		\$182 (waived for NFP groups as in kind support)	\$190 (waived for NFP groups as in kind support)

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Facility or Service	Fee Description	GST inc	2024/2025 Fees	Proposed 2025/26 Fees
Bond - All facilities				
	Event without Alcohol		\$95.00	\$200.00
	Event with Alcohol		\$645.00	\$675.00
Memorial Hall Complex				
After hours callout fee Note: this will be deducted from any bond, otherwise invoiced.	After hours call out fee for assistance or maintenance per hour or part thereof, or where additional cleaning needs to be undertaken by council staff where it should have been completed by hirer.	*	\$75.00 (Note: this will be deducted from any bond, otherwise invoiced)	\$78.00 (Note: this will be deducted from any bond, otherwise invoiced)
Hall portable audio equipment	Setup & Training provided as required	*	\$63.00	\$66.00
Hall audio and lighting equipment	Setup & Training provided as required	*	\$121.00	\$126.00
Portable Stage	setup and removal	*	\$110.00	\$115.00
Kitchenware – cooking/serving equipment (main items only)	Per 10 items from store	*	\$30.00	\$31.00
	Per 10+ items from store	*	\$58.00	\$61.00
Table Clothes	Per cloth	*	\$3.00 per cloth	\$5.00 per cloth
Glassware, cutlery & crockery	Per 20 peices (please specify items when booking)	*	\$5.00 per 20 pieces	\$5.00 per 20 pieces
Memorial Hall and Supper Room	Non-Commercial (min 2 hrs)	*	\$26.00 per hour	\$27.00 per hour
			\$152.00 per day	\$159.00 per day
	Commercial (min 2hrs)	*	\$50.00 per hour	\$52.00 per hour
			\$297.00 per day	\$310.00 per day
Memorial Hall only	Non-Commercial (min 2 hrs)	*	\$18.00 per hour	\$19.00 per hour
			\$103.00 per day	\$108.00 per day
	Commercial (min 2hrs)	*	\$42.00 per hour	\$44.00 per day
			\$200.00 per day	\$210.00 per day
Macquarie Room	Non-Commercial (min 2 hrs)	*	\$18.00 per hour	\$19.00 per hour
			\$103.00 per day	\$108.00 per day
	Commercial (min 2hrs)	*	\$42.00 per hour	\$44.00 per hour
			\$200.00 per day	\$209.00 per day

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Memorial Hall Complex - Continued				
Supper Room Only	Non-Commercial (min 2 hrs)	*	\$16.00 per hour	\$17.00 per hour
			\$79.00 per day	\$83.00 per day
	Commercial (min 2hrs)	*	\$37.00 per hour	\$39.00 per hour
			\$152.00 per day	\$159.00 per day
Kitchen (does not include utensils)	Non-Commercial (min 2 hrs)	*	\$19.00 per hour	\$20.00 per hour
			\$79.00 per day	\$83.00 per day
	Commercial (min 2hrs)	*	\$37.00 per hour	\$39.00 per hour
			\$152.00 per day	\$159.00 per day
Jim Mooney Gallery	Non-Commercial per week	*	\$74.00	\$77.00
	Commercial per week	*	\$147.00	\$154.00
	Non-Commercial per hour (for functions)	*	\$16.00	\$17.00
	Commercial per hour (for functions)	*	\$37.00	\$39.00
Graham Fairless Centre	Non-Commercial (min 2 hrs)	*	\$22.00 per hour	\$23.00 per hour
			\$120.00 per day	\$125.00 per day
	Commercial (min 2hrs)	*	\$61.00 per hour	\$64.00 per hour
			\$215.00 per day	\$225.00 per day
Graham Fairless Centre and Supper Room	Non-Commercial (min 2 hrs)	*	\$28.00 per hour	\$29.00 per hour
			\$160.00 per day	\$167.00 per day
	Commercial (min 2hrs)	*	\$65.00 per hour	\$68.00 per hour
			\$290.00 per day	\$303.00 per day
Entire Complex	Non-Commercial per day	*	\$365.00 per day	\$381.00 per day
	Commercial per day	*	\$675.00 per day	\$705.00 per day
Hillwood Hall				
Hillwood Memorial Hall (incl Supper Room & Kitchen)	Non-Commercial	*	\$21.00 per hour	\$22.00 per hour
			\$79.00 per day	\$83.00 per day
	Commercial	*	\$37.00 per hour	\$39.00 per hour
			\$153.00 – per day	\$160.00 per day

For facilities at Bellingham, Weymouth, Lulworth and Beechford please contact the appropriate progress association.

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Facility or Service	Fee Description	GST Inc	2024/2025 Fees	Proposed 2025/26 Fees
Regent Square				
Non-commercial site fee_ Events	Per site, per day	*	\$61.00	\$64.00
Non-commercial site fee –Self-contained Recreational Vehicles/Vans rallies only.	Determined once event approval given by Council to hold event/rally and will include miscellaneous Council services	*	On application	On application
Commercial use of Regent Square	Refundable Bond		\$478.00	\$500.00
Commercial Site Fee – Stall/Vehicle/ Van inc. power where is available	Per site per day	*	\$115.00	\$120.00
Miscellaneous Council Services	As requested or required	*	At cost	At cost
Council Chambers				
Council Chambers	per hour - room only	*	\$53.00	\$55.00
Council Chambers	per hour - with equipment and/or tea coffee etc	*	\$67.00	\$70.00
Council Chambers	per day - room only	*	\$326.00	\$341.00
Council Chambers	per hour - with equipment and/or tea coffee etc	*	\$378.00	\$395.00
Council Chambers small meeting rooms	per hour - room only	*	\$35.00	\$37.00
Council Chambers small meeting rooms	per day - room only	*	\$153.00	\$160.00
York Cove				
Main Function room	Non-Commercial (min 2 hrs) Per hour	*	\$16.00	\$17.00
	Non-Commercial (min 2 hrs) Per day	*	\$79.00	\$83.00
Function room (known as CWA room)	Non-Commercial (min 2 hrs) Per hour	*	\$16.00	\$17.00
	Non-Commercial (min 2 hrs) Per day	*	\$79.00	\$83.00
Anzac Drive Building				
Launchpad	Training only (Availability limited) per hour	*	0	\$17.00
Hillwood Football Oval				
Oval/Changerooms	Per hour	*	\$25.00	\$26.00
	Per day	*	\$149.00	\$156.00
Clubrooms			Fee determined by the leaseholder	Fee determined by the leaseholder

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George Town Football Oval				
Oval/Changerooms	Per hour	*	\$34.00	\$36.00
	Per day	*	\$185.00	\$193.00
Clubrooms			Fee determined by the leaseholder	Fee determined by the leaseholder
George Town Soccer Ground				
Oval	Per hour	*	\$16.00	\$17.00
	Per day	*	\$95.00	\$99.00
George Town Cricket Ground				
Oval/Changerooms	Per hour	*	\$25.00	\$26.00
	Per day	*	\$149.00	\$156.00
George Town Sporting Complex General Ground Hire (excluding facilities and grounds)				
Reserve Ground	Per hour	*	\$0.00	\$17.00
	Per day	*	\$0.00	\$99.00
George Town Netball Court				
Netball Court	Per hour	*	\$13.50	\$14.00
George Town Veledrome				
Oval	Per hour	*	\$16.00	\$17.00
	Per day	*	\$95.00	\$99.00
Charges do not apply to current sporting clubs' users of the facilities				
Miscellaneous Event Fees				
Bin hire - (includes delivery and collection- does not include waste removal)	140lt	*	-	\$2.00 per bin
	240lt	*	-	\$2.50 per bin
Bin hire - (includes delivery/collection and waste disposal- one empty)	240lt	*	-	\$7.10 per bin
Temporary Fence	Hire only	*	-	\$5.00/mtr
	Install and remove	*	-	At cost

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Photocopying Charges				
Photocopying & Laminating charges - General	A4 White per page	*	\$1.05	\$1.10
Photocopying & Laminating charges - General	A4 White per ream	*	\$65.00	\$68.00
Photocopying & Laminating charges - General	A4 Colour per page	*	\$1.15	\$1.50
Photocopying & Laminating charges - General	A4 Colour per ream	*	\$79.00	\$82.50
Photocopying & Laminating charges - General	A3 per page	*	\$2.10	\$2.50
Photocopying & Laminating charges - General	A3 per ream	*	\$103.00	\$107.50
Photocopying charges - Plan copies	A0 Size per copy	*	\$32.00	\$33.50
Photocopying charges - Plan copies	A1 Size per copy	*	\$14.00	\$14.50
Photocopying charges - Plan copies	A2 Size per copy	*	\$9.45	\$10.00
Photocopying charges - Plan copies	A3 Size per copy	*	\$5.25	\$5.50
Provision of Information				
Search fees	Less than 15 minutes	*	\$53.00	\$55.50
Search fees	Greater than 15 minutes	*	\$184.00	\$192.50
Planning scheme	Hard copy of planning scheme ordinance (available at no charge on website or by email)	*	\$74.00	\$77.50
Maps	Zoning map A4	*	\$21.00	\$22.00
Maps	GIS maps	*	\$21.00	\$22.00
Maps	Large maps	*	\$50.00	\$52.50
Council meeting agendas	Individual hardcopy upon request	*	Free of Charge	Free of Charge

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Provision of Information - continued				
Council Annual Report	Individual hardcopy upon request		Free of Charge	Free of Charge
Council meeting minutes or extracts thereof (as advised by Local Government Division set in accordance with the Fee units Act 1997)	Per 5 pages	*	\$1.87	\$2.00
Copy of Audio Recording of Ordinary Council Meeting	Per copy	*	\$14.00	\$16.00
Land information certificate application under section 337 of the Act (in accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations section 41.1)	Per certificate		\$247.78	\$259.00
Issue of a certificate of liabilities under section 132 of the Act (in accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations section 41.2)	Per certificate		\$56.10	\$58.50
Right to Information request (as advised by Right to Information Act 2009 in accordance with Fee Units Act 1997)	Per request		\$46.75	\$49.00
Referral of a complaint under Section 28V of the Act (in accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations set under the Fee Units Act 1997)			\$93.50	\$97.50

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George Town Waste Transfer Site Fees				
Waste Management Centre fees	General Waste – Domestic (weighted per tonne	*	\$158/tonne (min charge \$19) (0.120t)	\$175/tonne (min charge \$21.00) (0.120t)
Waste Management Centre fees	Commercial Waste	*	\$263/tonne (min charge \$131.50) (=0.0735t)	\$290/tonne (min charge \$145.15)(=.5t)
Waste Management Centre fees	General Waste - Mattresses (Single and Double)	*	\$18.00	\$20.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Car or Motorcycle Tyres – each	*	\$16.00	\$18.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Light Truck and Four Wheel Drive Tyres – each	*	\$27.00	\$30.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Other tyres on application	*	POA	POA
Waste Management Centre fees	Car bodies	*	\$100 per complete car (including tyres) \$36 stripped car	\$110 complete cars. Tyres must be removed and charged separately
Waste Management Centre fees	Inert material - Including soil, gravel, bricks, concrete, spoil from excavations, - all Trucks	*	\$158 (min charge \$79/0.5t)	\$175 (min charge \$87/0.5t)
Waste Management Centre fees	Clay & Clean Fill – (No contamination) – All Trucks	*	\$158 (min charge \$79/0.5t)	\$175 (min charge \$87/0.5t)
Waste Management Centre fees	Separated scrap steel	*	Free of Charge	Free of Charge
Waste Management Centre fees	Green waste	*	\$120 (min charge \$14) (0.120t)	\$134 (min charge \$16) (0.0120t)
Waste Management Centre fees	Oil/litre	*	\$1.50/lt	\$1.65/lt

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Facility or Service	Fee Description	GST inc	2024/2025 Fees	Proposed 2025/26 Fees
Pipers River Waste Transfer Site Fees				
Waste Management Centre fees	General Waste – Domestic bin	*	\$19.00	\$21.00
Waste Management Centre fees	General Waste – Domestic Car	*	\$19.00	\$21.00
Waste Management Centre fees	General Waste – Domestic Wagon	*	\$19.00	\$21.00
Waste Management Centre fees	General Waste – Domestic Utility	*	Min charge .5t = \$79.00	Min charge .5t = \$87.00
Waste Management Centre fees	General Waste – Domestic Van	*	Min charge .5t = \$79.00	Min charge .5t = \$87.00
Waste Management Centre fees	General Waste – Domestic 1t trailer	*	Min charge .5t = \$79.00	Min charge .5t = \$87.00
Waste Management Centre fees	General Waste – Domestic 1.5t trailer	*	Min charge .5t = \$118.00	Min charge .5t = \$131.00
Waste Management Centre fees	General Waste – Domestic 2t trailer	*	Min charge .5t = \$158.00	Min charge .5t = \$175.00
Waste Management Centre fees	General Waste – Domestic 2t trailer with cage	*	Min charge .5t = \$158.00	Min charge .5t = \$175.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Car or Motorcycle Tyres – each	*	\$16.00	\$18.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Light Truck and Four Wheel Drive Tyres – each	*	\$27.00	\$30.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Mattresses	*	\$18.00	\$20.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Separated Steel	*	Free	Free
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic bin	*	\$14.00	\$16.00

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Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic Car	*	\$14.00	\$16.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic Wagon	*	\$14.00	\$16.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic Utility	*	Min charge .5t = \$60.00	Min charge .5t = \$66.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic Van	*	Min charge .5t = \$60.00	Min charge .5t = \$66.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic 1t trailer	*	Min charge .5t = \$60.00	Min charge .5t = \$66.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic 1.5t trailer	*	Min charge .75t = \$90.00	Min charge .75t = \$99.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic 2t trailer	*	Min charge 1t = \$120.00	Min charge . 1t = \$133.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic 2t trailer with cage	*	Min charge 1t = \$120.00	Min charge . 1t = \$133.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Oil/lt	*	\$1.50/lt	\$1.65/lt
Other Waste	Upsize/downsize council kerbside garbage bin	*	\$48.00	\$53.00
Pipers River Waste Transfer Site Fees for Residents and Ratepayers only.				
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic Utility	*	Min charge .25t = \$30.00	Min charge .25t = \$33.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic Van	*	Min charge .25t = \$30.00	Min charge .25t = \$33.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic 1t trailer	*	Min charge .25t = \$30.00	Min charge .25t = \$33.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic 1.5t trailer	*	Min charge .375t = \$45.00	Min charge .375t = \$50.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic 2t trailer	*	Min charge 0.5t = \$60.00	Min charge 0.5t = \$66.00
Waste Management Centre fees	Green Waste – Domestic 2t trailer with cage	*	Min charge .5t = \$60.00	Min charge .5t = \$66.00

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Facility or Service	Fee Description	GST inc	2024/2025 Fees	Proposed 2025/26 Fees
Bass & Flinders – Individual Entry				
Bass & Flinders Maritime Museum -	Adult Entry Fee	*	\$12.00	\$13.00
Bass & Flinders Maritime Museum	Concession Entry Fee	*	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bass & Flinders Maritime Museum	Child Entry Fee	*	\$5.00	\$5.00
Bass & Flinders Maritime Museum	Ticket of Leave – yearly entry - Local GTC Municipality Residents and tour operators. (Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.	*	\$12.00 adult \$10.00 concession \$5 child	\$13.00 adult \$11.00 concession \$6 child
Bass & Flinders – Group Bookings				
Bass & Flinders Maritime Museum	Non-Commercial (Community Groups, School, Not for Profit) entry fee per person	*	\$8 adult \$4 School groups	\$9 adult \$4.00 School groups
Bass & Flinders Maritime Museum	Non-Commercial (Community Groups, Not for Profit) (1)(2)	*	\$70 per hour	\$73.00 per hour
Bass & Flinders Maritime Museum	Commercial (1)(2)	*	\$115 per hour	\$120.00 per hour
Bass & Flinders Maritime Museum	Crockery Hire (3)	*	\$1.50 per set	\$1.75 per set
Bass & Flinders Maritime Museum	Host and Set Up Fee	*	Included in each group booking fee	Included in each group booking fee
Bass & Flinders Meeting Room	Room only	*	\$15 per hour	\$16.00 per hour
Bass & Flinders Family Pass	Family Pass (2 adults, 3 children)	*	\$28.00	\$29.00
<p>(1) Conditions of Hourly Hire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Minimum two-hour booking □ AM booking – 8:30am to 10:30am, PM booking – 5:00pm to midnight * Booked a minimum of seven days in advance * A Bass and Flinders host will be in attendance to assist with the running of your event <p>(2) Crockery Set</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Includes 1 x plate, bowl, glass and set of cutlery. <p>(3) Bar Hire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Dry hire only – all appropriate licenses to be the responsibility of the hirer. <p>(4) Bond - Facilities Hirer Bond applies. *Event without Alcohol \$200.00, * Event with Alcohol \$675.00</p>				

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Facility or Service	Fee Description	GST inc	2024/2025 Fees	Proposed 2025/26 Fees
Watch House – Individual Entry				
Watch House	Adult Entry Fee		\$4.00	\$0.00
Watch House	Concession Entry Fee		\$3.00	\$0.00
Watch House	Child Entry Fee		\$1.50	\$0.00
Watch House	Family Entry Fee (2 Adults and 2 Children)		\$8.50	\$0.00
Watch House	Ticket of Leave – yearly		\$6.50	\$0.00
Watch House – Group Bookings				
Watch House	Non-Commercial		\$3 ad \$1 school	\$0.00
Temporary Dwelling Accommodation – Caravans and Self-Contained Recreational Vehicles				
Per one night stay only at Council operated areas (Note: Group rallies at Council reserves by written approval only – same fees apply.)	Per one night stay including \$2.00 rubbish disposal fee. (Additional charges may apply at some locations – Water \$1.00 – Blackwater dump \$1.00.)	*	\$20.00	\$21.00
Cemetery				
George Town Cemetery - within the lawn cemetery	Single depth burial	*	\$2,100.00	\$2,200.00
George Town Cemetery - within the lawn cemetery	Double depth burial	*	\$2,310.00	\$2,450.00
George Town Cemetery - within the lawn cemetery	Second interment	*	\$1,785.00	\$2,000.00
Within the George Town, Lefroy, and Pipers River General Cemeteries:	Single depth burial	*	\$2,100.00	\$2,200.00
Within the George Town, Lefroy, and Pipers River General Cemeteries:	Double depth burial	*	\$2,310.00	\$2,450.00
Within the George Town, Lefroy, and Pipers River General Cemeteries:	Second internment	*	\$1,785.00	\$2,000.00
Within the George Town, Lefroy, and Pipers River General Cemeteries:	Reservation	*	\$400.00	\$420.00
Within the George Town, Lefroy, and Pipers River General Cemeteries:	Single depth burial in reservation	*	\$2,100.00	\$2,200.00
Within the George Town, Lefroy, and Pipers River General Cemeteries:	Double depth burial in reservation	*	\$2,310.00	\$2,450.00
Cemetery - Memorial Wall	Niche reservation		\$275.00	\$290.00
Cemetery - Memorial Wall	Placement of ashes	*	\$525.00	\$550.00
Cemetery - Memorial Rose Garden	Reservation		\$275.00	\$290.00

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Cemetery - Memorial Rose Garden	Placement of ashes (no reservation)	*	\$683.00	\$710.00
Cemetery - Memorial Rose Garden	Second placement of ashes at same time as first	*	\$409.50	\$430.00
Cemetery - Memorial Rose Garden	Placement if reservation has been made	*	\$530.00	\$550.00
Cemetery - Memorial Rose Garden	Crypts: per single crypt	*	\$8,300.00	\$8,700.00
Miscellaneous Cemetery Charges	Replacement of existing or placement of additional plaque	*	\$110.00	\$115.00
Miscellaneous Cemetery Charges	Interment on Weekends (additional)	*	\$820.00	\$860.00
Miscellaneous Cemetery Charges	Burial of children under 12 years	*	\$934.50	\$980.00
Miscellaneous Cemetery Charges	Exhumation	*	\$2,570.00	\$2,700.00
Miscellaneous Cemetery Charges	Ashes placement in grave	*	\$335.00	\$350.00

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2025/2026 CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET PROPOSAL							
ASSET CLASS	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CLASS	COUNCIL FUNDING (2025/26)	EXTERNAL FUNDING	2025/2026
Bridges & Safety Barriers	M - Bridge Repair Works - Program	A program of works to be generated from TasSpan Bridge Condition (BMS) report.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 70,000
	M - Low Head Pontoon Refurbishment	This pontoon has two distinct issues: frequent disorientation (an engineering issues) and condition defects on overwater and underwater pontoon components such as poor fendering. This budget aims to address both issues comprehensively.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 19,052	\$ 300,000	\$ 319,052
Bridges & Safety Barriers Total					\$ 89,052	\$ 300,000	\$ 389,052
Buildings & Structures	M - Painting Various Buildings & Facilities - Program	This project proposal is part of an ongoing annual program to repaint Council facilities and buildings, ensuring their longevity, aesthetic appeal, and structural preservation.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 57,200	\$ -	\$ 57,200
	M - Power Pole Renewal - Program	This project proposal is for the replacement of four streetlight/power poles around the municipality as part of an ongoing annual program. The program originally included the replacement of three poles per year but has been expanded to four. TasNetworks will nominate which poles require replacement based on their inspection reports, ensuring that the highest-risk poles are addressed as a priority.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 52,800	\$ -	\$ 52,800
	M - Fittings and Fixtures Renewal Program	This project proposal is for the introduction of a new program in the 2025/26 financial year to facilitate the renewal of aged and degraded fittings and fixtures across municipal facilities. Many public amenities, including BBQs, seating, and shelters, require replacement as they reach the end of their service life. This program will provide the Facilities Maintenance Officer with the discretion and resources to replace these assets as needed, ensuring continued functionality and public benefit.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
	M - Rekeying Various Buildings & Facilities - Program	This project proposal is to upgrade and replace the keying system in various Council buildings and facilities to match the system currently used at the Council Chambers. This upgrade will enhance security, provide greater control over access hierarchy, and streamline access management across multiple Council-managed sites. The priority facilities to receive keying system upgrades include the York Cove Centre, the Watch House, and the Bass and Flinders Centre.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 34,320	\$ -	\$ 34,320
	M - LED Light Replacement – Program	This project proposal is for the upgrade of existing lighting to energy-efficient LED at all Council buildings and facilities. As part of the ongoing program, the priority for the 2025/26 period is upgrading lighting along the York Cove Walkway / Kanamaluka Trail by replacing wall-mounted lights with lamp posts. This change aims to reduce ongoing vandalism issues while enhancing public safety and visibility.	Municipal	Upgrade	\$ 22,880	\$ -	\$ 22,880
	GT - Electrical Switchboard Upgrade – Council Offices	This project proposal is to replace the main electrical switchboard at the Council Chambers. This essential infrastructure upgrade will ensure the reliability and safety of electrical systems within the facility, supporting Council operations and service delivery to the community.	George Town	Renewal	\$ 39,900	\$ -	\$ 39,900
	M - Generator Connection Points for Community Halls	This project proposal is to install generator connection points and purchase connection leads for community halls. This initiative will enable recently acquired emergency generators to be connected to these facilities, ensuring power availability during outages, strengthening George Town's emergency preparedness.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
	LW - Lord Liverpool Drive Distribution Board Replacement	This project proposal is to replace the badly corroded distribution board at Lord Liverpool Drive with a new stainless-steel unit. This essential upgrade will enhance the reliability and safety of electrical infrastructure, ensuring continued serviceability and compliance with modern standards.	Low Head	Renewal	\$ 13,728	\$ -	\$ 13,728
	GT - Jim Mooney Art Gallery Renovation	This project proposal is to install glass panels, solid walls, and a glass door to improve security and functionality at the Jim Mooney Gallery. Additionally, an art storage cabinet will be installed to protect valuable artwork and enhance the gallery's security and storage.	George Town	Renewal	\$ 62,920	\$ -	\$ 62,920

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	GT - Regent Square Power Supply Upgrade	This project proposal is to upgrade power infrastructure within the carpark space to better facilitate community events. Currently, no permanent power supply exists, requiring temporary solutions such as generators or power boxes attached to the side of the hall. Installing dedicated power boxes will provide reliable and convenient access to electricity, enhancing the functionality of the space for events.	George Town	Upgrade	\$ 57,200	\$ -	\$ 57,200
	W - Weymouth Re-Roof, Fascia & Gutter	This project proposal is to replace the roof, fascia, guttering, and external cladding of Weymouth Hall. The existing roof has large patches that are at risk of leaking, while the external wall cladding shows signs of severe rust beneath the paintwork. Some remedial works have already been undertaken in preparation for these replacements. Completing this project will protect the structural integrity of the hall and ensure its long-term usability for the community.	Weymouth	Renewal	\$ 48,000	\$ -	\$ 48,000
	GT- Memorial Hall	This project outlines the need for the installing a new electric stove in the kitchen of the George Town Memorial Hall. The current gas stove poses significant operational challenges, safety risks, and reputational damage to the council.	George Town	Renewal	\$ 38,000	\$ -	\$ 38,000
	GT - Bass and Flinders - Installation of whale boat	Securely and safely install the "Mirage" whale boat above the upper walkway of the museum, utilising a steel support system similar to the "Melanie" installation. The Mirage was gifted to council in 2024/25 with installation pending a budget allocation and/or grant funding. The Mirage came with a boat trailer which will be sold to contribute to the cost of permanent installation in the Museum.	George Town	New	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000
Buildings & Structures Total					\$ 552,948	\$ 6,000	\$ 558,948
Footpaths and Cycle Ways	M - Footpath Replacement - Program	Several footpath sections around George Town are old, damaged, or non-compliant with current Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) standards. These deteriorated sections present safety risks and accessibility challenges for the community. The project involves replacement of approximately 400 metres of footpath at various locations around George Town.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 93,600	\$ -	\$ 93,600
Footpaths and Cycle Ways Total					\$ 93,600	\$ -	\$ 93,600
Parks, Open Spaces and Streetscapes Total	GT - Blue Gum Park Entrance Improvements	Replace approximately 500m of front fence to match the cricket and football ground. Behind that, install gardens and native trees the full length and remove all old asphalt that is next to the netball and tennis courts. Paint pillars at the entrance and remove old ticket attendance box and replace main gates. Upgrade both hard stand areas for use as carpark facilities.	George Town	Renewal	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
	Dog Access signs and upgrade to Pound	Supply and install new dog signage in line with Policy, and minor upgrades to pound	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Parks, Open Spaces and Streetscapes Total					\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ 120,000
Plant, Machinery, Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	M - Plant and Equipment Replacement - Program	Per replacement program	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
	M - Replacement 10 tonne Tipper	Replacement of burnt out Tipper, cpst includes insurance claim proceeds	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 310,000	\$ -	\$ 310,000
	K9 Kube	Install K9 kube - vehicle mounted dog collection and containment cube	Municipal	New	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ 35,000

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ASSET CLASS	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CLASS	COUNCIL FUNDING (2025/26)	EXTERNAL FUNDING	2025/2026
	New Corer & top dresser for sports grounds	Sports industry best practice, to ensure optimal turf health and appearance, is to perform a specialised maintenance technique called Verti Draining. This generally occurs 3 to 4 times annually and is typically scheduled for February and October.	Municipal	New	\$ 89,277	\$ -	\$ 89,277
Plant, Machinery, Furniture, Fittings & Equipment Total					\$ 634,277	\$ -	\$ 634,277
Sealed Roads	M -2024/25 Reseal - Program	Annual sealed surface renewal program. The scope will be derived based on Moloney Condition Assessment Report coupled with site verification.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
	M - Reseal Preparation Works - Program	To prepare road surfaces before resealing. The works involves, asphalt correction layers, structural asphalt patch, Pavement rehabilitation etc.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
	LH - Old Aerodrome Road Upgrade (Stage 3 of 5)	The external funding is subject to approval. Application is made under Safe Rural Road Program awaiting decision. The scope of work will be changed to reflect the budget in the event that external funding is not successful.	Low Head	Upgrade	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
	GT - Andrew Street Reconstruction	Andrew Street is scheduled for resealing; however, due to surface deformation, a simple reseal is not feasible without first addressing the underlying pavement issues. This project involves pavement rehabilitation, similar to the works completed on Agnes Street and Edward Court, using a structural asphalt layer for long-term durability.	George Town	Renewal	\$67,700	\$ -	\$ 67,700
	MD - Dalrymple Road Upgrade (North) - Stage 1	The northern section of Dalrymple Road, between the Industry Road and Bridport Road junctions, has several issues, including insufficient width, weak pavement structure, surface deformation, and a lack of formalised drainage. While it has been rated highly for surface renewal in the Moloney Condition Rating, simply resealing the surface without addressing these underlying problems would be ineffective and a waste of resources. This project aims to improve the road by reshaping and widening the pavement and formalising drainage to enhance long-term durability and safety. Due to the cost its proposed to renew under stages. The estimated total costs for 8.2Km section is \$8,030,900.	Mt Direction	Renewal	\$0	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
	GT - Agnes Street Indented Carpark	To construct 13 indented parallel car parkings on Agnes St to accommodate growing number of patronage of the adjacent community facility and neighbouring residents.	George Town	New	\$ 64,271	\$ 86,254	\$ 150,525
	GT - Friend St Road Works	The new subdivision and extension to Friend St requires Council to upgrade the transition between the new and old sections of Friend St. These works are outside what Council can compel the developer to undertake.	George Town	Upgrade	\$ 58,000	\$ -	\$ 58,000
Sealed Roads Total					\$ 1,289,971	\$ 586,254	\$ 1,876,225
Unsealed Roads	M - Gravel Road Resheeting - Program	Its annual program to renew gravel road structure and surface.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 200,000	\$ 0	\$ 200,000
Unsealed Roads Total					\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Stormwater & Drainage	M -Stormwater Pipe Renewal - Program	Its annual program to renew aged and damaged stormwater Pipes.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000

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ASSET CLASS	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CLASS	COUNCIL FUNDING (2025/26)	EXTERNAL FUNDING	2025/2026
	M - Emergency Infrastructure Works	To respond to unforeseen events and urgent situations that impact the community, infrastructure, or council operations.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000
	M - Kerb & Gutter Replacement - Program	Its annual program to renew aged and damaged kerb & gutters.	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 70,000
	M - Side Entry Pit & Lintel Upgrade - Program	Replacement of certain number of old pits and lintel to meet current standard and to increase runoff intake capacity by increasing sizes.	Municipal	Upgrade	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ 90,000
Stormwater & Drainage Total					\$ 320,000	\$ -	\$ 320,000
Domestic Waste	GT -Domestic Bins Replacement - Program	Annual Program	Municipal	Renewal	\$ 28,000	\$ -	\$ 28,000
Domestic Waste Total					\$ 28,000	\$ -	\$ 28,000
Other	GT - George Town Cemetery Fence Renewal - Stage 4 of 4	This project proposal is to upgrade the remaining side of the cemetery fencing, representing the fourth and final stage of this multi-year project. Stage 4 of the upgrade includes removing the existing fence panels on the eastern side of the cemetery and secondary gate entrance for sandblasting and recoating before reinstalling them. Additionally, tree stumps along the fence line will be removed allowing the fence to be straightened, and the sandstone footings re-stabilised and levelled.	George Town	Renewal	\$ 92,340	\$ -	\$ 92,340
	M - Design & Scope for future Capital Works	Design & Scope for future Capital Works	Municipal	Other	\$ 140,000	\$ -	\$ 140,000
	M - Township Character Plan Implementation Program (Year 2)	Continue to deliver the recommendations of the township character plan across the coastal townships. This plan includes a list of priorities and style guidelines for implementation. This request relates to Year 2 of the implementation plan. Projects with larger budget requirements will need to be considered separately, either as dedicated budget items or through State and Federal grant applications.	Municipal	Other	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000
	HW - Hillwood Open Space Implementation Program (Year 2)	Continue to deliver the recommendations of the Hillwood Open Space plan. This plan provides the Council with a list of priorities and style guidelines for implementation across Hillwood to enhance amenity and public open space. The current budget request relates to Year 2 of the implementation plan, which focuses on delivering the recommendations outlined in the plan. Projects with larger budget requirements will need to be considered separately, either as dedicated budget items or through State and Federal grant applications.	Hillwood	Other	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000
	M - Grant Matching Opportunity		Municipal	Other	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Other Total					\$ 532,340	\$ -	\$ 532,340
TOTAL					\$3,860,188	\$892,254	\$4,752,442

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PROPOSED CARRY FORWARD CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS - 2024-25												
PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROJECT NUMBER	COUNCIL FUNDING	EXTERNAL FUNDING	BUDGET ADJ.	COUNCIL BUDGET 2024/25	YTD ACTUAL	COMMITTED	EXPENDITURE (YTD + COMMITTED)	FORECAST TOTAL PROJECT COST	FORECAST COMPLETION DATE	PROJECT LEAD
G - Bass and Flinders Signage	George Town	J90103	\$25,000			\$25,000	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	Jul-25	Work to commence weather permitting late June. Signage ordered awaiting painting.
GT - Esplanade South New Footpath	George Town	J90084	\$79,200			\$79,200	\$3,168	\$106,843	\$110,011	\$117,344	Jul-25	Construction Commenced. Cost Variation to Include Additional Kerbs to Match.
LH - McKenzie Drive Drainage - Kerbing & Gutter (Option A)	Low Head	J90101	\$108,056	\$347,544		\$455,600	\$46,924	\$361,949	\$408,873	\$420,000	Jul-25	Construction In Progress.
LH - Old Aerodrome Road Upgrade (Stage 2)	Low Head	J90092	\$221,000	\$637,965		\$858,965	\$644,985	\$0	\$644,985	\$858,965	Jun-26	Stage 2 works completed. Balance of funds to rolled into Stage 3 works 25/26.
M - Grant Matching Opportunity	Municipal	J90037	\$200,000			\$200,000	\$35,422	\$0	\$35,422	\$200,000	Jun-26	Council has multiple grant applications awaiting confirmation of decision. Proposed to carry balance forward subject to confirmation of outcome.
GT - 110/112 Victoria St Easement Drainage Work	George Town	J90109			\$130,962	\$130,962	\$5,238	\$130,962	\$136,200	\$130,962	Jul-25	Contract Awarded.
			\$633,256	\$985,509	\$130,962	\$1,749,727	\$736,737	\$603,754	\$1,340,491	\$1,752,271		
Multi year projects												
GT - Aquatic Health & Wellbeing Centre-Redevelopment	George Town	J90071	\$ -	\$17,500,000	\$ -	\$17,500,000	\$981,195	\$896,834	\$1,878,028	\$17,500,000	Oct-26	Architect and ECI Contractor Engaged. DA Approved. Working Thorough Design Development and Demolisation.
GT - Kanamaluka Story Telling Experience	George Town	J90034	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ -	\$200,000	\$840	\$0	\$840	\$1,200,000	TBC	Subject to Grant Funding.
M - Record Management System Upgrade	Municipal	J90069	\$100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$100,000	\$12,425	\$0	\$12,425	\$100,000	Dec-25	Procurement In Progress.
M - Computer Software	Municipal	J90000	\$500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$500,000	\$529,289	\$18,750	\$548,039	\$600,000	Sep-25	Finalisation of Asset Master and Portal
			\$700,000	\$17,600,000	\$0	\$18,300,000	\$1,523,748	\$915,584	\$2,439,332	\$19,400,000		
Total Carry Forwards			\$1,333,256	\$18,585,509	\$130,962	\$20,049,727	\$2,260,485	\$1,519,338	\$3,779,823	\$21,152,271		

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Proposed Operational Budget 2025/2026



	YTD Actual incl Commitments 2024/2025	Annual Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 2025/2026
Rates and Charges			
General Residential Rates	(\$6,575,277)	(\$6,462,601)	(\$6,889,312)
Commercial Rates	(\$451,292)	(\$451,022)	(\$472,128)
Industrial Rates	(\$1,996,540)	(\$1,987,394)	(\$2,101,397)
Utility Rates	(\$173,781)	(\$173,205)	(\$181,597)
Port and Marine Rates	(\$231,874)	(\$231,872)	(\$242,310)
Fire Levy	(\$301,328)	(\$310,820)	(\$322,299)
Garbage charge	(\$1,665,670)	(\$1,656,623)	(\$1,759,557)
Total Rates and Charges	(\$11,395,761)	(\$11,273,537)	(\$11,968,600)
Statutory Fees and Fines			
Animal Control and Environmental Fee	(\$32,041)	(\$52,402)	(\$54,760)
Town planning statutory fees	(\$170,507)	(\$188,058)	(\$196,521)
Building and Plumbing Statutory Fees	(\$144,485)	(\$269,246)	(\$76,000)
Land information certificates	(\$81,106)	(\$95,804)	(\$100,115)
Total Statutory Fees and Fines	(\$428,138)	(\$605,510)	(\$427,396)
User Fees			
Aquatic Centre Fees	(\$90,646)	(\$80,202)	\$0
Town Planning Fees	(\$28,804)	(\$44,000)	(\$45,980)
Waste Disposal Fees	(\$477,176)	(\$361,352)	(\$469,745)
Rental and Lease Fees	(\$63,622)	(\$65,738)	(\$84,096)
Admission Fees	(\$40,032)	(\$53,961)	(\$56,389)
Cemetery Fees	(\$57,305)	(\$26,346)	(\$53,628)
Other fees and charges	(\$46,910)	(\$63,474)	(\$35,330)
Total User Fees	(\$804,495)	(\$695,073)	(\$745,168)
Federally Funded Grants			
Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants - General Purpose	(\$1,482,494)	(\$1,428,129)	(\$1,482,494)
Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants - Roads	(\$1,028,702)	(\$1,028,702)	(\$1,028,702)
Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants - Bridges	(\$48,519)	(\$48,519)	(\$48,519)
Other Federal Grants	(\$121,521)	\$0	\$0
Total Federally Funded Grants	(\$2,681,236)	(\$2,505,350)	(\$2,559,715)
State Funded Grants			
Future Impact Group	(\$112,650)	(\$89,000)	(\$103,339)
Artisans Guild	\$163	\$0	\$0
Other State Grants	(\$33,002)	\$0	\$0
Total State Funded Grants	(\$145,489)	(\$89,000)	(\$103,339)

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Revenue	YTD Actual incl Commitments 2024/2025	Annual Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 2025/2026
Other Grants			
Other grants	(\$10,904)	\$0	\$0
Total Other Grants	(\$10,904)	\$0	\$0
Contributions - Cash			
Bridges	\$495	\$0	\$0
Recreational, leisure and community	(\$7,000)	\$0	\$0
Parks, open space and streetscapes	(\$25,750)	(\$16,461)	(\$25,750)
Other	(\$2,419)	(\$149,985)	(\$26,985)
Total Contributions - Cash	(\$34,674)	(\$166,446)	(\$52,735)
Interest on Financial Assets	\$0	\$0	
Interest and Penalties on Rates	(\$89,174)	(\$80,000)	(\$83,600)
Interest on Cash and Cash Equivalents	(\$348,027)	(\$124,000)	(\$380,000)
Total Interest and Investments	(\$437,201)	(\$204,000)	(\$463,600)
Reimbursements	(\$33,010)	(\$39,344)	(\$41,114)
Insurance Proceeds	(\$59,951)	\$0	\$0
Fuel Rebate	(\$10,500)	(\$12,435)	(\$12,995)
Other	(\$47,297)	(\$56,603)	(\$59,150)
Total Other Income	(\$150,758)	(\$108,382)	(\$113,259)
Investment revenue from Water Corporation			
Dividend revenue received	(\$271,200)	(\$226,000)	(\$226,000)
Total Investment revenue from Water Corporation	(\$271,200)	(\$226,000)	(\$226,000)
Total Income	(\$16,359,856)	(\$15,873,298)	(\$16,659,813)

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Expenses	YTD Actual incl Commitments 2024/2025	Annual Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 2025/2026
Employee Benefits			
Wages and Salaries	\$4,271,682	\$5,733,123	\$4,702,156
Time in Lieu	\$0	\$0	
Allowances	\$55,571	\$24,000	\$52,167
Superannuation	\$623,145	\$661,596	\$691,368
Fringe Benefits Tax	\$53,015	\$60,000	\$62,700
On Cost expenses	\$1,507,088	\$0	\$1,540,394
Oncost Wages recovery	(\$1,547,556)	(\$1,460,595)	(\$1,540,394)
Payroll Tax	\$222,883	\$220,000	\$229,900
Uniforms	\$23,985	\$25,000	\$26,125
Total Employee Benefits	\$5,736,894	\$5,733,124	\$6,242,416
Materials and Services			
Contract payments	\$74,690	\$164,735	\$185,000
Plant and equipment maintenance	\$157,373	\$66,000	\$200,000
Utilities	\$0	\$0	
Consultants	\$413,020	\$622,030	\$485,030
Volunteer services	\$334	\$0	\$3,215
Cleaning	\$3,138	\$0	\$4,153
Grounds Maintenance	\$467,966	\$463,577	\$491,980
Roads and Infrastructure Maintenance	\$668,384	\$611,961	\$635,215
Office Administration	\$789,290	\$765,752	\$809,404
Plant Operating	\$142,221	\$200,110	\$0
Security	\$87,128	\$69,864	\$80,527
Swimming Pool Operations	\$37,848	\$52,285	\$0
Waste Management Disposal	\$1,072,217	\$1,093,802	\$1,218,374
Other Materials and Contracts	\$150,161	\$123,749	\$162,582
Total Materials and Services	\$4,301,558	\$4,346,561	\$4,517,251
Impairment of Receivables			
Provision for impairment movement	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Impairment of Receivables	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Depn - Property			
Depn - Buildings	\$474,887	\$478,887	\$457,983
Total Depn - Property	\$474,887	\$478,887	\$457,983
Depn - Plant and Equipment			
Depn - Plant, machinery & equipment	\$254,100	\$254,100	\$261,547
Depn - Fixtures, fittings and furniture	\$39,000	\$39,000	\$40,482
Depn - Domestic Waste	\$8,400	\$8,400	\$8,719
Total Depn - Plant and Equipment	\$301,500	\$301,500	\$310,748

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Depn - Infrastructure

Depn - Roads	\$1,361,950	\$1,361,950	\$1,413,704
Depn - Kerbs and Gutters	\$102,900	\$102,900	\$106,810
Depn - Footpaths and cycleways	\$92,400	\$92,400	\$95,911
Depn - Light Poles	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$33,216
Depn - Bridges	\$240,450	\$240,450	\$249,587
Depn - Drainage	\$191,100	\$191,100	\$198,362
Depn - Waste Transfer Station	\$86,100	\$86,100	\$89,372
Total Depn - Infrastructure	\$2,434,500	\$2,434,500	\$2,527,011

Interest - borrowings	\$84,261	\$63,437	\$95,976
Total Finance Costs	\$84,261	\$63,437	\$95,976

	YTD Actual incl Commitments 2024/2025	Annual Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 2025/2026
Expenses			

Other Expenses

Advertising	\$28,159	\$115,652	\$47,936
Bank fees and charges	\$20,980	\$21,000	\$21,798
Building levies	\$83,618	\$22,200	\$23,044
Government levies	\$494,559	\$490,975	\$509,632
Legal Fees	\$46,009	\$55,678	\$57,793
Community grants - Other	\$8,095	\$45,445	\$37,500
Course seminar & conference	\$8,387	\$74,552	\$76,175
Elected members allowances and kilometre reimbursements	\$208,294	\$240,145	\$249,271
Electricity	\$240,112	\$335,231	\$230,000
Insurance	\$308,710	\$218,952	\$320,441
Land tax	\$81,059	\$75,446	\$81,059
Telephone charges	\$50,584	\$88,696	\$84,718
Vehicle registration	\$32,831	\$40,778	\$35,000
Plant hire costs and recovery	(\$17,766)	\$6,877	\$7,138
Software licences	\$7,486	\$206,348	\$210,328
Sponsorships	\$20,400	\$40,000	\$40,000
Subscriptions and memberships	\$124,956	\$8,250	\$122,564
TasWater charges	\$117,908	\$96,839	\$120,519
Training fund levy	\$27,431	\$47,849	\$49,667
Other Expenses	\$72,405	\$94,572	\$51,732
Total Other Expenses	\$1,964,217	\$2,325,485	\$2,376,315

Total Expenses	\$15,297,817	\$15,688,494	\$16,532,700
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Underlying Surplus / (Deficit)	\$1,062,039	\$184,804	\$127,112
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Capital Items			
Capital Grants	(\$3,034,169)	(\$2,720,435)	(\$886,254)
Capital Works	\$7,177,878	\$7,066,602	\$4,752,442
Total Capital	\$4,143,709	\$4,346,167	\$3,866,188
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			
	(\$3,081,670)	(\$4,161,363)	(\$3,739,076)
Less loan principal repayments	\$384,726	\$496,687	\$261,341
Plus Depreciation Expense	\$3,210,887	\$3,214,887	\$3,295,742
Cash Surplus/(Deficit)	\$513,943	(\$449,789)	(\$181,993)
Cash at start of year	\$7,365,816	\$5,891,639	\$7,879,759
Estimated Cash at Year End	\$7,879,759	\$5,441,850	\$7,697,765

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GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL PROPOSED OPERATIONAL BUDGET BY FUNCTION 2025/2026

Proposed budget by function	Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 20025/2026
Office of the General Manager	\$	\$
General Purpose Funding		
Income Grants	(1,428,129)	(1,482,494)
Income Total	(1,428,129)	(1,482,494)
General Managers Office Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	441,467	515,163
Contracts	118,099	117,547
Materials	12,903	35,112
Other Expenses	74,819	94,212
Internal Hire	16,830	15,000
Expenses Total	664,118	777,034
Elected Members Expenditure		
Expenses Materials	5,049	10,742
Other Expenses	251,545	259,271
Expenses Total	256,594	270,013
Directorate - Corporate and Community	\$	\$
Corporate and Community		
Employee Costs	299,000	319,638
Contracts	15,567	16,159
Materials	2,000	2,000
Other Expenses	5,000	5,000
Internal Hire	15,000	15,000
Expenses Total	336,567	357,797
Admin/Customer Services Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	108,000	112,605
Materials	30,854	32,026
Other Expenses	27,448	28,491
Expenses Total	166,302	173,122
Community & Social Development Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	109,573	221,623
Contracts	158,440	99,461
Materials	8,752	8,997
Other Expenses	48,962	50,000
Expenses Total	325,727	380,081

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Proposed budget by function		Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 20025/2026
Events Staging & Promotion Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	60,000	61,615
	Contracts	95,489	98,486
	Materials	47,318	49,116
	Other Expenses	50,769	47,698
	Internal Hire	224	-
Expenses Total		253,800	256,915
Financial Control			
Income	Interest & Investment Revenue	(430,000)	(689,600)
Income Total		(430,000)	(689,600)
Financial Planning Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	94,500	155,901
	Contracts	89,757	93,168
	Materials	2,805	2,912
	Other Expenses	1,795	1,863
	Internal Hire	10,000	10,000
Expenses Total		198,857	263,844
IT Services Expenditure			
Expenses	Contracts	147,337	152,936
	Materials	23,784	24,688
	Other Expenses	202,033	209,710
Expenses Total		373,154	387,334
Rates Revenue			
Income	Rates & Charges	(9,106,491)	(9,886,744)
Income	Statutory fees & charges	(95,804)	(100,115)
Income Total		(9,202,295)	(9,986,859)
Rates Section Operations Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	68,109	56,100
	Contracts	45,440	155,440
	Materials	22,439	23,292
	Other Expenses	786	1,000
Expenses Total		136,774	235,832

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Proposed budget by function		Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 20025/2026
Records Management Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	60,000	60,000
	Materials	270	270
	Other Expenses	10,595	25,000
Expenses Total		70,865	85,270
Arts & Culture			
Expenses	Employee Costs	76,000	81,370
	Contracts	-	20,000
	Materials	270	25,000
	Other Expenses	10,595	4,500
Expenses Total		86,865	130,870
Youth			
Income	Grants	-	(103,339)
Income Total		Note- previously reported in Human Resources	(103,339)
Expenses	Employee Costs	-	181,922
	Contracts	-	20,000
	Materials	-	17,000
	Other Expenses	-	10,000
Expenses Total		Note- previously reported in community	228,922
Tourism Operations Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	60,000	27,030
	Contracts	63,659	51,000
	Materials	-	1,000
	Other Expenses	43,981	45,652
Expenses Total		167,640	124,682
Fire Control			
Income	Rates & Charges	(310,820)	(322,299)
	Other income	(9,640)	(12,892)
Income Total		(320,460)	(335,191)
Fire Control Expenditure			
Expenses	Other Expenses	310,000	322,299
Expenses Total		310,000	322,299

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Proposed budget by function		Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 20025/2026
Financial Control			
Expenses	Employee Costs	297,493	282,740
	Contracts	15,707	16,304
	Other Expenses	35,107	36,441
	Finance costs	63,437	95,976
	Impairment of Debts	5,000	5,000
Expenses Total		416,744	436,461
Watch House Revenue			
Income	User Fees	(2,395)	-
Income Total		(2,395)	-
Watch House Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	10,727	-
	Contracts	5,553	5,764
	Materials	2,020	2,097
	Other Expenses	15,258	15,838
Expenses Total		33,558	23,699
Information Centre Revenue			
Income	User Fees	(24,189)	(25,156)
Income Total		(24,189)	(25,156)
Information Centre Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	49,573	40,000
	Contracts	6,956	7,220
	Materials	6,676	6,930
	Other Expenses	14,618	15,173
Expenses Total		77,823	69,324
Bass and Flinders			
Income	User Fees	(58,347)	(60,564)
Income Total		(58,347)	(60,564)
Bass and Flinders			
Expenses	Employee Costs	43,896	45,000
	Contracts	3,085	3,202
	Materials	5,610	5,823
	Other Expenses	21,125	21,928
Expenses Total		73,716	75,953

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Proposed budget by function		Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 20025/2026
Directorate - Organisational Performance,		\$	\$
Organisation Performance, Strategy and Engagement			
Expenses	Employee Costs	388,121	232,460
	Contracts	10,000	10,380
	Materials	2,076	2,155
	Internal Hire	15,567	15,000
	Other Expenses	5,189	5,386
Expenses Total		420,953	265,381
Animal Control			
Income	Statutory fees & charges	(29,596)	(30,928)
Income Total		(29,596)	(30,928)
Animal Control Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	156,707	160,100
	Contracts	22,468	23,322
	Materials	5,273	6,973
	Other Expenses	1,739	1,805
Expenses Total		186,187	192,200
Area Promotion Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	31,500	35,350
	Contracts	13,701	19,222
	Other Expenses	82,928	86,079
Expenses Total		128,129	140,651
Human Resources			
Income	Other income	(89,000)	-
Income Total		(89,000)	-
Human Resources Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	102,750	109,000
	Contracts	42,667	60,000
	Materials	8,414	13,734
	Other Expenses	54,752	71,833
Expenses Total		208,583	254,566
Immunisation			
Income	Other income	(1,933)	(2,378)
Income Total		(1,933)	(2,378)

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Immunisation Expenditure		
Expenses Other Expenses	1,234	1,234
Expenses Total	1,234	1,234
Water Sampling Expenditure		
Expenses Contracts	2,244	2,329
Expenses Total	2,244	2,329
Regional Development Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	15,330	-
Contracts	-	16,000
Other Expenses	25,000	25,000
Expenses Total	40,330	41,000
Policy & Public Participation Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	52,500	35,350
Contracts	7,854	8,152
Materials	3,927	4,076
Other Expenses	25,132	26,087
Expenses Total	89,413	73,666
Food Standards & Inspections		
Income Statutory fees & charges	(10,789)	(22,832)
Income Total	(10,789)	(22,832)
Environmental Protection		
Income Statutory fees & charges	(906)	(1,000)
Income Total	(906)	(1,000)
Environmental Protection Expenditure		
Expenses Contracts	51,890	54,485
Materials	280	280
Other Expenses	2,300	2,300
Expenses Total	54,470	57,065
State Emergency Service Expenditure (SES)		
Expenses Contracts	18,000	18,000
Expenses Total	18,000	18,000

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Proposed budget by function	Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 20025/2026
Directorate - Infrastructure and Development	\$	\$
Infrastructure and Development		
Expenses Employee Costs	309,750	343,705
Contracts	15,567	16,159
Materials	2,076	2,155
Internal Hire	15,567	15,000
Other Expenses	5,189	5,386
Expenses Total	348,149	382,405
Airport		
Income User Fees	(14,448)	(14,709)
Income Total	(14,448)	(14,709)
Airport Expenditure		
Expenses Other Expenses	10,000	10,380
Expenses Total	10,000	10,380
Building Control		
Income Statutory fees & charges	(313,741)	(76,000)
Income Total	(313,741)	(76,000)
Building Control Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	189,002	-
Contracts	33,659	94,000
Materials	1,346	1,397
Other Expenses	81,119	84,202
Expenses Total	305,126	179,599
Council Admin Buildings Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	59,425	62,099
Contracts	26,927	27,950
Materials	19,634	20,380
Other Expenses	80,643	83,707
Expenses Total	186,629	194,137
Halls & Community Centres		
Income User Fees	(25,690)	(26,717)
Income Total	(25,690)	(26,717)

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Proposed budget by function	Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 20025/2026
Halls & Community Centres Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	144,732	151,245
Contracts	72,479	75,233
Materials	20,868	21,661
Other Expenses	110,330	114,523
Internal Hire	561	582
Expenses Total	348,970	363,244
Noxious Weeds Expenditure		
Expenses Contracts	18,512	19,215
Expenses Total	18,512	19,215
Public Amenities Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	40,866	42,705
Contracts	19,074	19,799
Materials	2,356	2,446
Other Expenses	15,427	16,013
Internal Hire	561	582
Expenses Total	78,284	81,545
Public Toilets Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	72,718	75,990
Contracts	10,098	10,482
Materials	23,001	23,875
Other Expenses	7,553	7,840
Internal Hire	1,122	1,165
Expenses Total	114,492	119,352
Rental Properties		
Income User Fees	(5,600)	(48,668)
Income Total	(5,600)	(48,668)
Rental Properties Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	2,270	2,372
Contracts	1,683	1,747
Materials	561	582
Other Expenses	5,406	10,611
Expenses Total	9,920	15,313

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Proposed budget by function	Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 20025/2026
Town Planning		
Income Statutory fees & charges	(188,058)	(196,521)
User Fees	(44,854)	(45,980)
Income Total	(232,911)	(242,501)
Town Planning Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	351,750	531,400
Contracts	178,683	146,000
Materials	336	349
Other Expenses	20,196	20,963
Expenses Total	550,965	698,712
Light Pole Expenditure		
Expenses Depreciation Amortisation	32,000	33,216
Expenses Total	32,000	33,216
Foreshores & Beaches Maintenance Expenditure		
Other Expenses	3,798	3,942
Expenses Total	3,798	3,942
Sport Grounds & Recreation Facilities		
Income Other income	(15,568)	(16,191)
Income Total	(15,568)	(16,191)
Sport Grounds & Recreation Facilities Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	122,596	256,113
Contracts	65,635	68,129
Materials	68,159	70,749
Other Expenses	15,765	16,364
Internal Hire	22,439	23,292
Depreciation Amortisation	75,600	78,473
Expenses Total	370,194	513,120
Roads		
Income Grants	(1,123,692)	(1,028,702)
Other income	(39,344)	(42,412)
Income Total	(1,163,036)	(1,071,114)

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Proposed budget by function		Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 20025/2026
Roads Maintenance Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	396,169	513,997
	Contracts	314,712	320,484
	Materials	207,560	215,447
	Internal Hire	106,165	110,199
	Depreciation Amortisation	1,361,850	1,413,600
Expenses Total		2,386,456	2,573,728
Footpaths & Bike Track Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	27,243	33,469
	Contracts	3,366	3,494
	Materials	15,988	16,596
	Internal Hire	3,366	3,494
	Depreciation Amortisation	92,400	95,911
Expenses Total		142,363	152,963
Kerb & Gutter Expenditure			
Expenses	Contracts	5,610	5,823
	Internal Hire	561	582
	Depreciation Amortisation	102,900	106,810
Expenses Total		109,071	113,216
Street Lighting Expenditure			
Expenses	Contracts	16,830	17,470
	Other Expenses	129,027	133,930
Expenses Total		145,857	151,400
Domestic Refuse Collection			
Income	Rates & Charges	(1,697,758)	(1,759,557)
Income Total		(1,697,758)	(1,759,557)
Waste Disposal Site			
Income	User Fees	(347,906)	(469,745)
	Other income	(20,018)	(20,819)
Income Total		(367,924)	(490,564)
Waste Management Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	22,050	23,042
	Other Expenses	5,610	5,823
	Depreciation Amortisation	86,100	89,372
Expenses Total		113,760	118,237

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Proposed budget by function		Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 20025/2026
Waste Disposal Site Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	261,450	273,215
	Contracts	233,549	237,152
	Materials	13,463	13,975
	Other Expenses	95,479	99,107
	Internal Hire	16,830	17,470
Expenses Total		620,771	640,918
Cemetery			
Income	User Fees	(26,346)	(53,628)
Income Total		(26,346)	(53,628)
Cemetery Operations Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	11,920	27,373
	Contracts	43,195	30,004
	Other Expenses	2,374	2,464
	Internal Hire	561	582
Expenses Total		58,050	60,424
Water & Sewerage Expenditure -Taswater			
Expenses	Other Expenses	82,768	120,519
Expenses Total		82,768	120,519
Engineering Operations Expenditure			
Expenses	Employee Costs	240,450	332,027
	Contracts	60,000	75,000
	Materials	1,346	2,000
	Other Expenses	4,881	5,066
	Internal Hire	10,378	10,000
Expenses Total		317,055	424,093
Parks & Reserves			
Income	Other income	(149,985)	(41,114)
Income Total		(149,985)	(41,114)

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Proposed budget by function	Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 20025/2026
Parks & Reserves Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	229,254	248,924
Contracts	219,495	227,836
Materials	91,776	95,263
Other Expenses	41,367	42,939
Internal Hire	51,890	53,862
Depreciation Amortisation	252,000	261,576
Expenses Total	885,782	930,400
Bridges		
Income Grants	(48,519)	(48,519)
Income Total	(48,519)	(48,519)
Bridges Maintenance Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	5,903	26,169
Contracts	18,512	19,215
Materials	5,610	5,823
Depreciation Amortisation	240,450	249,587
Expenses Total	270,475	300,794
Stormwater Drainage Maintenance Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	18,730	39,573
Contracts	24,123	25,040
Materials	5,610	5,823
Internal Hire	4,487	4,658
Depreciation Amortisation	191,100	198,362
Expenses Total	244,050	273,455
Domestic Refuse Collection Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	27,811	28,868
Contracts	931,838	967,248
Other Expenses	64,545	66,998
Internal Hire	1,122	1,165
Depreciation Amortisation	8,400	8,719
Expenses Total	1,033,716	1,072,997
Parking Facilities Expenditure		
Expenses Other Expenses	8,208	8,520
Expenses Total	8,208	8,520

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Proposed budget by function	Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budget 20025/2026
Plant & Workshop Operating		
Income Other income	(29,027)	(30,188)
Income Total	(29,027)	(30,188)
Plant Operating Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	34,055	45,587
Contracts	57,220	50,000
Materials	223,190	150,000
Other Expenses	67,318	69,876
Internal Hire	28,050	29,116
Depreciation Amortisation	254,100	263,756
Expenses Total	663,933	608,335
Works Depot Operations Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	430,500	449,873
Contracts	34,700	36,019
Materials	42,298	43,905
Other Expenses	32,118	33,338
Internal Hire	3,927	4,076
Expenses Total	543,543	567,211
Works / Labour Overhead Expenditure		
Expenses Employee Costs	1,703	1,703
Expenses Total	1,703	1,703
Plant Hire Cost Recovery		
Expenses Internal Hire	(327,838)	(342,296)
Expenses Total	(315,897)	(315,897)
Furniture & Fittings Expenditure		
Expenses Depreciation Amortisation	39,000	40,482
Expenses Total	39,000	40,482
Building & Other Structure Expenditure		
Expenses Depreciation Amortisation	478,887	455,878
Expenses Total	478,887	455,878

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Low Head Open Space Network Plan was included in the last draft and is now a separate document.

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Open Space Network Plan Summary

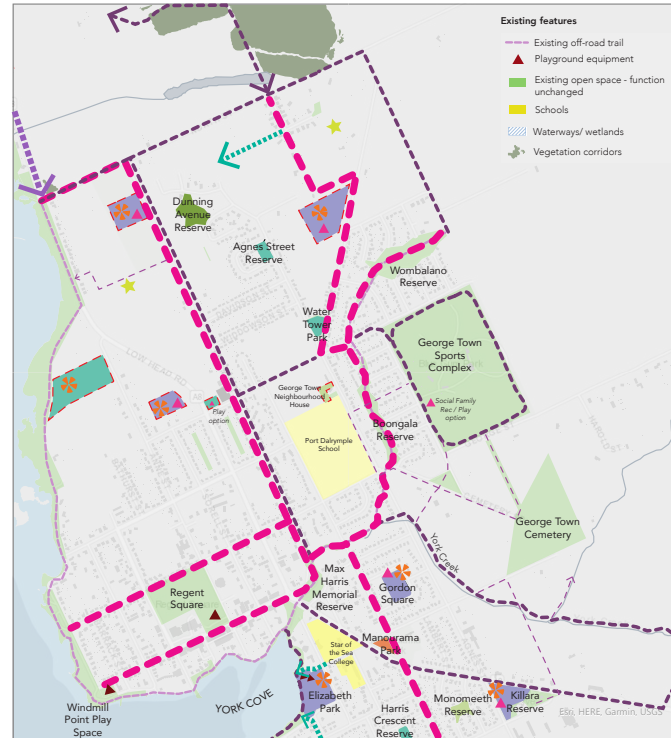
This Network Plan aims to assist the Council in making informed decisions that affect public open space when land development proposals or opportunities arise.

The Plan seeks to provide a network of public coastal and inland corridors and spaces that provide a diversity of opportunities, equitable access to the priority open space types needed close to home and protect biodiversity and specific community benefits for future generations.

The plans illustrate the basis for a long-term public open space network in George Town, building on those outlined in the George Town Sport and Recreation Plan 2020 and the George Town Area Structure Plan 2021.

Note all proposed open spaces, corridors and formalised trails will require substantial planning and management investigations to progress, and all actions will be subject to further investigations and funding.

Actions may only be able to be addressed if land development, zoning, subdivision, or changes in ownership are proposed and create the opportunity to secure recommended routes and space.



Central-North George Town Proposed
Open Space Network Plan

Indicative Network

- Proposed perimeter path/internal trails
- Proposed public open space
- Proposed play space
- Additional green space for relaxation, visual amenity, conservation purposes likely to be required.
- Potential active transport route
- Provide potential walkable access**
- Potential off-road trails/tracks
- Connecting and lower order trails

- Proposed Open Space Functions
- Social family recreation/play
- Relaxation/contemplation
- Community garden
- Visual amenity/lookout
- Biological heritage conservation
- Off-road trail/accessway

*Note: Inland route may be several decades outside the term of this plan, therefore include in future plans.
**Note: Many of these accessways are established or informal routes. This annotation aims to highlight and formalising, signing and making these accessways accessible to all enhance permeability.
Note: All lines on this plan reflects high-level indicative location for open space corridors and future trails. All necessary environmental, cultural and legal planning processes will be required before next alignment is determined and work is conducted.



South George Town Proposed
Open Space Network Plan

Indicative Network

- Proposed perimeter path/internal trails
- Proposed public open space
- Proposed play space
- Additional green space for relaxation, visual amenity, conservation purposes likely to be required.
- Potential active transport route
- Provide potential walkable access**
- Potential off-road trails/tracks
- Connecting and lower order trails

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George Town Recommendations

Off-road trails/accessways

- Secure the large bushland park to include the Wombat Walks and manage a circuit of trails through this site, protecting bushland and providing a unique landscape setting in a local park for residents.
- Develop a network of off-road trails to include those suitable for active transport, recreational trail circuits, informal connections and accessways, and perimeter paths for exercise that provide permeable neighbourhoods, good access to parks, nature and the foreshore, a diversity of circuits to encourage walking, jogging, wheeling and provide safe places for older adults and children with wheeled toys.
- Secure a future public corridor to extend the kanamaluka trail south, providing a continuous foreshore off-road trail, good design and a better interface with adjoining land uses.
- Create a riparian protection zone along York Creek and secure a trail corridor outside this, running east, over time. Consider environmental controls and managing and improving remnant vegetation.
- Investigate a future inland open space corridor to Low Head from George Town north, considering social and environmental impacts and future management options and interface issues, including access by dogs, biosecurity, fire management, drainage, weed invasion to minimise disturbance of adjacent residents and preserve the existing and future natural elements of the corridor.

Social /family recreation spaces

- Expand Secret Park (Winston Little Reserve) or secure a new Park in the south for social family recreation (urgent).
- Secure three additional social family recreation parks in the north of the township that meet the requirements of the core service levels.
- Develop four existing parks to better meet the requirement of the social/ family recreation function: Elizabeth Park, Killara Reserve, Gordon Square and Secret Park, to replace several very small play equipment areas in poorly performing parks.
- Consider co-locating a local social family recreation park on the perimeter of Wombat Walks Park and at the sports complex.

Dog socialisation and exercise areas

- Consider providing two additional dog socialisation and exercise areas to provide a relatively equitable distribution of dog parks and complement off-road trails. For example:
 - East of Arnold Street in North George Town neighbourhood (potentially in the gas pipeline corridor)
 - On the north-western corner of the Rio Tinto open space parcel in the Pipe Clay neighbourhood, located on South Street.

Sport

- Continue to improve the Sports Complex and develop facilities per sports code requirements.
- Encourage social sports use (by negotiation) at schools and the sports complex and provide free access courts and facilities in select social family recreation spaces.

Landscape setting types

- Design and plant the remaining small reserves (i.e. when play equipment is relocated) to offer other functions such as community horticulture, relaxation, visual amenity and landscape setting types including bushland, treed parkland, ornamental garden, etc.,

Subdivisions

- Design residential subdivisions with grid-like road patterns to be permeable, allow for configuration of parks that are large, prominent, have good public surveillance, are accessible and have a diversity of opportunities. Provide street trees and off-road trail networks.

Onsite and Offsite Information

- Inform residents and visitors about open spaces available:
 - Adopt a name for all key parks, and provide a name sign on each
 - Provide signage to the main parks and trails from key roads
 - Provide a map and guide to all parks (their function, key facilities and level of accessibility) on Council's website

Incremental Improvements

- Improve public open space over time to enhance accessibility, biodiversity, value and functionality, such as those in the [Appendices](#).
- Provide additional planting for specific purposes, for example in Regent Square for greater diversity and a better interface with adjacent uses in the south and west, as well, add accessible play and social facilities.
- Provide services such as three-phase power that support events in Regent Square.

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1. Introduction

George Town Local Government Area captures the key residential areas of George Town and Low Head as well as the smaller townships of Beechford, Lulworth, Pipers River, Pipers Brook, Lefroy, Long Reach, Weymouth, Bellingham and Hillwood. George Town is located 40km from Launceston and sits between the River Tamar and the Bass Strait in the northern most part of Tasmania, on the lands of the Palawa People from the Litarimirina tribe.

1.1 The project

The purpose of this open space network plan is to guide the decisions of Council, developers and cash in lieu payments when land development is proposed.

Legislation provides for Council to take land as public open space as part of subdivision. A cash in lieu contribution, for securing or improvement of public open space, may be required if there is no requirement for land in a particular subdivision.

A plan as to where land should be reserved for future public open space purposes, or not required, is an important strategic document for Council.

The brief required this project to:

- Continue from the strategic recommendations set out in the George Town Structure Plan 2021.
- Consider relevant State and Federal policies and frameworks.
- Consider the quality, accessibility and functionality of Council owned and leased properties and their existing or potential function as open space.
- Identify where public open space is lacking with respect to accessibility, location and function.
- Identifying the desired location, function, scale and connectivity of additional open space areas, and provide guidance about obtaining open space as part of future subdivisions.
- Identify if/where open space may be unavailable through subdivision and Council may need to consider the purchase of land, securing public access or enhancing open space.
- Identify open space functions (i.e. play space, dog park, rest stop) that may be missing or undersupplied.
- Identify new opportunities for open space that may be under performing, including potential divestment.
- Consider how the open spaces interact, the networking of open spaces, the connectivity between spaces and accessibility of spaces to residential areas.
- Identify ways in which small-scale, low maintenance open space can be incorporated into existing and proposed road reserves or pedestrian footways.
- Provide clear direction to potential developers regarding provision of public open space.
- Function as an advocacy document to assist with grant applications and other funding opportunities.
- Inform a public open space policy regarding the requirement for cash contributions and the use of money obtained through contributions.

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1.2 Review of key plans

The following plans are reviewed in Appendix 1. These are key Council, regional and state government plans and their open space objectives.

Table 1. Review of key plans

<p>George Town Council Area Structure Plan, 2021</p> 	<p>George Town Council Township Plan 2024</p> 
<p>George Town Council Sport and Recreation Strategy, 2021</p> 	<p>George Town Council Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030</p> 

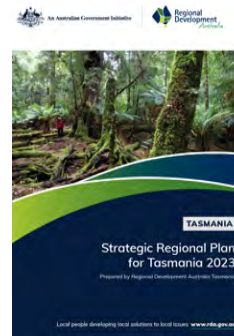
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George Town Council Asset Management Plan, 2024



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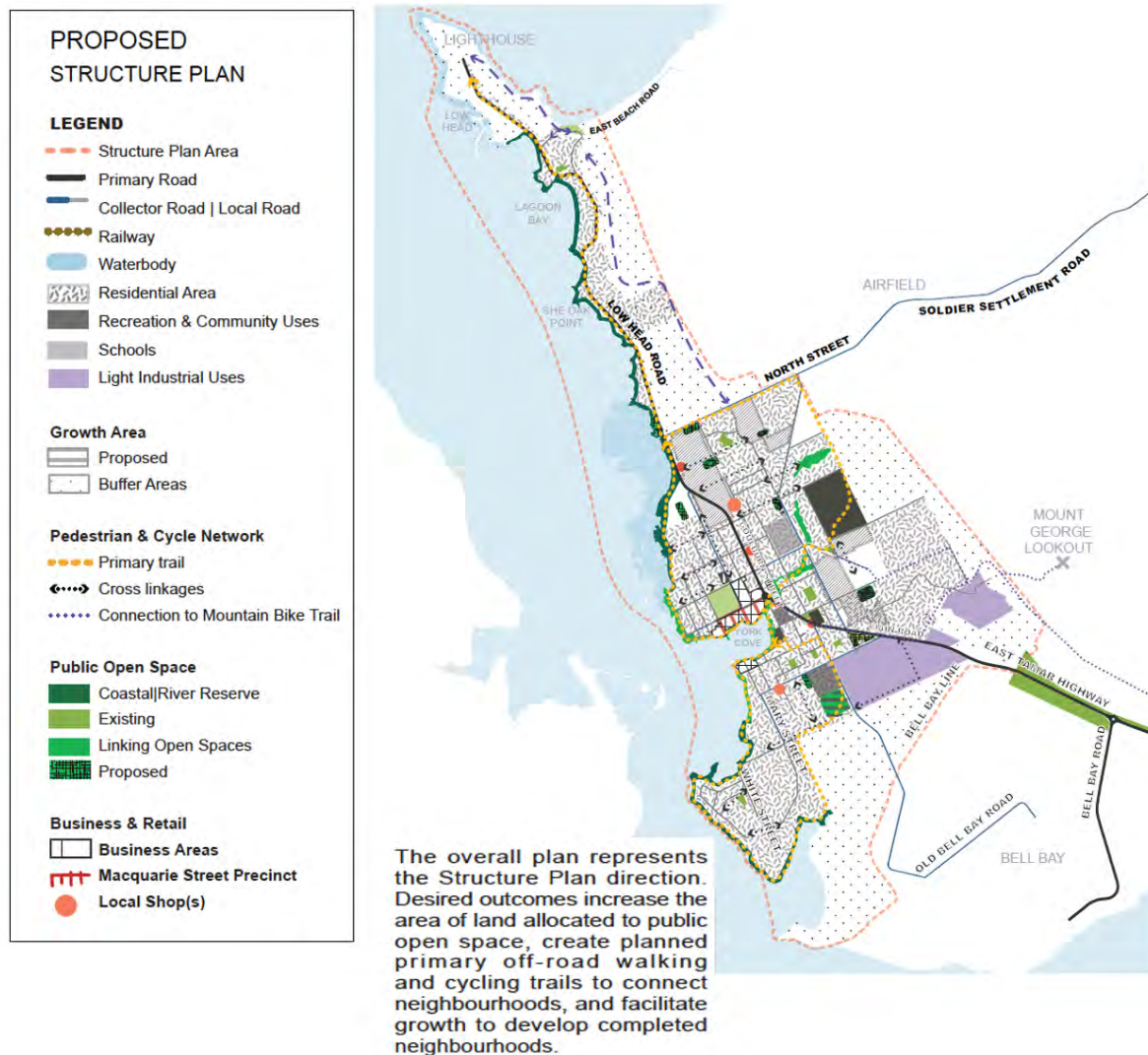


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Figure 1. Proposed Structure Plan, 2021



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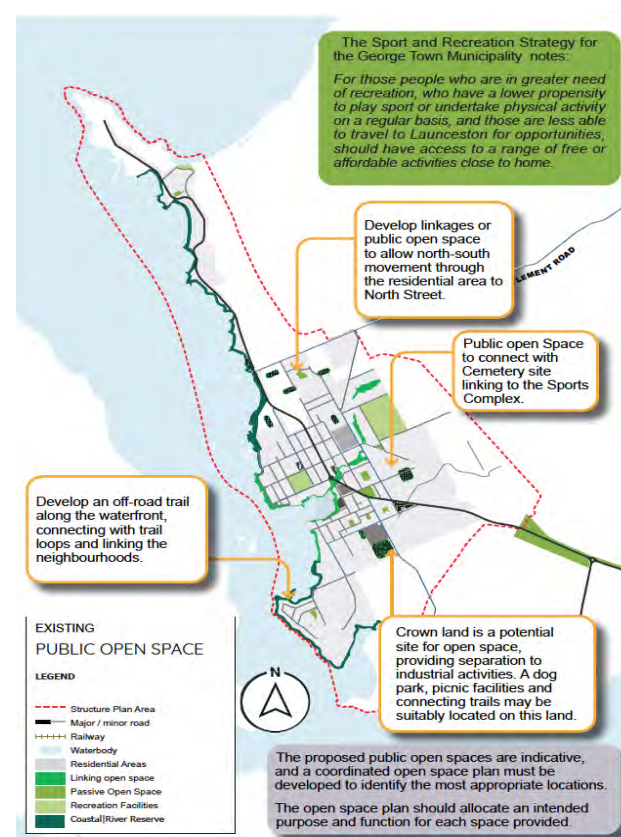
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The George Town Structure Plan, 2021(cont'd)

Figure 2, to the right, shows the Structure Plans recommendation with respect to public open space.

- This network plan aligns with the structure plan intent while using new terminology and classification and focusses on priority open space functions.
- This network plan proposes larger and slightly fewer parks, and a hierarchy of trails, in wide corridors allowing green buffers and habitat along these.
- New social family recreation spaces would also have perimeter paths and canopy trees.
- Areas already zoned as general residential that may become smaller lots over time will be served by one of the larger social family recreation parks identified, however small incidental green space for visual amenity/ foreshore views, relaxation, protection of trees or habitat and associated with off-road trails may also be required in addition to address permeability and these other purposes.
- This network plan builds on concepts identified in the Sport and Recreation Plan 2020 and the Structure Plan 2021, both which included extensive community engagement.
- This plan also supports the notion of a scenic values assessment (NVS1 in the Structure Plan) due to the significant wellbeing cultural and other benefits of protecting views and scenery in open space and to the foreshore in George Town and Low Head.

Figure 2. Existing Public Open Space Map from Structure Plan, 2021



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1.3 What other Councils have used to guide open space planning, provision, development and contributions

The project brief identified the need to compare open space provision and strategy with local government areas like George Town.

Appendix 5 lists the local government areas with populations like George Town, relevant open space policy /provision and contribution standards, and policies of other Tasmanian Councils.

Provision methods

Some twenty-nine open space provision plans, and development contribution policies were reviewed, including nine from Tasmanian Councils. Most documents reviewed did not provide a comprehensive system for planning open space. Three common systems are used.

- The first system is using the traditional hectares per person standards. These are commonly used for specific types of facilities, such as sports facilities.

- Significant limitations exist in that they have no qualitative measures or include distribution or distance threshold provisions. These standards are an indication of affordability.
- The second system is based on a catchment hierarchy, such as local, district, and regional. Typical sizes and functions of open spaces are provided for each level in the hierarchy. The limitation of this system is that it implies all spaces are the same and needs are driven by size. These standards have no qualitative measures, and these cannot be specified without knowing the function of the space.
- The third system applied in this network plan identifies common benefits or community needs as functions of open space that reflect those needs. Core service levels specify the requirements of each open space function type to ensure it will fit the purpose. These core service levels address size, configuration, distribution, quality, accessibility, and diversity.

Open space contribution policies

This plan reviewed open space contribution policies from Tasmanian and other Councils.

- In most cases, these policies primarily reflected the requirements of the legislation: the ability to take 5% land or cash of an equivalent value, being able to apply a contribution in all zones, the exclusion of roads, paths and ways from that contribution, etc.
- Most Councils have some criteria to determine the suitability of the land to take as a contribution.
- Some large councils have more detailed policies ensuring that the costs of valuation are met, identifying boundaries of the land, and securing land that does not have encumbrances and is in a clean fit for purpose condition at handover.
- Several Councils also specify the requirement to have an open space contribution reserve fund and set out how that is to be used and how expenditure from it is to be approved.

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The Local Government Association of Tasmania reviewed infrastructure contributions in 2022. The key finding was the limitations of the current system. It was not adequate to address the increasing capacity of infrastructure networks and provide infrastructure appropriate for that development. The report makes several suggestions about what future infrastructure contributions should include.

See Chapter 6. Development Contributions.

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2. What is the framework for planning public open space?

Categories of open space

There are three reasons why open space is provided in residential areas.

- The first is to provide for recreational benefits
- The second is to provide for the conservation of flora and fauna, and
- The third is because some land cannot be developed for residential use because of the need for utilities, risk management, and costs and constraints to urban development.

Not all open space is the same. Land is required to meet different community recreation needs for health and well-being and livability. Separate to conservation, and land needed for utilities and drainage to facilitate urban growth.

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Open space functions, form and catchment

Open spaces designated for recreation have distinct requirements that set them apart from the other two categories of open space. These requirements underscore the need for planning and maintenance regimes to ensure these spaces remain "fit for purpose."

Recreational benefits

People seek a range of specific benefits through being able to see and use public open space. These can be grouped into four broad types of benefits:

- Enjoy and learn about nature
- Physical fitness and challenge
- Social gathering and interaction
- Reduce tension / reflection

The specific benefits people seek from open space, through physical activity, social interaction, relaxation and contemplation and connection with nature are the foundation of the requirements for different functions of open space.

To reflect these different benefits, open spaces need different sizes, locational requirements, features and facilities.

Some open space function types are a priority within walking distance from home:

Social family recreation, off road trails and sport.

Location and distribution of public open space therefore must always be considered as well as size, total amount of open space and its characteristics.

The benefits associated with reduced tension/reflection, including restorative benefits can be obtained from viewing, not just using open space.

Views onto the river, green space and trees along trails for example can facilitate these benefits, for residents, workers and visitors.

Some open space function types are a priority within walking distance from home, Social family recreation, off road trails and sport.

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Other function types of open space are provided only where suitable features exist, such as endangered vegetation, natural water bodies, scenic views, or unique topographical features.

In George Town open function types include water-based recreation as spaces are designed for the launch of watercraft, surfing, sailing, swimming and diving for example.

If the priority open space types required close to home are fit-for purpose, the benefits they consciously protect, will continue to be available for future generations.

These function types include social family recreation, relaxation, sports, off-road trail, conservation, community horticulture etc.,

Location and distribution of public open space must be considered as well as size and characteristics.

The requirements of each are described in **core service levels** (See Appendix 4) to ensure open spaces continue to meet the benefits and are fit for purpose.

These core service levels also enshrine principles taken from public policy and respond to issues identified during the inspection of existing public spaces.

Diversity informed by landscape setting type

In addition to protecting community benefit through consciously providing specific functions of open space, different **forms** of open space are desirable to capture a diversity of recreational experiences, which support different activities and encourage use of parks in different weather, for example.

Form is reflected in the landscape setting type classification system as a continuum from Bushland /forest, treed parkland, open mown areas, managed turf, cultivated garden, and paved areas.

In George Town this diversity should also reflect coastal and inland locations.

Catchment hierarchy

Open spaces have also been described by the catchment they serve; how long people stay and where they come from, and the scale and complexity of facilities provided.

Open space functions, form (landscape setting types) and catchment hierarchy describe the classifications to be used in George Town and Low Head.

The Planning Framework, which summarises the key elements described is shown in the following diagram.

The following figure shows the open space planning framework process that guides this open space network plan.

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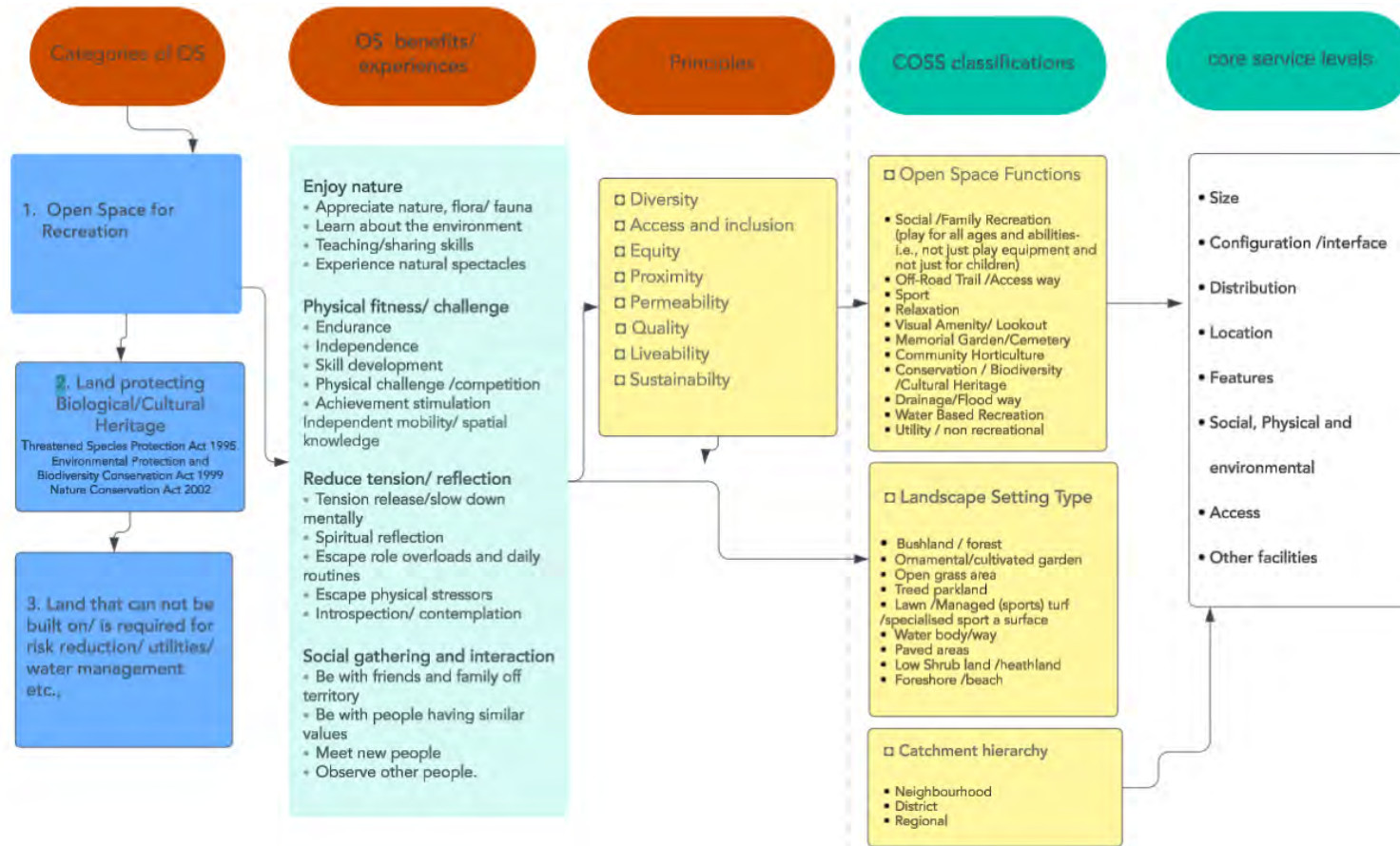
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Figure 3 The Open Space Planning Framework.



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3. Methods

3.1 Public open spaces were inspected and classified

A new open space inventory was prepared from a list in the Sport and Recreation Strategy, The List and Council GIS layer.

Open spaces were inspected and classified to assess the distribution and quality of open spaces to serve different open space functions and create diverse experiences and specific community benefits.

The functions of space guide future provision in the hierarchy of each open space and dictate the level of embellishment scale and complexity in design.

The open space framework includes three-tiered classification system including:

- Open space function types
- Landscape setting types, and
- Catchment hierarchy.

An open space classification system is a valuable planning tool that can assess and guarantee the quality, diversity, and accessibility of open space at a high level and ensure conscious decisions are made about open space to reflect community benefits. Note: The classification focuses on the primary function, catchment hierarchy and landscape type. Open spaces often have secondary functions, such as a play space located within the grounds of a sports complex.

Open space purpose or function type

By classifying spaces by their primary purpose or functions, which reflect human benefits, it is possible to ensure open space is fit for purpose and the types of open space communities need will be provided in the long term.

Classifying open spaces by function helps us analyse how accessible the priority types of open spaces are to every residential community that needs them.

If we classify open space by its function or purpose, we can define the requirements of those needed close to home in terms of how big they need to be, what they should generally include, where and how many

spaces are needed, and how they need to be maintained. (Core service levels).

The open space function types are:

- Social family recreation and play
- Sport
- Relaxation and contemplation
- Biological heritage conservation
- Cultural heritage
- Community horticulture
- Drainage/ floodway/ stormwater
- Visual amenity /lookout
- Memorial Park/ cemetery
- Off-road trail/accessway
- Water-based recreation
- Utility/ other non-recreation

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Landscape setting type

Landscape setting or type assists in ascertaining form rather than function, i.e., is the site mown grass, parkland with trees, cultivated garden, a forest, a water body, paved or managed sports turf, for example.

The type of open space landscape setting measures diversity, available experiences, character, and access to nature.

Advertising the landscape setting type for each open space can assist potential users in choosing between sites for varied reasons (e.g., wanting a cool, shady place to see nature, watch birds, not see other people, and explore new places).

A landscape setting type classification will assist with differentiating sites based on experiences and environmental quality they offer and help determine the priority for developing new open spaces that complement existing ones or what is available.

Categories of landscape setting type include:

- Treed Parkland
- Open Grass Area
- Lawn Managed Turf
- Specialised Sports Surface

- Ornamental/Cultivated Garden
- Paved Area
- Foreshore / Beach
- Bushland / Forest
- Low shrubland/ heathland
- Cultivated garden/crop

See Appendix 2 for detailed definitions and image examples.

Catchment hierarchy

Catchment hierarchy classifies open spaces according to where users come from (i.e. local, district or regional).

This classification identifies the space's sphere of influence, nature, scale, significance, where users come from, how long they are likely to stay, and what support facilities are needed.

The catchment hierarchy classifications include:

- Neighbourhood
- District
- Regional

See Appendix 2 for the detailed definitions and image examples.

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3.2 Mapping the distribution of public spaces by type

Following the classification of existing open spaces in George Town and Low Head, these were mapped.

A walkability assessment of play spaces and social facility recreation spaces was prepared by isochrone mapping. This mapped areas outside 400 m and 800 m from each play space and potential social family recreation space.

Assessing quality, accessibility and diversity of spaces

Council's plans, inspections of existing spaces and public policy principles and best practice were used to determine assessment criteria applied in our analysis of existing spaces, overall supply and the core service levels.

Some high-level notes are provided in the inventory of issues and opportunities observed on specific sites, not included in this document.

The principles incorporated in the core services levels are included in Appendix 3.

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4. Demand for public open space

The demand for public open space is rising as population density and urban development increase, and private space decreases. This trend is further propelled by growing community awareness of the benefits of physical activity, green spaces for relaxation, and improved liveability.

Concurrently, the growing need to prevent cardiovascular disease and mental health issues serves as a significant motivator for participation in physical activity and sports.

However, demographic factors influence these trends, especially age, gender, socioeconomic status, cultural background, health and disability, and the location's remoteness.

4.1 Demographic influences on demand; summary George Town Council

The following table outlines some of the key demographic characteristics of George Town, which influence the demand for open space, and reinforce the need for an equitable distribution of high-quality open space that is welcoming and inclusive.

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Figure 4. Demographic influences summary – George Town Council, 2024

Demographic indicator	Characteristics of George Town LGA	Implication for open space planning and design
Population 	The population of George Town LGA was 7,428 in 2024 (ABS, 2024). An average growth of 0.49% each year since 2006 (ABS, 2024). The desirable build out identified by George Town LGA is 10,000 residents.	Areas with higher growth rates will require a range of open spaces, particularly larger spaces for social / family recreation and sport as well as off-road trails circuits. Trails will need to cater for a wider range of users and be distributed to link new developments with existing facilities. Aging /Areas with static population growth may require embellished open spaces.
Family type 	There are more couples without children in George Town LGA (50.4%) compared with Tasmania (44.5%) (ABS, 2021). There are less couples with children (29.8%) than there are in the state of Tasmania (36.8%) (ABS, 2021).	Couples without children may seek more social activities, dog walking, non-club-based and environmental pursuits. As the population of young children and families is set to decrease, embellishments to encourage participation by young professional couples and older adults, is appropriate in existing open spaces.
Cultural diversity 	Approximately 18.7% of George Town LGAs population was not born in Australia (ABS, 2021). 4.3% of residents have Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background (ABS, 2021).	Cultural background influences the demand for sports and recreation activities and has a bearing on spatial behaviour and cultural responses to public / social situations. Cultural background is a key influence on activity preferences. Demand may vary across the LGA as people with similar cultural and language backgrounds often settle in specific neighbourhoods /areas. Future populations are likely to be more culturally diverse and seek a wider range of recreational activities and spaces, that at present.
Social disadvantage 	George Town LGA has significant social disadvantage. The SEIFA index of disadvantage indicates it has the highest level of disadvantage in Northern Tasmanian with a score of 861 (Profile I.d 2021)	Families experiencing a high level of disadvantage are less likely to spend money on travel, equipment and club membership fees to participate in sport and outdoor recreational activities. Parks need to be accessible, close to home, and provide opportunities for social sports, such as courts, practice nets etc., to encourage participation.
Age profile 	Median age in George Town LGA is 49 years. There is a high proportion of people aged 55-74 years (32.1% of the population (ABS, 2021). The age groups with the smallest percentage of population are 20-24 years and 80+ years (ABS, 2021).	Working professionals with young families need proximate open spaces for organised and social sport, play and informal physical activity. Trails should be accessible from residential areas and cater for running and walking/cycling as well as skateboards/scooters and small wheeled toys. Older people are active longer and trigger demand for indoor, social pursuits and programs, off road trail circuits, accessible features, seating etc., and options to continue to participate in organised sport -such as bowls and golf. Future proofing the open space network to suit changing demographics and facilities a diversity of activities and experiences is essential.

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Demographic indicator	Characteristics of George Town LGA	Implication for open space planning and design
Need for assistance 	<p>In 2021, 673 people (9.56% of the total population) reported needing for assistance with core activities in George Town LGA. This is much higher than for Tasmania and Australia. (5.8%). Some 13.3% of the population reported having a mental health condition (including depression or anxiety) (ABS,2021).</p>	<p>The higher percentage of older persons (see above) and people with additional access needs or long-term health conditions require more conveniently located, accessible open space and recreation facilities with features such as firm paths, seats with backs and areas away from vigorous activities and noise, attractive planting, welcoming and access and inclusive social spaces and play spaces to take grandchildren. Community horticultural activities, walking and cycling and places to exercise and socialise pets are appealing to older and less active adults. Off road trail circuits, compliant accessible paths, and curb crossings are high priorities in all parks as well as more tables with seats and shelter in parks, and wayfinding.</p> <p>Spaces need to be suitable and attractive to carers, who otherwise they may not take people with a disability outdoors.</p>
Housing type and density 	<p>89.6% of George Town Council residents live in detached homes (ABS,2021)</p> <p>8.6% of people live in a townhouse or semi-detached home and less than 1% of residents live in a high-density setting (ABS, 2021).</p> <p>More infill and small lots will provide a diversity of homes required but will increase the demand for accessible public spaces with suitable features and convenient access to recreation facilities.</p>	<p>Lower density dwelling have more private green space, the subdivision patterns and proximity to recreation and open spaces becomes more challenging due to increase distances caused by block size. Distribution and walkability to quality open space is essential for residences with smaller yards. Growth in infill, dual occupancy or second dwellings, and multi-units and senior's living deserve different open space responses as they have fewer option for exercise, gardening and pet exercise at home. These areas may need open space for recreation and social gathering, restorative qualities and for social/recreational functions, and communal open space in multi-units and senior's living developments.</p>

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2022). 2021 George Town, Census All persons QuickStats. <https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/LGA62210>
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Note: This reference provides access to summary statistics about people, families, and dwellings in the George Town Local Government Area (including Low Head) as reported in the 2021 Census.

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4.2 Potential participation in activities

The open space network needs to accommodate the likely nature of demand for key facility types and opportunities that will facilitate social and physical activity, important to health and well-being.

Liveability and accessibility to trails, parks and sports facilities are key drivers of housing choice. By providing these key types of facilities, George Town will also be more attractive to residents wishing to move from elsewhere.

The following table indicates the potential demand for key outdoor facility types, estimated by applying state participation rates for individual activities to the number of children and adults and the projected population for George Town LGA.

Whilst the potential numbers are only a guide, the figures suggest the likely order of demand and the importance of off-road trails for people to walk for recreation, active transport, and exercise dogs.

Table 2. Potential participants George Town Council by facility type 2021 and 10,000 population

Outdoor Recreation Facility / Field of Play	Potential Participants 2021	Potential Participants (10,000 pop. *)
Off-road trail	5,080	6,390
Outdoor Swimming pool/ aquatic leisure centre	1,375	1,970
Outdoor sports playing fields	1,370	1,975
Play spaces (for children up to 14 yrs old)	1,120	1,600
Outdoor water-based recreation facilities	740	955
Play spaces (for children up to 10 yrs old)	670	980
Outdoor sports court (tennis /netball)	580	805
Golf course	385	485
Outdoor skate, roller sport facility	100	135
Lawn bowls green	80	105

Source: Australian Sports Commission. (2025). Tasmanian *AusPlay* results – 2015–2023. Clearinghouse for Sport.
<https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/research/ausplay/results-2015-2023>

*Desirable build out population identified by Council.

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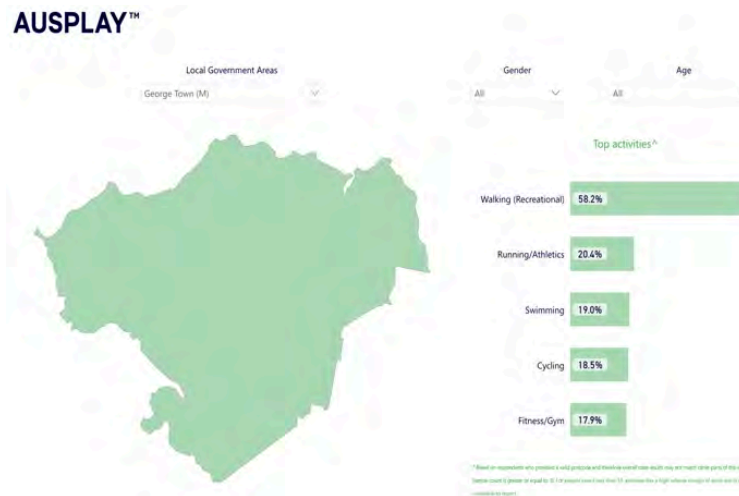
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The demand for off-road trails, outdoor swimming and fitness facilities is evident in George Town's 2023 participation numbers.

Figure 5. AusPlay 2023. Top 5 sport and recreation activities participated in George Town LGA



This data reflects the high number of people, (in particular, adult women) who walk for recreation in George Town LGA especially in Low Head. This reinforces the importance of providing quality off-road trails, perimeter paths and neighbourhood trail circuits.

In addition to sports and physical activities, the RSPCA reports that 66% of households have a dog in Tasmania, which requires walking and socializing. Some 75% of householders use their streets/ local neighbourhoods to do this.

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Figure 6. AusPlay 2023. Top Female (all ages) activity in George Town LGA



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5. Open space supply and gap analysis

Context

George Town is the key township in George Town LGA. The boundary of this area stretches from the south of Low Head at the North Street boundary south to Bell Bouy Beach.

The settlement follows the River Tamar foreshore.

The key commercial area is located on and around Macquarie Street adjacent to York Cove.

The George Town Area Structure Plan, 2021 divides George Town into the following neighbourhoods:

- Port Dalrymple
- Central
- Mount George
- York Cove
- Pipe Clay

These neighbourhoods are not exactly compatible with distribution aims for public open space because of the location of existing open spaces, their function, and the walkability of each and, therefore, the

catchment of each that does not necessarily fit neatly into these neighbourhoods.

However, to align as much as possible with the structure plan, we analysed existing open spaces in conjunction with the Structure Plan neighbourhoods.ⁱ

Demographic influences and demand

In 2021, the population of the George Town suburb was 4,408. The average number of people per household is low (<1%), and a higher number than average are vacant dwellings (7.7%).

There is a high proportion of couples without children (46%), and 351 families have an average of 1.9 children per household with children.

There are marginally fewer females in George Town at 50.4% in comparison to the Tasmanian average.

More people are in the 65–69 year age cohort than any other age group.

Compared to Tasmania and Australia, George Town has a lower-than-average income level, tertiary education attained and cultural diversity; similar proportions of people work full time, and a higher proportion of people need assistance in

daily activities and with a long-term health and mental health condition.

The implications for open space provision are that affordable social family opportunities are likely in high demand, as are off-road trails for exercise and active transport, as well as high-quality open space to enhance health and well-being.

Health conditions are likely to be a limitation for people wanting to play sports, so more casual forms of exercise are likely to be in demand.

In 2021, 674 people (or 9.6% of the population) in the George Town LGA area reported needing help in their day-to-day lives due to disability, an increase from 2016.

Chapter 4.2 shows a high level of potential demand for types of recreation facilities in open space (based on state population rates for activities applied to the current population and a future population projections).



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Street patterns and supply of open space

The central areas of the town have traditional grid-like street patterns with high levels of permeability, even though many streets do not have footpaths.

In newer residential subdivisions (most northerly and southerly areas), there are more circular street patterns with cul-de-sacs, and more internal reserves respond to these circular street patterns.

P1 Prominent parks overlooked by houses across surrounding roads, which draw people from a connecting off-road trail and by perimeter trees, are the most valued and used.

There are some internal reserves in these subdivisions, which are either:

- Very small reserves with roadways around them and good surveillance and potential restorative values for adjacent residents, but with very limited opportunities (and presenting

more like a traffic island than functional recreation reserves) or

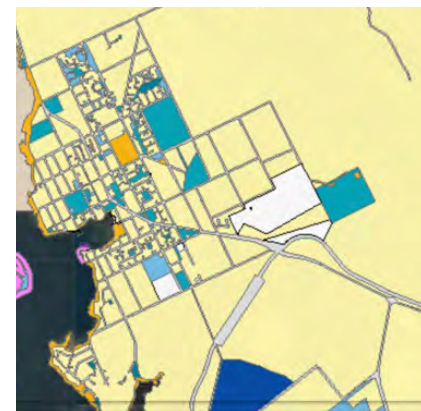
- Internal green corridors (often drainage lines and connections between cul-de-sacs) that are not prominent and bounded essentially by rear private yards, nor configured to be functional social spaces to serve the wider residential area.

P2. The size of individual parks (their configuration and outlook) is more important than the total amount of open space in an area.

There is considerable public land in George Town (See following map), which may present opportunities to refine a network of well-distributed, adequately sized, well-configured functional, well connected and used parks and trails that provide a diversity of opportunities for people of all ages, genders, abilities and interests.

See Figure 7.

Figure 7. map showing public land, including open space in George Town



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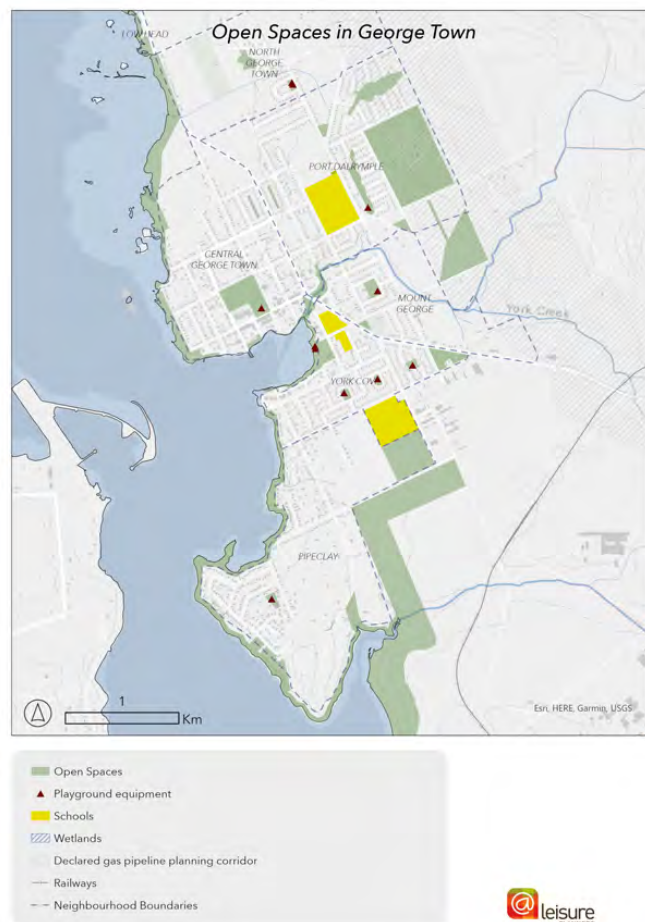
Two cornerstone reserves in George Town are the large social family recreation space (Regent Square) adjacent to the shopping precinct in the west and the Sports Complex in the east. Unfortunately, due to the gas pipeline corridor to the west of the sports complex, it is not surrounded by overlooking houses that would create a higher level of community surveillance and activity and provide a valuable outlook for residents of this area. To the east of the town is the river foreshore, providing water views and a trail corridor, which is also an important active transport route.

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Figure 8 Map; Open space parcels in the suburb of George Town



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Open space function types

Open spaces assessed include areas that are not zoned as open space, may not have been developed specifically for recreation facilities, but may be reserved or present as public open space, spaces such as the community garden which is on a public-school reserve, and other crown spaces which may not necessarily remain as open space.

The suburb of George Town features a range of open space function types across these sites.

The following table outlines the current number of spaces (parcels) by function type.

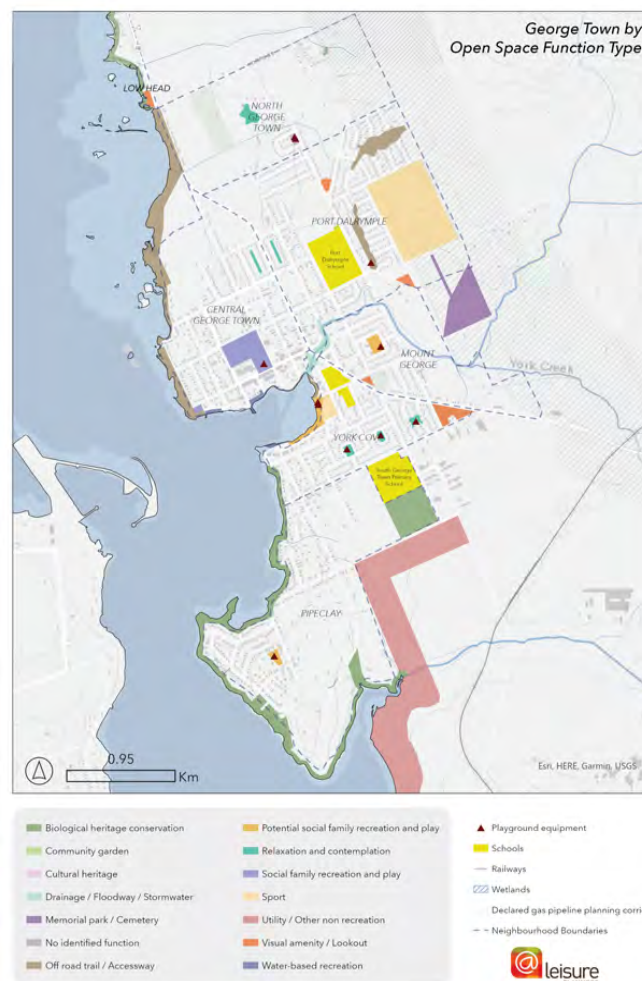


Figure 9 Map; Open space function types; George Town neighbourhood

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Table 3. George Town Suburb open space function types by number

Open space function type	No. of parcels **
Off road trail / accessway (may be a secondary function)	13
Potential social family recreation and play *	4
Social family recreation and play	2
Sport	3
Community horticulture	1
Relaxation and contemplation	6
Visual amenity /look out	4
Water based recreation	5
Memorial park/ cemetery	1
Biological heritage conservation	9
Utility/ other non-recreation	2
Cultural heritage	0
Drainage/ Floodway/ stormwater	4
No identified function	1

* Potential social family recreation and play means these have potential to provide this function but currently do not meet the service levels that ensure they are fit for purpose.

** Note: the foreshore and other spaces are made up of many parcels. The numbers above are parcels, not total parks and open spaces, and these may be not either be reserves or Council owned.

Open spaces and zoning and functions

This assessment includes separate parcels of land that present or are used as open space. These parcels include some large areas of crown land and school land that have or will be rezoned for residential uses. See map following.

Figure 10. Open space zoned as Recreation, Open Space and Environmental Management; George Town Suburb



- Environmental Management
- Recreation
- Open Space

The red areas are general residential that will need convenient access to public open space.

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Off-road trails and the River foreshore

The foreshore has multiple parcels embellished and presented as public open space. However, most are zoned for Environmental Management.

Much of the reserved river foreshore land is narrow, and sections include crown and private land but may have a trail through them. These are classified according to their current use: Off-road trail. Even though they may not meet all the core service levels recommended, such as desirable corridor width etc.,

For the above reasons, there are a large number of parcels classified as off-road trails. However, these are not necessary circuits, continuous, or connected to a wider network, and much of the land is zoned for environmental management.

Council's policy objective to "Protect one continuous corridor of public open space along the river and coastal foreshore" is supported and may be achieved incrementally over the long term through a number of mechanisms to create access or acquire land during land development, as part of subdivision, as a permit condition, condition of lease and using a range of agreements.

There are a number of possible extensions to existing off-road trails (such as York Creek) from selected active transport routes suited to cycling, such as the kanamaluka trail and those accessible to people using a mobility device, etc.

All routes connect key facilities such as the sports complex the foreshore and schools. In addition, a perimeter trail is proposed around the Sports Complex.

Social family recreation

There are two existing and four potential social family recreation spaces identified. These potential social family recreation spaces provide for play. However, in the future, they need to offer more than single-purpose child's play equipment and provide opportunities for the whole family, with social, physical and environmental activities for people of all ages and abilities.

Some of these potential sites will not have a suitable size, configuration or location to serve the neighbourhood. Some are also close to each other and, therefore, may be best performing other functions.

Dog socialisation and exercise areas

Existing dog socialisation and exercise areas are located at:

- Designated 'Bark Park' at George Town Sports Complex, Port Dalrymple neighbourhood
- York Cove Rivulet Parkland (south of George Town pump track), located between York Cove, Central George Town and Mount George neighbourhoods
- The northeast part of Max Harris Memorial Reserve (south of Cimitiere St), excluding the play space and off-road trail areas.

It is desirable to have a fenced dog socialisation and exercise area within each neighbourhood of George Town to ensure equitable distribution.

These spaces should be large open grassed areas with shade and some visual interest for people, and they are fenced.

Dog parks can be co-located with social family/recreation spaces and on encumbered land.

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However, siting must avoid conflicts with wildlife in ecological areas such as wetlands and sports activities.

Two additional spaces could be appropriate where there is demand in George Town.

See the recommendations section for providing equitable services to each neighbourhood.

Sport

There are two sports sites in the George Town suburb study area: the large Sports Complex and the bowls club. The golf course in Bell Bay is outside the study area.

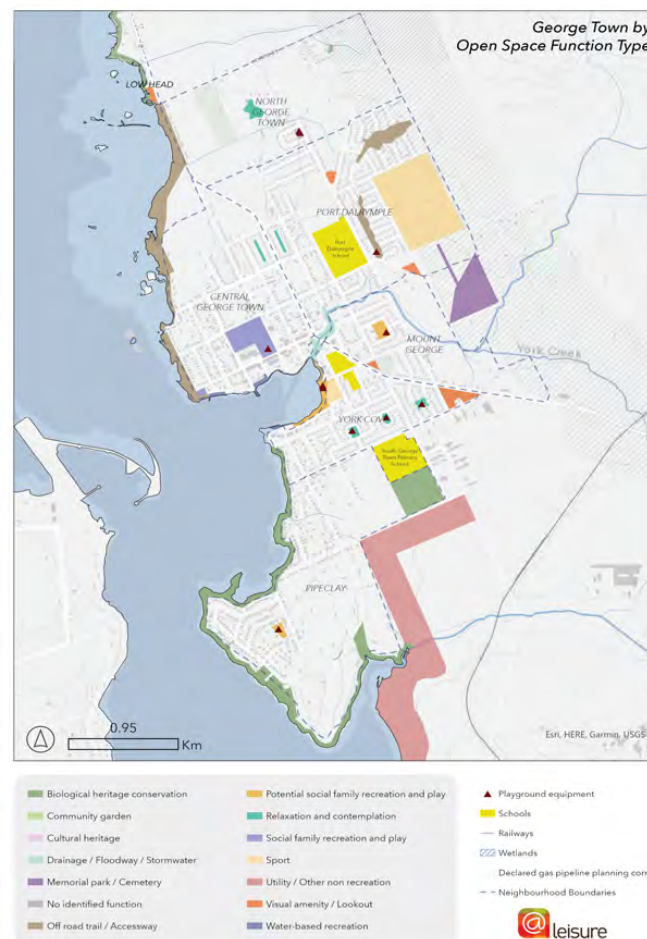
Typically, a desirable distribution of sport within approximately 1km of all residents is recommended across a town. However, the settlement pattern, population and size of the complex and sustainability suggest sports playing field provision is adequate, mainly if social family recreation spaces include some social sports opportunities such as hard courts, bike facilities, etc., and some facilities such as the courts in the complex are upgraded. Council could also pursue opportunities to enhance residential density around the sports complex.

Community horticulture

There is one space servicing community horticulture in the George Town suburb. Protecting and expanding this function will be important in the subdivision of the adjacent land. It would be beneficial to have an expansion area, a buffer to the community horticulture site, and a buffer and permeable access through the subdivision.

The following map shows the existing open spaces classified by their purpose in the network (function types).

Figure 11. Open space in George Town by function



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Gaps and function types proposed

Equitable distribution of social family recreation places and off-road trail circuits is a priority to serve all neighbourhoods and the growth areas in George Town.

A short-term priority will be achieving functional individual subdivisions that collectively provide permeable access to the foreshore, existing and future spaces, generous-sized social family recreation parks and the preferred alignments for off-road trail circuits.

Key areas requiring these additional spaces are in the north and northeast of the township boundary, in the southeast, and retrofitting spaces in the southwest to provide a key functional social family recreation park (See Open Space Network Plan)

Co-locating and developing social family recreation spaces within existing spaces that Council could extend or enhance and utilising the buffer through and along areas needing protection for biodiversity/bushland and drainage/waterways are key strategies in the south.

Securing alignments for the future development of an off-road trail along York Creek outside the riparian protection zone, along the foreshore corridor, and in Wombat Walk is recommended.

Pipeclay and North neighbourhoods of George Town lack open spaces and, therefore, a diversity of open space function types.

A much smaller number of parcels are zoned as open space than present as public open space.

The following map shows the gaps in walkability to a park with a social family recreation function.

Only a small portion of Pipe Clay and York Cove neighbourhoods has a social family recreation space within 400m or 800m walking distance. The key gap in Pipe Clay is no social family recreation provision for the neighbourhood scale or a nearby district park. Although there are open spaces with play equipment, none in this neighbourhood currently meet the social family recreation open space function classification.

As this neighbourhood is a pocket and somewhat separated from the centre of town by the cove and large district facilities, it is essential to provide adequate social and family recreation opportunities for residents within walking distance. Walkable network connections to district facilities would be beneficial to service this area more broadly.

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Figure 12. Gaps in walkability in social family recreation spaces in George Town

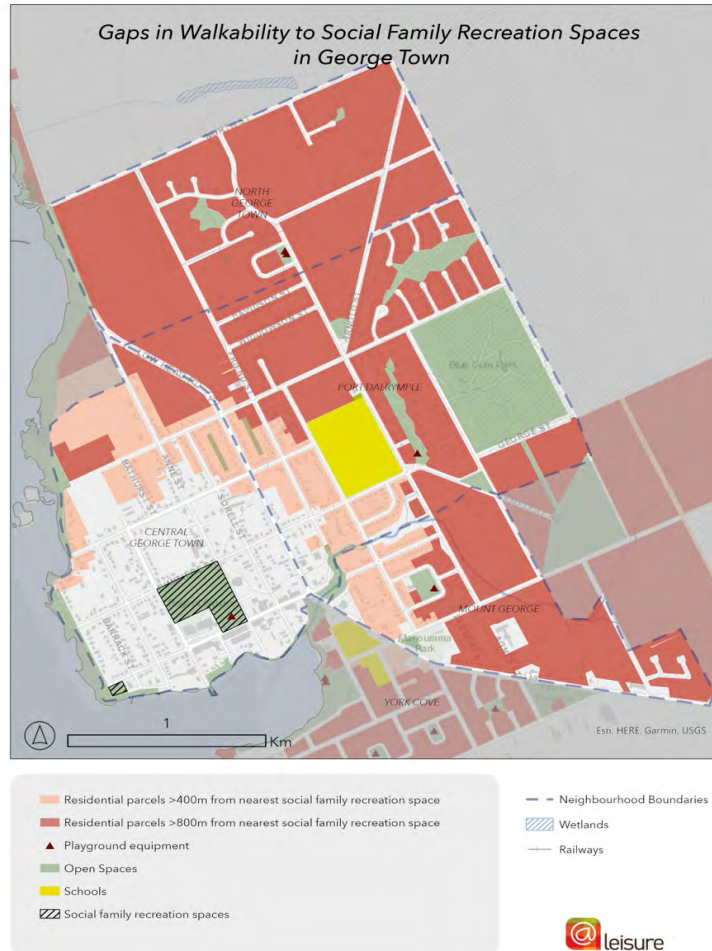


Figure 13. Gaps in Walkability to Social Family Recreation Spaces in South George Town



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Distribution of open space by function and neighbourhood

North Neighbourhood

The North neighbourhood features three open spaces with different functions: Relaxation and contemplation, Potential social family recreation and play (small play space) and one for Biological conservation.

These small parks have local catchments, low amenity value, and relatively poor access and connectivity.

In the northwest, a large space was originally reserved, "George Town Recreation Reserve," for a park, now a residential growth zone.

Extending the existing streets to provide access to the foreshore will be necessary, and one or two social family recreation spaces will be needed to meet likely development patterns.

It will also be important to address the interface of any proposed subdivision in the west and the foreshore and provide an expanded activity node for trail users.

Inappropriate subdivision designs could impact the views of the foreshore and riparian protection and open space corridor.

In the northeast, there will be a need for a social family recreation space, an off-road trail running north to Low Head, and a connection through any subdivision to new and existing reserves.

In the east, ensuring access to Water Tower Park via pedestrian accessways would be beneficial so that its relevance is not just artwork but sympathetic embellishments to improve this reserve

The subdivision design in this neighbourhood needs to be permeable, and in addition to a new social family recreation, off road trail corridors and potentially some additional green space for relaxation, visual amenity and conservation purposes is likely to be required.

Figure 14. North Neighbourhood



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Central George Town Neighbourhood

Regent Square and Windmill Point play space provide for social family recreation functions in this neighbourhood, and Regent Square provides for a more district catchment. Some embellishments of these sites to include more people with a disability, enhance amenity, play value and improve interface issues should be made incrementally.

Toward the north of the neighbourhood, a lack of diversity of functions, access to the foreshore and servicing demand from new dwellings with a new social family recreation space will be a priority. Additional embellishments, when possible, would be valued such as canopy trees, wilding part of the foreshore (in keeping with the environmental management zone) provide a major opportunity in the Central neighbourhood of George Town.

Developing key sealed off road trail routes in road verges north of Regent Square is desirable as well as resolving the poor interface between non-park users and the park (in the southwest).

There are several spaces for water-based recreation in this neighbourhood (fishing and sailing).

The public waterfront corridor is very narrow and would benefit from a negotiated design and development of the whole foreshore environs in conjunction with the crown and private land holders, to provide a better trail corridor, greater amenity and design details for users and adjacent landowners. See map following of desirable trail alignment.

Figure 15. York Cove desirable trail alignments*



Additional open space to serve residential growth in the neighbourhood should also seek to provide some diversity.

Figure 16. Central George Town Neighbourhood



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Port Dalrymple Neighbourhood

Port Dalrymple has a range of open space functions and scale. The largest open space is the George Town Sports Complex with a range of sporting opportunities. This is a district playing field facility, providing for people all across George Town.

Some facilities within the complex need to be upgraded.

Due to the size of the reserve there is an opportunity to provide a perimeter path, and redesign the fence line, and provide trail connections to existing off road trails, schools the cemetery and York Creek.

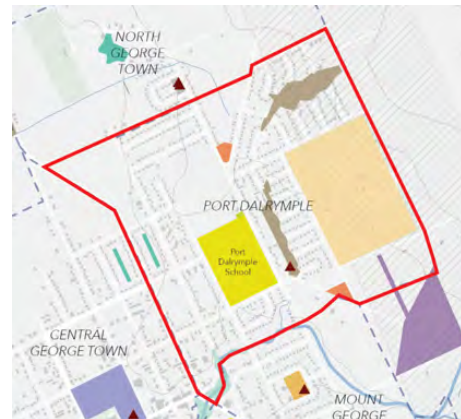
This sports function could also have a collocated SFR secondary function in the park to encourage more activity and address the gap in social family recreation in this area especially if higher density housing overlooks the site in future (This requires further investigation).

There are a range of smaller and linear open spaces in this neighbourhood. Two relatively large open spaces have limited potential other than as off-road trails, because they are internally focused between rear yards of two residential areas and not prominent to the street reserve.

Several small corner open spaces service a visual amenity function and could be planted with additional local flowering Australian natives for more impact and to encourage birds for example.

The linear parcel of land between the sports complex and the cemetery should be formalised in the long term as an off-road trail, which continues south to connect with the York Creek corridor.

Figure 17. Port Dalrymple Neighbourhood



Mount George Neighbourhood

Mount George neighbourhood has limited number of open spaces; Gordon Square which provides a potential social family recreation space and perimeter off road trail, and a small triangle of land that provides visual amenity.

The cemetery could logically be included in this neighbourhood, as it is not identified in any.

York Creek bounds this neighbourhood in the north, and whilst its purpose is primarily drainage it provides an important secondary function as an off-road corridor and other social and relaxation and memorial functions along its reaches. In future an easterly extension to this corridor to protect the riparian vegetation and provide an extended off-road trail circuit is desirable.

Gordon Square has considerable opportunities through redesign and development. It is currently unembellished except for several play equipment items. It also has a very poor interface with adjacent land uses and is being used as car park. A clear separation of park from the non-recreational uses, with canopy trees and screen planting for example would assist in enhancing restorative values and opportunities for neighbours but also

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through the development of a park for social family recreation, with a path network, picnic, play, kick play and perhaps some garden activities – potentially as a joint development with the adjacent church or children’s centre. Ensuring cues to draw people into this space and wayfinding will be essential for retrofitting this space for community to use.

Apart from York Creek (alignment shown on the image below) that provides the opportunity for extending a future public open space corridor further east, retained to enhance biodiversity, and access to nature, it will be important that future subdivision is permeable, utilises the original north south road reserves for walkability (perhaps leaving one wide road reserve for an off-road train down one side). See yellow dashed lines in the image below, as these also provide an opportunity to provide connections to a new Social family recreation space to serve the area at Killara Reserve.

A crossing will need to be provided at this point. The image below shows the area north of Killara Reserve and south of the cemetery with original road alignment, creek corridors, existing open spaces, and areas in red zoned for general residential.

Figure 18. Areas north of Killara Reserve and south of the Sports Complex



In the areas yet to be subdivided, off road trail corridors and potentially some additional green space for relaxation, visual amenity and conservation purposes is likely to be required.

Mandurama Park includes the green space around George Town swimming pool, and a small park for visual amenity as the “forecourt” to the pool.

This park has some manicured garden elements and also serves a greening purpose along the main arterial road.

In future it may provide some flexibility in design to complement the pool if the pool needs to expand. The pool internal green space needs to be protected.

As subdivision occurs in the south east of the neighbourhood, creating a linear park along the York Creek will be important with an off road trail in the long term, and a permeable street pattern to assist residents, workers and visitors to access this creek by path as well as the sports complex, the pool, the cemetery, and social family recreation parks including the existing Killara Park in the neighbourhood immediately to the south.

Figure 19. Mount George Neighbourhood



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York Cove Neighbourhood

York Cove features two schools, Star of the Sea College and South George Town Primary School and both have some open space and school sports facilities within their grounds. Although this access is not public, agreements could be reached to enhance the range of sport functions (least social sports such as hard courts as they are close to the road frontage) within Pipeclay and York Cove neighbourhoods.

The neighbourhood has a series of small internal reserves with small play equipment areas and low amenity. These reserves are not prominent, have few canopy trees or purposeful planting, limited access in and out of the site, low play value and limited if any opportunities for people with a disability. They have low potential for social family recreation, whereas two other sites in the neighbourhood (Elizabeth Park and Killara Park) would be best as social family recreation sites as they are on key off-road trail circuits and are large spaces.

Killara Reserve is zoned general residential and accommodates the visitor information centre.

P5. Planting should be specific to its purpose: play, visual amenity, wind break, shade, spectacle, habitat or bird attracting, and sensory.

P16. Play value is the outcome of social, physical, imaginative cognitive, and creative stimuli that encourage children to actively engage, explore, adapt, and combine elements to suit their evolving interests and abilities over time.

A small additional block of approximately 600sqm could be divested on the west of the two residential parcels retaining good views in the park.

The remainder designed as separate from the visitor information parcel (approximately 1.1 ha) could be developed for social family recreation to serve this and the adjacent neighbourhood to the north of the main road.

See Figure on previous page "Area north of Killara Reserve and south of the Sports Complex."

To serve this area of future residential a road crossing at the visitor information centre to the north would be desirable.

Diversifying the function of the other three more "internal" reserves would then be desirable, creating each with a different function and identity. One could be designed and planted for relaxation, one for visual amenity, and one for community cultivated garden, or even a small dog park for example.

The other function present in this neighbourhood is water-based recreation with the York Cove Boat ramp south, although there is limited public space at this node.

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Along the water adjacent to Marina Way (York Cove, to the Esplanade) it would be advantageous to negotiate the width of the public corridor along this foreshore in all future developments abutting, to ensure it is adequate to include a wide public promenade and future enhanced off-road trail.

Figure 20. York Cove Neighbourhood

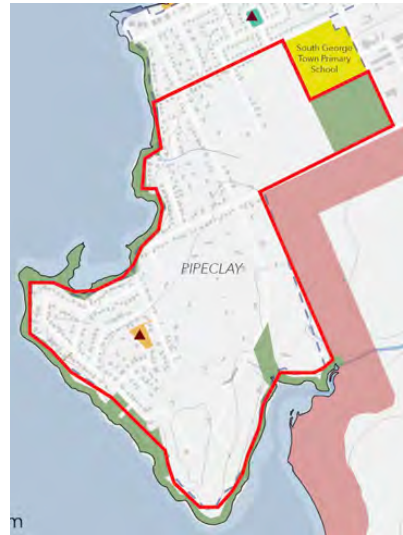


Pipeclay Neighbourhood

Pipeclay neighbourhood has a lack of open space and infill developments continuing, and therefore a lack of diversity of opportunities in open space.

Providing two social family recreation spaces through the expansion of Secret Park and a node in the Wombat Walks and a future foreshore off road trail, as a minimum will be important for this neighbourhood.

Figure 21. Pipeclay Neighbourhood



Secret Park (Winston Little Reserve) is classified as having a potential social family recreation function type; however, the space is not prominent, it is a very internal facing park, and it is difficult to find, and develop due to the configuration constraints.

The park comprises several parcels of land that cannot be built on as they are required for drainage etc., and so there is not a logical opportunity to sell the site for residential purposes and replace it with a better site.

The park has play elements, however it would need to be expanded to serve the whole neighbourhood, meet the needs of people of all ages and abilities and provide social and environment stimuli.

To enable the park to be more prominent it would be desirable to acquire two adjacent vacant blocks as open spaces to provide a main address and street outlook.

If these blocks cannot be secured to add to the existing park an alternative site for social family recreation, more central to the whole neighbourhood, would need to be provided urgently before additional developments preclude a new park being provided.

Along the south to Bell Bay the foreshore is zoned for Environmental Management. The public reserve is quite narrow and vegetated, and it is likely a foreshore corridor/trail would need to be outside the reserve boundary and be negotiated during land development as opportunities arise. It could have spur trails to the point and key lookouts or access to the water, to protect foreshore vegetation.

A series of bush blocks on Tamar Avenue and the large parcel adjacent to the primary school provide potential to retain bushland as a landscape setting within the township

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protected for biological heritage conservation as well as provide trails and nature appreciation.

These bushland sites are not formally designated as public open space and are zoned General Residential.

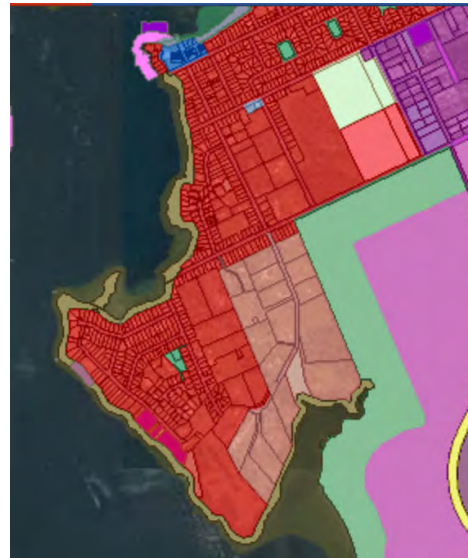
At the Wombat Walk area, a balanced development would be desirable with some housing and a large bushland park, trails and a potential colocated SFR in a bushland setting, would add diversity to the whole town open space network and complement limited open space opportunities in the adjacent Pipeclay neighbourhood.

In the residential areas where further subdivisions come on-line, and residential density increases, permeability of those areas will be increasingly important; that means relatively short street blocks, cross streets, wide accessways through any essential cul-de-sacs, and off-road trail circuit corridors with connections to the foreshore trail.

In addition further green space should potentially be consider for relaxation, visual amenity and conservation purposes.

The image below shows residential zonings in red and the importance of Secret Park, cross streets and off-road trails to create better permeability and encourage walking and access to the foreshore.

Figure 22. Zoning in and the current reserve in Pipeclay Neighbourhood



Landscape setting types across George Town

The following map shows all open spaces assessed and their landscape setting type.

Most inland parks are open mown grass, and the foreshore reserves are combination of bushland in the south, treed parkland, reaches of low native vegetation or mown grass.

There are several cultivated gardens. The only paved spaces are in association with the foreshore where roads and paths provide access.

Nine of the designated parks/reserves have 'open grass area' setting types reflecting a lack of diversity in local parks including 4 of the 5 park spaces in York Cove neighbourhood.

Additional diversity can be created by protecting bushland in the township, (south of the school, the Pipe Clay peninsular and along the Bay, and along the foreshore in the southeast.

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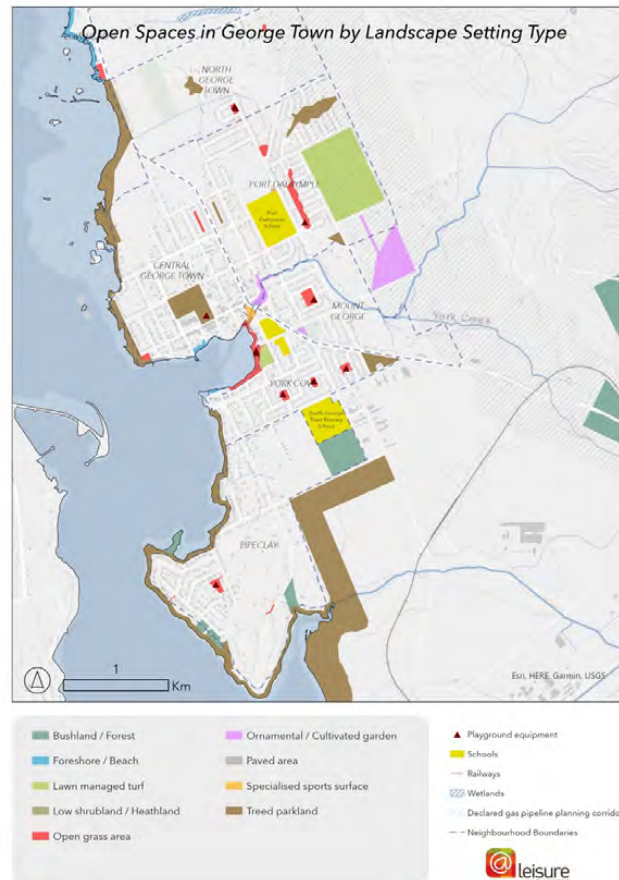
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Figure 23. Open Spaces in George Town by Landscape Setting Type



Similar reserves close to each other could be embellished differently, such as in York Cove.

Where the dominant setting type is mown grass additional canopy trees along the perimeter of a site can assist wayfinding, interface with adjacent land uses, visual amenity and potential shade, nature appreciation and wind protection etc.

Within large and small spaces a greater diversity could be created, to provide different stimuli, comfort and activities for people for different ages and abilities, genders and interests. Robust planting for purpose, (different species for shade, shelter, habitat, spectacle, play value, sensory stimuli) is needed in parks, and along corridors where different reaches can be treated differently.

Corridors such as York Creek can provide greater diversity along its reaches and pockets of wilding. In the extension of the public corridor east, there is potential for a wider bushland corridor, for example in future.

The use of vegetation (such as limbed up trees) can not only create diversity, but create a better interface with private land, creating clear private and public boundaries, without obstructing views.

The following table shows the number of open spaces classified by landscape setting type.

Table 4. George Town number of spaces by Landscape Setting Type

Landscape setting type	No. Open Spaces
Open Grass Area	16
Treed Parkland	14
Bushland / Forest	6
Foreshore / Beach	7
Lawn Managed Turf	3
Ornamental / Cultivated Garden	4
Paved Area	4
Specialised Sports Surface	1
Total open space parcels	55

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New open space, underperforming spaces and disposals

It is inevitable with urban growth outside the original planned township that additional open space will be required to provide an equitable distribution of the priority functions of open space (social family recreation, off road trail and sports) within walking distance of additional residents.

The key to high-quality spaces in the long term is subdivision patterns that can deliver large, prominent, accessible, and fit-for-purpose parks and those providing suitable land for the priority open space functions needed to meet the size, distribution, and qualitative requirements that deliver long-term community recreation benefits.

Land may also be required in some subdivisions to accommodate and protect flora and fauna, riparian areas as well as provide for utility and drainage purposes. These sites may be co-located with unencumbered land for recreation but cannot replace it.

Underperforming spaces

The value of most existing open spaces can be enhanced over time.

The main types of spaces that are underperforming are play spaces. Many are too small or internally focused, have low play value, limited prominence and access from surrounding residents and lack features that attract and engage with people of all ages and abilities.

In some instances, existing open spaces that could be expanded could be redesigned to become fit-for-purpose as a social family recreation function (e.g. Secret Park).

In some areas there are multiple underdeveloped sites with small play equipment areas close together and which are inwardly focused: (Harris Park, Archer Park and Monomeeth Reserve). These are difficult to upgrade to provide social, physical and environmental opportunities, and make accessible to all.

Where it is possible to develop a large, fit for purpose social family recreation space to serve the same catchment (i.e. Gordon Reserve and Killara Reserve), the smaller reserves can be retained, reclassified to create more sustainable parks and provide a diversity of functions not present (such as

relaxation, visual amenity, conservation or community horticulture).

The selective development of larger spaces and the redesign of former play equipment areas will allow for the existing play equipment in small reserves to be relocated.

Apart from some expansions proposed, improvements to create diversity, accessibility, greater amenity and comfort, and make existing spaces fit-for purpose are identified. Some key improvements identified include:

- Taking wider corridors for off-road trails, to provide a right of way and treed buffer on either side (See "anatomy of a trail" shown in [Appendix 4](#)).
- Designing a better interface between public and private spaces (fewer reserves abutting rear yards and providing buffers, separating lane ways, screening and signing public spaces.
- Providing canopy trees around all parks
- Constructing perimeter paths around large parks
- Planting purposefully to create diversity and interest i.e. species specifically for play, shade, visual amenity, screening, wind protection, and spectacle, and wilding (native grassland meadows in



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some areas such as in golf courses and road edges and transitional areas which are currently mown exotic grass.

- Provide tables to complement seats to enable a wider range of people to enjoy the outdoors and be supported in parks.
- Create internal path networks and access to facilities and natural elements (especially social and play facilities for people of all ages and abilities).
- Provide off-site and on-site park names, information and wayfinding signage to encourage use

See Appendix 6 for Incremental improvements to enhance value and use of public open space.

Summary of sites where new open spaces/corridors /rights of access are desirable

York Cove

- Seek to secure the key foreshore sites across private land on the existing trail and formally design as a public space along York Cove, both in the north from the Yacht Club to York Creek, and south around York Cove, Marina Way and the Esplanade where the public reserve is very narrow in places and/or the trail is not wholly within the reserve.
- If additional space along the foreshore reserve cannot be secured incrementally as part of land development, formalising or securing access should be negotiated with the private landholders.

Pipe Clay foreshore

- In future subdivisions in Pipe Clay, secure a public foreshore corridor for a future trail inland from the water edge, with selective spur trails to viewing areas and or water access.

Wombat Walks

- Secure a large bushland park as part of the subdivision process to accommodate the Wombat Walks.

York Creek

- If subdivision or land development occurs in the east of George Town protect a riparian corridor along York Creek, and plan for a future trail in a buffer outside that riparian corridor.

Secret Park or alternative

- To enable Secret Park to be more prominent and functional as a social family recreation park, investigate acquiring two adjacent vacant blocks.
- If these blocks cannot be secured to add to the existing park an alternative site for social family recreation, more central to the whole neighbourhood, needs to be provided urgently before additional developments preclude a new park being provided.

North George Town

- Secure additional social family recreation parks in the north of the township as development is proposed, that meet the requirements of the core service levels.

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- During subdivisions secure necessary off-road trail circuits incrementally and formalise or acquire linear connections into adjacent residential areas, to the foreshore etc ., to increase the permeability of residential areas, and provide direct connections to existing parks, and to the foreshore.
Notional directions for a hierarchy of trails is provided on the network plan including those to the foreshore, active transport routes, and those along road verges.
- Where roads may not be made, aligning a made road, off-centre in the road reserve and leaving a slightly wider verge for a trail down one side may be an option.

Disposals

Several parks have recently been disposed of, or may not be considered for public open space in the future:

- Riverleads Drive Reserve located in Pipe Clay Neighbourhood.
- Axton Close Reserve located in the North Neighbourhood is being considered by Council for disposal.
- There are two house blocks on the southern side of the Killara Reserve which provide a difficult configuration, in the park, restrict views in, and about a future park here. The configuration of the future park here could be improved with the sale of a small triangular block for residential development, on the west of the existing residential blocks, leaving views and access in the park from the southwest.

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George Town Recommendations

Refer to following network plans overleaf.

- Design residential subdivisions with grid-like road patterns to be permeable, allow for configuration of parks that are large, prominent, have good public surveillance, are accessible and have a diversity of opportunities.
- Provide additional planting for purpose in Regent Square for greater diversity and a better interface with adjacent uses in the south and west and add accessible play and social facilities.
- Provide basic services such as three phase power that support events in Regent Square.

Off-road trails/accessways

- Secure a large bushland park to accommodate the Wombat Walks and manage a circuit of trails through this site.
- Develop a network of off-road trails to include those suitable for active transport, more recreational trails circuits, informal connections and access ways, and perimeter paths for exercise that provide permeable neighbourhoods, good access to existing parks, nature and the

foreshore, a diversity of circuits to encourage walking, jogging, wheeling and provide safe places for older adults and children with wheeled toys.

- Secure a wide public corridor for an extension of the kanamaluka trail south, that provides a continuous foreshore off road trail, good design and a better interface with adjoining land uses.
- Create a riparian protection zone along the York Creek and secure a trail corridor outside this running east over time.

Social /family recreation spaces

- Expand Secret Park or acquire a new site in the south for a social family recreation space
- Secure three additional social family recreation parks in the north of the township that meet the requirements of the core service levels.
- Develop four existing parks to better meet the requirement of the social/family recreation function: Elizabeth Park, Killara Reserve, Gordon Square and Secret Park, to replace a number of very small play equipment areas in poorly performing parks.

- Consider co-locating a local social family recreation park on the perimeter of Wombat Walks Park and at the sports complex. Protect the bushland at Wombat Walk and provide a unique landscape setting for a new local park for residents.

Dog socialisation and exercise areas

- Consider providing two additional dog socialisation and exercise areas to provide a relative equitable distribution of dog parks and complement off road trails. For example:
 - East of Arnold Street in North George Town neighbourhood (potentially in the gas pipeline corridor)
 - On the north-western corner of the Rio Tinto open space parcel located on South Street in Pipe Clay neighbourhood.

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Sport

- Continue to make improvement to the Sports Complex to provide fields of play in line with sports codes requirements.
- Encourage social sports use by negotiation at schools, at the sports complex and providing free access courts and facilities in select social family recreation spaces.

Landscape setting types

- Design and plant the remaining small reserves to offer a diversity of functions such as community horticulture, relaxation, visual amenity/ look out with landscape setting types including bushland, treed parkland, ornamental /cultivated garden etc.,

Onsite and Offsite Information

- Inform residents and visitors about open spaces in George Town:
- Adopt a name for all key parks
- Incrementally provide a name sign on each
- Provide basic way finding signage on road signs around the township to the main parks and trails
- Provide a basic map and guide to all parks (their function, key facilities and level of accessibility) on Council website
- Simple improvements that can be made over time to improve the value of public open space in George Town are listed in the Appendices.

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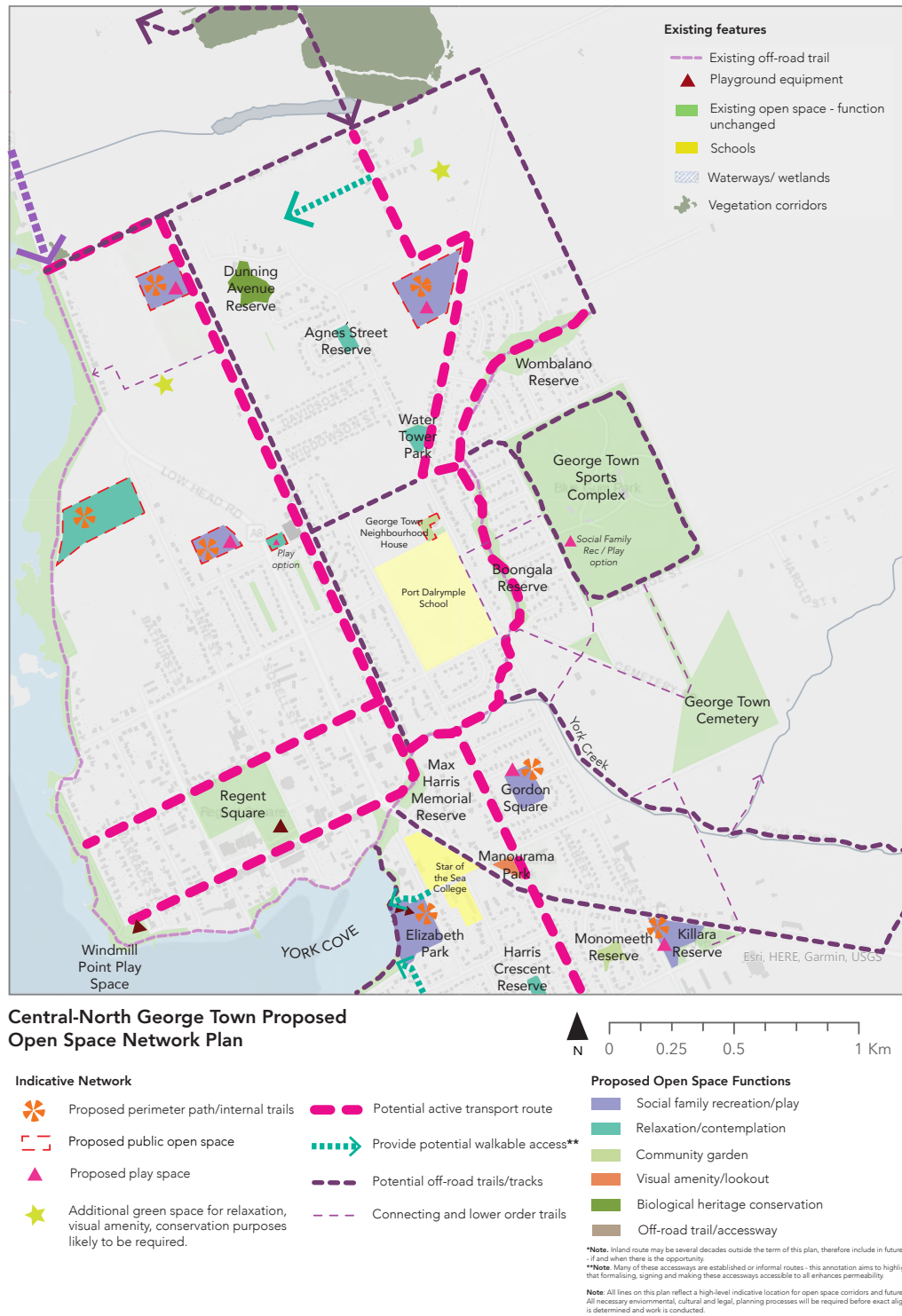
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Figure 24. Central and North George Town Open Space Network Plan



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Figure 25. South George Town Open Space Network Plan



South George Town Proposed Open Space Network Plan

Indicative Network

- Proposed perimeter path/internal trails
- Proposed public open space
- Proposed play space
- Additional green space for relaxation, visual amenity, conservation purposes likely to be required.
- Potential active transport route
- Provide potential walkable access**
- Potential off-road trails/tracks
- Connecting and lower order trails



Proposed Open Space Functions

- Social family recreation/play
- Relaxation/contemplation
- Community garden
- Visual amenity/lookout
- Biological heritage conservation
- Off-road trail/accessway

*Note: Inland route may be several decades outside the term of this plan, therefore include in future plans
 **Note: Many of these accessways are established or informal routes - this annotation aims to highlight that formalizing, signing and making these accessways accessible to all enhances permeability
 Note: All lines on this plan reflect a high-level indicative location for open space corridors and future trails. All necessary environmental, cultural and legal planning processes will be required before exact alignment is determined and work is conducted.

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6. Open Space contributions

Tasmania Councils may seek an open space where land is being developed through the subdivision process or agreements.

Council may approve a subdivision on the condition that the landowner provides and a public open space contribution. Refer to Division 8 of the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993. The 1993 Act defines Public Open Space as 'space for public recreation or public gardens or for similar purposes'. An open space contribution can be used "for the benefit of inhabitants of the [municipal area](#)". These contributions do not need to include any land that is "shown on a [sealed plan](#) as a [road](#), [street](#), [alley](#), lane, court, terrace, footpath or other kind of [way](#) is taken to be dedicated to, and accepted by, the [public](#) unless called "private" on the plan", under section 95 of the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993.

The Local Gov. Act Tas. (Building and Misc. Provisions 1993) only applies to subdivisions. Therefore, it does not apply to an increasing number of developments where no subdivision occurs but where there may be an increase in residences, for example, apartments, retirement estates, etc., that will increase the demand for public space.

The Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (LUPAA), section 51(3A) and (section 73A) also allow Infrastructure charges and contributions as a condition of planning permits through agreements under Part 5. The condition (or charge) must be for a planning purpose, relevant (have a nexus to the development), not be for a pre-existing need and must be certain and reasonable.

6.1 Issues

Several wider issues typically arise concerning public open space contributions:

- Firstly, there are more developments falling outside subdivisions (apartments, retirement villages, etc.,) so there are limited opportunities to take land for public open space in the construction of new dwellings. Opportunities to require communal open space in high-density developments may be beneficial to consider in the long term if there is no subdivision.
- The current legislation does not allow for open space contributions to increase the capacity of the wider open space network other than space that directly serves the new subdivision. The contribution, however, can be spent on the broader area. The City of Clarence has a policy (Headworks Policy) enabling it to take additional charges associated with open space, including specific services

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such as water etc, for sports grounds). This type of charge may be an option for George Town to consider.

- The need for public open space may be greater than the 5% of the land, (which can be acquired as an open space contribution) because of the small size and multiple subdivisions that will need to be served by one suitably sized parcel.
- An additional issue is that, unlike other states where land with biological or cultural heritage and tree canopy is protected under separate legislation, this land may need to be taken as a public open space contribution to protect some lands of significance.

Specific public open space contribution issues

In terms of the opportunities to take a public open space contribution in a subdivision, the common issues are:

- Landowners challenging whether the contribution is warranted (i.e. does the development establish or stimulate the demand and provide a nexus with

where it is required), including in zones other than residential

- Developers providing land that is not suitable, unencumbered, or large enough for the public open space function required or embellished to match the standard required.
- The preference for land versus a cash contribution
- A mismatch between the size of the subdivision and its yield and the location and size of the open space required to meet the area's needs.
- Also mismatch between the size and yield of a subdivision and the size of the cash contribution required by Council
- How and where contributions should be spent
- Who bears the cost of valuation, and preparing necessary drawings, etc.,

6.2 Suggested open space contribution policy principles

Policy principles that respond to these issues are provided in this section.

P1. Demand for additional open space

Every additional dwelling and person living in George Town will stimulate the demand for additional open space (at least one of the primary functions: off-road trail, sports, social family recreation, relaxation, community horticulture, etc.).

In some instances the nature of the subdivision may mean areas are excluded from the calculations.

P2. Not all open space is the same or can be suitably provided anywhere

The priorities are to both a) provide a subdivision pattern that is permeable and enables the size, configuration, prominence, distribution access and quality of open space required and b) provide the priority open space function type that meets the core service levels specified, or if already provided other functions to provide a diversity of recreation activities and experience.

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All land taken for public open space as part of the subdivision shall meet the requirements set out in the core service levels of this plan, for the priority and a diversity of open space function types. Where core service levels are not provided for function types, the definition of other open space function imply the requirements.

P 3. Land potential

Consider the need for and ability to take land for the required open space function type or landscape setting type before accepting a cash open space contribution, including the opportunity to add to an existing public open space.

There may be more options to provide a good outcome, provide the land with character and unique potential, provide permeability, connectively and desirable interface between adjacent land uses and meet mutual objectives of the developer and Council through a land contribution.

The cost of purchasing land after subdivision will generally be higher than before, and it may not be possible to secure proximate land with a nexus to the

development later or through a cash contribution.

Land provides an infinite resource that can be enhanced over time and will gain value. Grants are rarely provided to acquire land, whereas Council can seek them for embellishments, which is more cost-effective, as they have a finite life.

An open space contribution will be over and above land required for an off road trail, connections to an existing trail, an accessway through a court, a riparian reserve, or that required for utilities (such as substations) and drainage or storm water requirements.

P 4. Right to acquire more or less than 5%

Council should reserve the right to determine the exact percent to be taken (under 5% of the area) or acquire an additional amount of open space in one or more parcels in subdivision over and above the 5% public open space contribution. Strategic reasons, site potential, Council policy or the function of the proposed open space and its sustainability may require this.

If less than 5% is required, Council may require embellishments to make the value

up to 5%, to allow for a more complete development.

In some instances, for example where the development is stages, Council may require the developer to provide priority embellishments such as roadside tree planting and paths.

P 5. Open space contributions in all zones

Open space contribution should be taken in all zones as additional employees, visitors and land development will stimulate the demand for recreation and open space.

In non-residential zones, open space to protect visual amenity, provide separation from residential zones, relaxation, social recreation, and off-road trails for exercise and access for employees and visitors may be required. Council will consider these factors in determining a reasonable land take or % contribution.

P 6. Costs

The subdivider will meet the cost of preparing information associated with transferring, documentation and information required before the land transfer for a public open space contribution, including surveying,

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documenting, and valuing land for a public open space contribution.

P 7 Land valuations and equivalent size and land value of the 5% of land and cash in lieu

Council may choose to recommend a valuer and seek an alternative valuation.

The valuation must be current at the time specified of sealing of the subdivision plan.

P 8 Timing of payment and land transfer

Cash in lieu payments or land transfer for a public open space contribution must be provided on the date of sealing the Final Plan of Subdivision or in a staged subdivision as part of the first stage.

P 9 Open Space Contributions Fund

All cash-in-lieu funds should be held by Council for this purpose.

Approval for expenditure from contributions should align with current open space strategy recommendations, or other such Council policies.

P 10 Public open space contributions taken as cash

Public open space contributions taken as cash will be used for the acquisition of land for public open space and improvements

to public open space to increase availability, quality, or the capacity of land, which directly or indirectly benefits occupiers of the new development. These provisions and improvements may be proximate to the development, or the wider municipal area.

An open space contribution may be taken as cash, instead of land where Council determines:

- The size of the subdivision does not allow sufficient land to meet Council's requirements for a public open space
- Land cannot be practically taken to adjoin a future subdivision where land may be taken as open space to serve both developments and stages
- The nature and quality of land available is not suitable for the intended function or landscape setting type
- Resources are needed to contribute to the provision or improvement of recreational resources elsewhere, that also serves the new residential development, or that Council determines is a greater need at the time.

- The size of the land to be taken is less than a 5% contribution.

P 11. Land acceptable as a public open space contribution

A public open space land contribution should only be considered where: Council approves the land as being acceptable for a public open space contribution and /or the land is identified in a public open space strategy or subsequent planning investigations as being required in this area, is an acceptable function (see open space classifications) size, accessible and central location, configuration, and quality as outlined in the core service levels or it extends or improves the open space network or an existing public open space. See also the following principle.

P 12. Other undevelopable land

The subdivider may need additional open space for non-recreation purposes such as for drainage, stormwater management, retardation, utility, vehicle access, footways and cut throughs, or other related infrastructure (above or below ground), service corridors, flood management and steep, unstable, contaminated or other encumbered land, or land required to

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protect significant trees, to facilitate a subdivision. This land will not form part of the public open space contribution.

However, before a land contribution is approved, consideration should be given as to whether encumbered land should be colocated with the public open space contribution.

P 13 Process of assessment

Each subdivision will be assessed with regard to its individual facts and circumstances, including the potential of the land to meet the required open space functions and setting types, the availability of public open space in the catchment, its accessibility, diversity and quality.

The process of assessment of public open space requirements for a particular site, subdivision or area should consider the following:

1. Context for the development, type of settlement, zone, density, availability of public, private and incidental open space, neighbourhood character, etc. likelihood of further development, loss of existing public spaces, form of subdivision /street pattern, and site accessibility for vehicles and pedestrians.

2. Open space function type

a) needed and b) would add diversity quality or accessibility to existing opportunities accessible to the new residents or workers

3. Open space landscape setting is needed to ensure a diversity of experiences

4. The best location site, size and configuration for an open space – based on the core service levels for the open space functions required.

5. Other factors affecting the delivery and staging of public open space, adjacent subdivisions and other policy matters.

P 14 Collaboration with landowners and developers

By aligning Councils' and developers' objectives, high-quality open spaces proximate to new housing subdivisions will meet long-term community and liveability benefits and assist in selling houses people want.

Therefore, wherever possible, Council should encourage developers to collaborate with them before a subdivision plan is provided, and be informed by the Network Plan, the planning framework, priority open space function types and core service levels for each open space function type.

P 15 Remediation of land to be transferred

The risks, conditions and cost of remediation associated with land to be provided as a public open space contribution should be addressed before approval of that land as a public open space contribution. These risks might include site access, environmental impacts such as flooding, geotechnical issues, erosion and ground movement, drainage etc., previous infrastructure removal, weed infestation, securing the site, earthworks required condition of services, protection of waterways, significant environmental or heritage sites, and other remediation required.

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6.3 Explanation of key principles

P1. Every additional dwelling and person living in George Town will stimulate the demand for additional open space (at least one of the primary functions: off-road trail, sports, social family recreation, relaxation, community horticulture, etc.).

As demand can include expressed, latent and optional, it cannot be argued that one additional person or dwelling will not stimulate demand for public open space, even when open space exists, as the actual provision of open space or a facility will stimulate demand. Aus Play participation statistics also point to the broad range of physical and sports-related activities one additional resident may participate in public space, aside from those related to social, restorative and nature-based activities, which private spaces can no longer provide.

Recreational demand comprises three distinct components:

- Expressed demand: This is actual participation in recreation or use of facilities or open space.

- Latent demand: Refers to the activities people wish to pursue but cannot be due to unavailability or other reasons.
- Optional Demand: This refers to the demand for a park or recreational opportunity that an individual wants or feels would benefit them, even if they may not use it. For instance, they may overlook it or recognise its potential benefits, such as fostering civic pride or protecting the environment, even if they may not exercise that option.

There is substantial evidence in the literature that the presence of a recreation facility or park increases demand for it. Therefore, participation in recreational activities tends to be higher when such facilities are available. An example is that swimming participation rates are typically higher near the coast.

Therefore, even when a small subdivision is adjacent to an existing park, demand for it will increase and either require embellishment to improve quality, diversity or carrying capacity or to provide access to that park.

It is not unusual, for example, for people to buy into an area because it is close to a facility or park. It is also well documented that the value of land is higher proximate to public open space, which is in itself evidence of demand.

The benefits of and demand for public open space are not only from using public open space but due to views of it; the aesthetic and restorative benefits to mental health and well-being are well documented for residents, employees, and those in health and educational settings.

Expressed demand

AusPlay collects data on over 300 sport and physical activities. In 2023-4, 85% of Tasmanians over 15 years participated in at least one sport or physical activity, and 67% were conducted in a public place.

Over 40% of people over 15 years play a sport-related activity once a week, 48% walk for exercise and 47% for transport.

For children (excluding activities organised by school), the participation rate in sport and physical activity by 0-14-year-olds was

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65.9%, and approximately 20% occurred in a public place. ¹

These activities are on top of other non-physical activities conducted in open spaces that include a suite of nature appreciation activities (such as birding, foraging, drawing, photography, and spiritual reflection) as well as relaxation, social interaction and play.

In addition to sports and physical activities, the RSPCA reports 66% of households have a dog in Tasmania, which requires walking and socialising. Some 75% of householders use their streets/ local neighbourhoods to do this.

The demand for public open space is increasing due to the increasing densities, smaller block sizes and smaller nature strips; fewer people can exercise or exercise pets, conduct social and physical activity, play with children or contact nature in private outdoor spaces. AusPlay data indicates more people are participating in sports and physical activities for mental health reasons than ever before.

The demand for communal and public open space to provide separation or screening from noisy and dense urban environments and relief from roles and surroundings is a common theme raised with @leisure Planners in consultation with communities, as is the need to provide public open space close to home. In addition, there is a need for public open spaces to address cardiovascular and other diseases and mental health issues that require affordable space to exercise, socialise, and connect with nature close to home.

Expressed demand illustrated by responses to the AusPlay Survey 2023-24 Tasmania illustrates this, showing motivation for physical activity and sport include 1. Physical health or fitness (68.7%) 3. To lose weight/ keep weight off/on (55.5%) and 6. Psychological/ mental health/ therapy (42.8%).

¹ AusPlay Aus Sports Commission October 2024

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P2. Not all open space is the same or can be suitably provided anywhere. The priorities are to both a) provide a subdivision pattern that is permeable and enables the size, configuration, prominence, distribution access and quality of open space required and b) provide the priority open space function type that meets the core service levels specified, or if already provided, other functions to provide a diversity of recreation activities and experience.

The community needs different types of spaces for various purposes to provide specific benefits sought by the public through open space. See chapter 1. Some are "priority open space function types as they are required close to home to meet everyday community needs.

These priority function types are:

- Social family recreation (providing social, physical and environmental recreation and play opportunities for people of all ages and abilities and facilitating child development) and

- Off-road trails (for exercise, active transport and pet exercise and recreational activities not allowed on the roads), i.e. skating and small wheeled toys, and thirdly space for sports.
- Sports, including informal sports facilities
- The core service levels defined for priority open space function types outline the distribution size, configuration, and quality requirements for three catchment levels that all open spaces need to meet.

Other types of public open space are required in every community, but not necessarily close to every home – and may necessarily be provided in every subdivision or local area as they rely on features that need to be protected (community gardens, for example, sites of cultural or biological heritage), or lookouts that offer unique opportunities, experience or attractions., although a diversity of open space opportunities are also required.

Other legislation may also require the protection of land for heritage or conservation purposes, utility, drainage, traffic or land slip contamination, etc.

P3. Land potential

Consider the need for and then ability to take land for the required open space function type or landscape setting type before accepting a cash open space contribution, including the opportunity to add to an existing public open space.

There may be more options to provide a good outcome, provide the land with character and unique potential and meet mutual objectives of the developer and Council through a land contribution.

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Appendix 1. Review of key plans

The table below reviews key Council, regional and state government plans and their open space objectives.

Table 5. Review of key plans

Plan	Key open space objectives
George Town Council Area Structure Plan, 2021 	<p>Open space recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Series of pocket parks predominately in the north of the residential subdivision patterns. • Connected off-road trails • Open spaces & trail along the coastline • Linking trail to GT MTB trails • Tippogoree Hills Trail – Network Proposal – George Town Mountain Bike Trail Development • Seating and shelter provided at regular intervals along the length of the kanamaluka trail
George Town Council Sport & Recreation Strategy, 2021 	<p>Future provision of open space:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the northern areas of George Town, the density of residential areas is lower, and if additional residential areas are planned, then access to social/family recreation areas and a continuous trail will be important. • There may be school open spaces (zoned as residential) that could provide for community use that should be assessed if residential development occurs in the north. • Recommends making better use of existing infrastructure, activate parks and use open space contributions to embellish them, as well

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Plan	Key open space objectives
	<p>as create strong public surveillance of those spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In future subdivisions/planned developments – one continuous corridor of public open space along the river and coastal foreshore should be a priority. • The existing foreshore site adjacent to the Esplanade in George Town, now developed, should retain a right of way.
George Town Council Township Plan 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Parks Tasmania to create walkways between townships • Improve pedestrian access with reduced impact on conservation area • Improve access to the beach • Deliver signage strategy
George Town Council Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of one continuous corridor of public open space along the river and coastal foreshore • Plan to provide a good distribution of public open space providing access to social family recreation, trails and sport, as well as a diversity in landscape settings i.e. treed parkland, forest, gardens and natural areas • Encourage residential development around existing parks to increase use and passive surveillance

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Plan	Key open space objectives
<p>George Town Council Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030 (cont'd)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess each park to determine its function in the open space network and landscape setting type Rationalise the provision of play equipment to provide equitably distributed play spaces with high play value Increase amenity and restorative values by providing consistent street trees and streetscape design Updated master plans should ensure development is in line with a sustainable high-quality public setting Discourage internal open spaces with back fences, narrow pathways and limited lighting Investigate the viability of continuing the primary walking/cycling route from outside the neighbourhood, extending the kanamaluka trail south (this has been extended 6km) Consult Crown Land Services to determine if land in their ownership, could be leased for public open space. Public open space should be connected to the primary walking/cycle linkage.

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Plan	Key open space objectives
<p>George Town Council Tree Strategy 2024</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree planting will improve the walkability and cyclability - providing comfortable and attractive connections. Focus will be given to greening movement corridors to key destinations. Trees will reinforce connections between the inner town and outer residential areas. Priority streets identified - Franklin St, Friend St, Agnes St, Arnold, Victoria St - these routes will maximise impact of new / improved open spaces in George Town. Current and future development provides an opportunity to ensure that street trees are effectively established from the beginning. There is also an opportunity to retrofit trees into key connecting streets between the new communities and central George Town. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong desire to continue and expand tree planting throughout George Town. Potential budget increases to support an equitable street tree canopy. Community voices and requests highlight the need for more street trees.
<p>George Town Council Asset Management Plan, 2024</p>	<p>Tourism growth in yield:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporating the mountain bike trail into the area's experiences and working with other trails in the region to provide a more diverse and multi - levelled experience Getting and staying active. Participation in recreation, arts, and cultural activities. Protected local natural landscapes and values Supporting Coastal Care, George Town Coastal Care Management Group, Tamar

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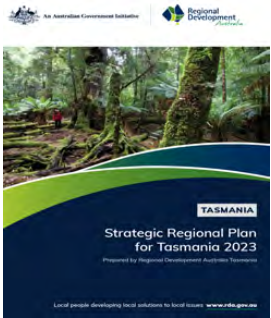


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Plan	Key open space objectives
<p>George Town Council Asset Management Plan, 2024 (cont'd)</p> 	<p>NRM, NRM North, Land Care, Friends of the Penguin Colony.</p> <p>Asset Management Plan 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational opportunities for all. Developing well-designed and maintained recreational facilities – shared pathways, tracks, trails, exercise stations – all ages, all abilities. Completing the Mountain Bike Trail ensuring there are levels appropriate for beginners and families Engage young people in the sporting activities of their choice Ensure social infrastructure meets community needs Ensure open space infrastructure works well through good design, safety standards asset management and ongoing maintenance.
<p>Regional Development Strategic Regional Plan for Tasmania, 2023</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key focus area of the plan is the built environment – particularly roads and transport Views were expressed in relation to urban design generally, the location of suitable housing for the elderly near to services, and security for all people.

Plan	Key open space objectives
<p>Improving residential standards in Tasmania, July 2024</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These guidelines provide details on best practice residential subdivision to ensure walkability, liveability and better-quality outcomes as densities increase. These include: Layout – rectilinear blocks in grid pattern Connectivity – connect new and old subdivisions Active travel – shared paths Legibility – straight streets, sight lines, use topography to support active travel Cul-de-sacs – maximum length of 150m. Public transport – 90% of lots in 800m walking distance of existing or future transport Street blocks - 240m long ensuring each house can access public open space equitably. Shared paths minimum width of 1.5m wide. (Note AusRoads require a min. 2.5m wide to accommodate wheelchair access, walkers and bikes. Road hierarchy

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Appendix 2. Open Space Classifications, Definitions and Examples

Table 6. Primary Function Types





Function Type	Image example	Definition/Purpose	Function Type	Image example	Definition/Purpose
Social Family Recreation / Play (SFR)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example: Regent Square • Definition: Providing a place for social gathering where social family recreation and child development can occur and increase people's sense of belonging, social contact, and interaction in conjunction with play for all ages and abilities physical activities and access to nature i.e., Not just play equipment and not just for children. • Community benefits this type of space projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be with friends and family, off territory, and with other people with similar values ○ Meet new and observe other people 	Off-road trails/ accessway		<p>Example: Connecting land between cul-de-sacs, Mt George Mountain Bike Trails.</p> <p>Definition: An open space corridor designed for recreational walking/cycling/ skating/ wheeling etc., and exercise, though a residential area, or for bush walking, cycling, fire trail. Does not include an on-road cycle lane.</p> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing exercise, access to nature, opportunities for social connections in open space and active transport, for people not able to drive. • To encourage children to learn to ride, skate, scooter etc., and independent mobility and spatial awareness for people of all ages and abilities, and permeability of residential areas.

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Function Type	Image example	Definition/Purpose	Function Type	Image example	Definition/Purpose
Sport		<p>Example: George Town Sports Complex</p> <p>Definition: Area dedicated for competition sport - social and club sports.</p> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical fitness/ challenge Develop and test skills, enhance health, sense of wellbeing, and stay socially connected. 	Memorial Park / Cemetery		<p>Example: George Town Cemetery</p> <p>Parks or gardens (or avenues of honour) dedicated to the memory of people or the protection, or interpretation of significant trees, gardens reflecting cultural heritage or events.</p> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities for reflection, spiritual connection, celebrating culture and events and interpretation of people and events <p>Helps connect people with friends and community life as well as their social, cultural, and ancestral origins.</p>
Cultural heritage		<p>Example: Low Head Historic Site</p> <p>Definition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation of historical and cultural values Colonial and Indigenous heritage sites. 	Community horticulture		<p>Example: Low Head Community Garden and George Town Neighbourhood House Community Garden</p> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance food security Meet interests in growing and learning about food production Nutrition and sharing interests related to growing, cooking, and eating food Providing contact with nature.

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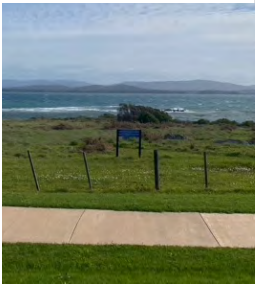





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Function Type	Image example	Definition/Purpose	Function Type	Image example	Definition/Purpose
Biological Conservation		Example: Wombat Trails, Low Head Coastal Reserve Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conserving biodiversity, flora and fauna and connection to country Providing opportunities for environmental education, research, and stewardship Appreciation of nature and country. 	Water-based Recreation		Examples: East Beach Definition: Open spaces and facilities designed specifically supporting primary contact water-based recreation for example, paddling, swimming, boating or fishing, surf-life saving, sailing etc.,
Relaxation / contemplation		Definition: Providing a place of escape where people can relax, reflect, and release stress and appreciate the natural environment/ observe natural spectacles. No facilities other than tables/ seats and paths, bird hides etc. Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tension release/slow down Introspection/contemplation. 	Drainage / stormwater management/ retarding basin (Non recreation)		Example: Drainage / stormwater management/ retarding basin

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Function Type	Image example	Definition/Purpose	Function Type	Image example	Definition/Purpose
Other Non-Recreation - Utility / landslip/ land fill etc.		Example: landfill site			

Landscape Setting Types

Landscape Setting Type	Image Example	Definition	Landscape Setting Type	Image Example	Definition
Ornamental/ cultivated garden		Planted specimen trees or beds: including exotic plants. May include community gardens, botanic gardens or arboretums for example.	Low shrub/heathland		Areas of low shrub or native vegetation.
Beach/ foreshore		A land parcel that is predominately a beach or foreshore. This may also have a corridor of foredune vegetation.			

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Landscape Setting Type	Image Example	Definition	Landscape Setting Type	Image Example	Definition
Bushland/forest		Area of trees typically indigenous or native vegetation with two or more storeys, where there is little or no space between the canopy of trees.	Open (mown) grass		Open mown areas of exotic grass. Not specifically cultivated as turf for sports. These sites may have some trees around the boundary.
Lawn or managed turf/or specialised sports facilities		Areas of turf managed for sports, (or aesthetic purposes, picnics or ball games) or Areas of synthetic turf or specialised playing surfaces used for sports such as tennis, bowling, athletics, and hockey.	Tree parkland		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkland with scattered trees and open grass between. • Does not have a complete canopy – (as bushland forest) as there are dedicated grassed open areas between the trees.
Paved area/granitic sand area		A sealed, paved area or surface such as granitic sand surface, not vegetated. Typically, a plaza.			

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Open space catchment hierarchy

Table 7. Catchment hierarchy

Catchment hierarchy	Definition	Example
Neighbourhood	Designed to serve immediate residents in the neighbourhood, for short stays, within a walkable distance from home. Therefore, not serviced with toilets, BBQ, and car parking etc.	Secret Park
District	Designed to serve an area wider than the immediate neighbourhood, a cluster of neighbourhoods across town, or spaces that you need to drive to, and where users will stay longer i.e. to play sport.	George Town Sports Complex
Regional	Designed to serve visitors and people across the whole LGA. Those spaces with significant features or facilities, that people will drive to from across the municipality or a wider area.	Low Head Historic Site

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Appendix 3. Assessment of existing spaces

@leisure undertook a day of site visits covering all open spaces in George Town and Low Head.

Our observations, benchmarking, policy directions and best practice informed the following factors we considered in our assessment related to characteristics of a successfully planned open space and network of open spaces.

These are described here and listed in the core service levels proposed in this plan to ensure open space are fit for purpose for the function and the purpose in the network.

Context, size, location configuration interface with surrounding land uses.

What is the context of this space? The surrounding residential area? It is density and level of development, the size and the configuration of the space to ensure it is prominent, easily accessible and provides good public surveillance and sense of security for users in line with its purpose.

For potential sites: Suitability of the location (not central to population that it is intended to serve), scale and connectivity of additional open space areas.

The size of a space has direct bearing on functionality and diversity.

Interface between parks, houses, other community.

For users and non-users, is it clear what is public land and what is private? A clear separation between the two may require boundary identification, an edge treatment, bollards, screening or fencing, pathway or road for example, and signage.

Availability of physical activities, social activities and environmental activities

Open space has an important role to provide for physical, social and environmental activities. All spaces can provide these at differing scales, without creating significant conflict between them. This the reason why size of parcels is so important; to provide a diversity of opportunities.

Typically it is possible to add social activities to physical ones (for example, putting a social space adjacent to sports facilities, to attract new sports users)

adding environmental elements to social facilities (through canopy trees or low planting) and to provide physical activities in conjunction with environmental resources (for example providing a perimeter path around the outside of a bushland reserve).

Potential of the site and functionality - to meet requirements of specific open space function types and identify its current and potential landscape setting type and catchment (including leased properties and their existing or potential function as open space). Other attributes assessed include those that provide character and unique attractions.

Options for trail circuits

More people walk + use paths than any other recreation facility. Off road trails include those along waterway / open space corridors, perimeter paths around large sites and shared paths in nature strips connected to create circuits, plus single track in natural areas, e.g. for bushwalking and MTB trails.

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Planting for purpose enhances experiences and provides diversity

There are number of reasons to provide plants in open space: for example, for shade, visual amenity, spectacle, screening, wind breaks, habitat, sensory stimuli, separation of activities and play. Therefore, species need to be selected for very specific purposes. Ensure appropriate and diverse planting in each open space according to its topographical and coastal or inland context. Identify options for corridors allow for connection of patches of vegetation, green space and facilitates movement of wildlife, birdlife, buffer from inundation and exercise trail, and contact with nature, canopy trees and access to community infrastructure. Allow habitat to connect to large sign flora and fauna. Plant out mudflats with riparian planting to enhance biodiversity, flooding and visual interest.

Opportunities to retrofit to enhance quality (fit for purpose)

Consider opportunities to make existing spaces more accessible and diverse if they cannot meet key priority functions.

Use re-design of existing spaces before purchasing others. This can be done through resolving wide roads with shared path infrastructure, re-vegetating spaces, adding purposeful and contextual planting to increase biodiversity across the Council, utilising Water Tower Park's heritage and cultural value as an open space asset and assigning parks a diversity of functions and settings rather than neglecting the low-quality existing spaces.

Prominence/ active park and street frontages

Prominence, clear entry / exit, defensible open space and wayfinding (for hidden pocket parks), view lines/ view sheds - Overlooked across the road from houses/ residential blocks on at least two and preferably three active street frontages.

Procession in and out of spaces

Draw and welcome people into parks, sense of uniformity and direction in to and out of spaces to resolve the hidden, low-use parks in the neighbourhoods.

Presence of a park, Information and Identity

Is the space defined as your open spaces, with a cue? Every public open space should be legitimised and valued. Have a name, should be signed and have a clear identity e.g. park, sports reserve, conservation area etc.

Continuous canopy trees around the perimeter (provide a cue that it is public and a park)

Four levels of access and inclusion in every open space

Can I get there (is there a path to the park), can I get in, can I go around the park, is there something that I can do from that path access (can I go up high, can I swing etc. or play sport).

An internal path circuit as well as universal access to and into the site from the street, car park and internal paths around especially to social areas.

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Fencing is also important for access for neuro diverse people. Does it have a fence and is it suitable and cost effective to fence?

Play value

Does it have a centrally located social and play space that offers good play value for local families who will depend on it for their everyday needs – and child development. Is there accessible equipment available so all ages and abilities can be involved?

Do female children get opportunities to play when noisy boisterous boys are in the park?

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Appendix 4. Core Service Levels

Table 8. Core service levels for each priority Open Space Function Type and catchment hierarchy

Primary Function	Size, location and distribution	Minimum requirements - new developments	Service levels by catchment hierarchy
Off-road trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A trail corridor should be 10m wide to accommodate a path treadway, right of way and treed buffer/habitat corridor (See diagram following) These corridors include accessway through cul-de-sacs, for example. Where abutting a park the inside buffer may not be required. A continuous foreshore trail along the coast and river foreshore with connections from all residential areas. One main trail circuit around George Town and Low Head with circuits around each neighbourhood that complies to an accessible path of travel. A park perimeter trail around all social /family recreation parks and open spaces of 1ha or greater. Subdivision plans and master plans shall include as a minimum connecting trails to the planned off-road trail circuit network Clear interface between public trail and private land though design (and planting, fencing or barriers and signage as appropriate) View lines to hills and water must be promoted through design. 	<p>In addition to requirements listed under size, location and distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a connection to a footpath in every street All social family recreation parks should also have an internal path network Ensure trees/ plant material of suitable species are provided in trail buffers to minimise invasion of path surfaces by roots, provide adequate root protection zones and select purposeful, robust and non-allergic species. Where possible consider surfaces that are permeable. Paths may be unsealed to suit the context and landscape setting and environmental conditions, for sustainability, climate change, as well as to suit specific activities such as running etc., All internal park paths should be "accessible paths of travel" unless there are extenuating circumstances. (These do not have to be sealed to be accessible). Off road trails in conservation areas and waterways should be outside/ above significant conservation areas or riparian protection zone and provide at visual benefits/ connections to scenic areas, or screens from urban sights and sounds as the 	<p>Neighbourhood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal path networks designed into all social family recreation parks In SFR's provide access from the street/ footpath into the park and to all social, play facilities and environmental features. Connect to an off-road trail circuit around each neighbourhood within 400m of all residences All larger parks over 1 ha e.g., sports reserves should include a perimeter trail for exercise as well as an internal path network for access and wheeled play. <p>District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A continuous foreshore trail An inland corridor, and connection to the network of trail circuits including a district active transport network (main sealed routes suitable for cycling and connecting to key community facilities and shopping areas) 800m to walk to a district standard path. <p>Regional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scenic, iconic, historic routes and sport trails, as available/ required and those that extend to/ beyond the municipal border. Example: George Town MTB trails

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Primary Function	Size, location and distribution	Minimum requirements - new developments	Service levels by catchment hierarchy
Off-road trail (cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide in all zones including business, employment precincts and industrial areas to encourage active transport and employee health and fitness. Provide a path connection to recreational sites/ infrastructure out of town; (e.g. Mt George MTB linking trail) 400m to a local off-road trail from all residents 800m to a district standard / active transport off-road trail from all residents. 	<p>context dictates and provide opportunities for contact with nature for surrounding residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surfaces in conservation sites may need to include boardwalks, elevated panels, other non-intrusive stabilization to protect flora or fauna, minimise erosion etc. Accessible paths of travel need to be stable with gradient and cross fall requirements but may be unsealed such as consolidated gravel pavement, compacted mulch or mown vegetation that is wheelable. Where an off-road trail is to be provided along a riparian corridor, it should be outside (over and above) the corridor required for riparian protection. 	
Social/family recreation (SFR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local SFR parks within 400m of all new residences and 800m for district spaces One hectare in size, may be collocated with encumbered land, but min. .7ha must not be encumbered by drainage, water management, utility, steep slope, underground infrastructure, / or environmental hazards and other urban development requirements. Min of 70m in any one direction. Park location central to the residential area to be served, regardless of topography Overlooked across the road from dwellings on at least two and preferably three street frontages. Prominent sites not surrounded by private rear yards not a battle-axe blocks with a narrow entry or off cul-de-sac entries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 90% of the site has a gradient of less than 5% Park design must include areas, landscape features and facilities to promote social, physical, and environmental activities for people of all ages and abilities. An internal path circuit as well as universal access into the site from the street, car park, around the sites and to social areas and other areas A social and picnic area central to all social sports and play items and served by a path with some shelter and multiple tables accessible to people using a mobility device, built and canopy tree shade. Multiple tables and seats designed to include somebody using a mobility device 	<p>Neighbourhood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One to serve residents within a walkable 4-500m (without crossing a major barrier i.e., arterial road, river, gully). Medium density dwellings/apartments and retirement villages may need include to communal space in addition to access to a public social /family recreation space (communal spaces to remain in private ownership). Infill areas require access to SFR to be assessed in the subdivision process. If no suitable space is available within the agreed distance threshold. This may require the expansion of an existing space, or investigation into provision of a new open

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Primary Function	Size, location and distribution	Minimum requirements - new developments	Service levels by catchment hierarchy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be colocated with parks for other functions such as sports Fence one or more SFR sites across George Town. Select a site to fence with accessibility in mind, and that may be partly enclosed by private boundaries, so it is cost effective to fence the whole site rather than a portion of it. Not to be perched on the edge of an escarpment or gully, for example. No retaining wall higher than 1m. Additional small green spaces in residential areas may be required in activity centres and higher density areas to compensate for the dense, paved and noisy context, and to serve relaxation, community horticulture, visual amenity function and provide a diversity of opportunities across the township. One Park equivalent to an SFR to serve commercial employment areas and industrial zones within walking distance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kick-to-kick area, some parks with hard court. Hit up wall, areas for games and/or bikes etc., May be colocated with dog parks. A green, quiet contemplative area for respite Play elements must designed to include people of all ages and abilities, sensory plant materials, swinging, sliding, climbing rotating items suitable to include children of all gender identities. Play equipment is not to encircled by a fence, rather fencing to include a wider area of the park. A diversity of surfaces may include lawn and planted areas and wheelable pavement Elements that encourage social cooperative and nature play. Canopy, and boundary tree planting, areas with more than one storey of vegetation for play and visual amenity. The root zones of existing and future specimen trees must be protected in accordance with Aust. Standards. District and regional spaces to provide BBQ and shelter and toilets. May include dog off-lead, skate and BMX/MTB activities such as pump track/skills park or trails. All SFRs should have a park name sign and directional signage to them. 	<p>space outside the development or funded from multiple developments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a locality already has a SFR within 400m contributions can assist in providing off road trails to an existing SFR and the off-road trail network, and open space to serve one of the other identified function types. A new SFR area should provide different activities, a focus on different age groups and provide a diversity of landscape settings to others in the township. Internal accessible path system. <p>District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within approx. 800m walkable distance to residents Play facilities with high play value, may include higher and more challenging elements and those suited to children over 10 years. Toilets, BBQS and shelters to be provided in district SFRs. A high level of accessibility for people with a disability such as change table in an accessible toilet, design of the space and play equipment to include people with a range of abilities and access requirements Desirably co-located with sport or other district level facilities. May include skate and bike facilities Served by accessible and safe car spaces including van drop-off.

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Primary Function	Size, location and distribution	Minimum requirements - new developments	Service levels by catchment hierarchy
Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One complex with sport playing fields to serve multiple codes and other outdoor courts and tracks, supplemented by selected social sports facilities such as free access courts, practice facilities where there is demand and clubs such as golf and bowls, provided by others. Desirably accessible from schools and the town centre by an off-road trail/ active transport route Includes a perimeter exercise trail and canopy trees where possible to encourage community surveillance, provide exercise options for non-participants and opportunities for training when grounds are too wet or not in play. The minimum size of a team sports ground should support two fields of play for the largest size field of play i.e. Aust rules football and courts (such as netball side by side, plus space for parking, all gender changerooms and shelter on the north/northwest. Facilities designed to share between codes and be sustainably managed. Typically, 8 ha + for competition sports depending on number of fields of play and sports code. Additional space for any associated indoor facilities or collated SFR etc., Must provide for a range of age groups and abilities. Prominent high visibility locations that draw local users. Desirably overlooked by housing but providing adequate buffers for lights and noise. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local level free access / sports training facilities in association with schools, as existing Access points for water-based recreation such as sailing, paddle and rowing sports, fishing, surfing and lifesaving as existing, accessible to people of all abilities. Facilities for social sports such as kick-to-kick and hard courts for basketball and tennis, practice nets with club competition facilities or in a social/family recreation space. Floodlights on all field of play, shared support facilities with correct sizes, grades and orientation as per code requirements. Some provision for spectator and some social functions in district sports grounds. Some covered area. Street frontage designed to be welcoming and fencing is maintained New facilities must not be subject to flooding, or be filled sites Buffer may be required to separate adjacent housing (ball spill, lights, noise etc.) or other land uses from sports open space. Emergency and maintenance vehicle access to all fields of play. Area for collecting / harvesting of water as space allows. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desirably one sports court or field of play within 1-1.5km to enable children to participate and practice at least one sport, within walking distance. One major district facility for the township, supplemented by smaller social and local practice facilities and clubs by others.

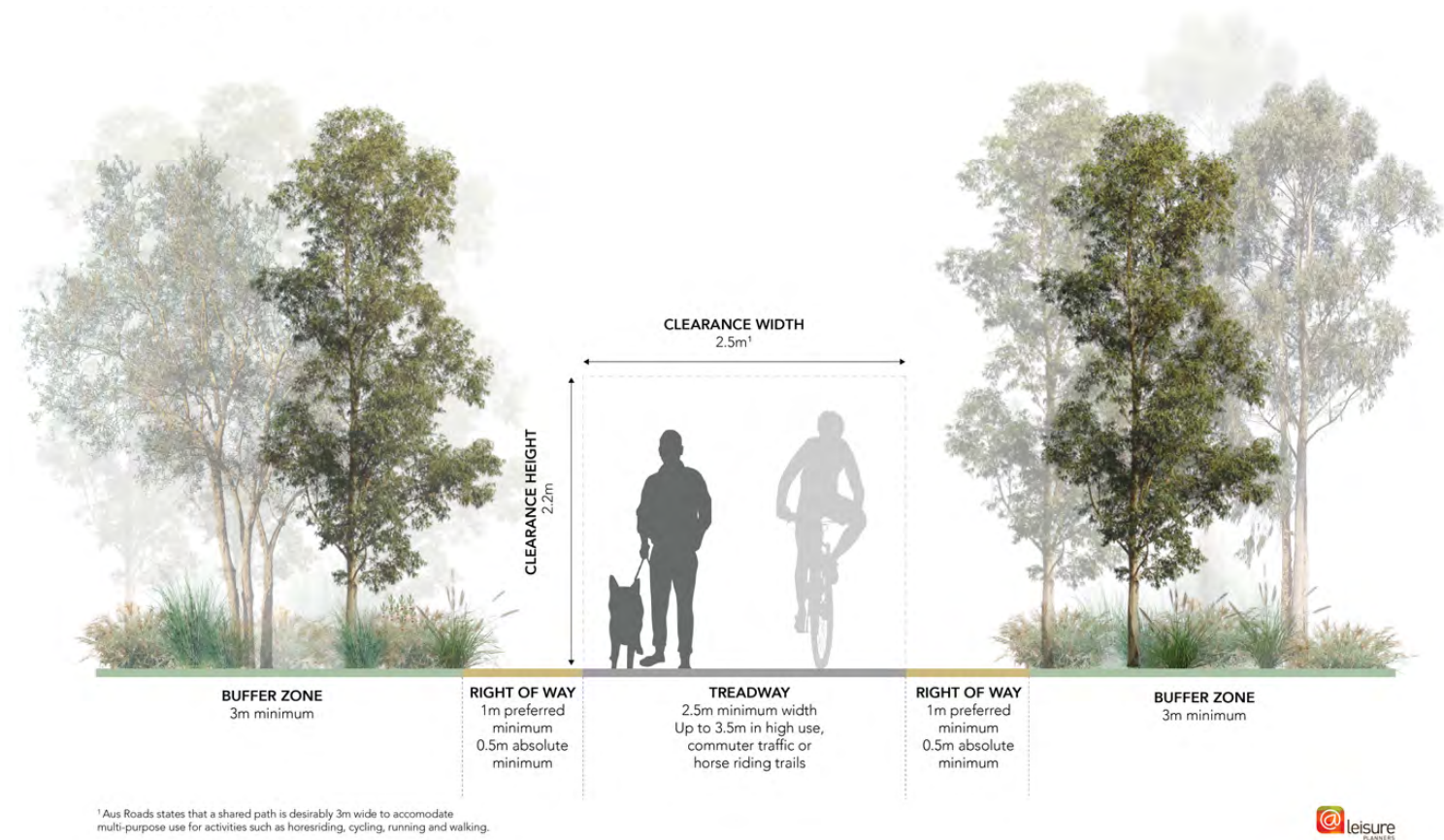
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Figure 26. Anatomy of an off-road trail diagram



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Appendix 5. Benchmarking of open space provision standards and contribution policies

Table 9. Local Government Area population and any relevant open space strategy provision / contribution standard

LGA	Lead Documents	Provision Standard	Contributions Policy
George Town, TAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 7,330 Remoteness: Outer Regional Aust. Median age: 48 Pop. Density: 11.3 SEIFA (disadvantage): 861 	George Town Sport and Rec Strategy, 2021 George Town Structure Plan 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash in lieu is a priority over land as an O.S contribution, so that there are less small unnecessary spaces.
Circular Head, TAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 8367 Remoteness: Outer Regional Aust. Median age: 41 Pop. Density: 1.71 SEIFA (disadvantage): 943 	Open Space and Rec Plan 2024	Off-road trails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local - within 400m of every dwelling District - within 800m of every dwelling SFR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local - Minimum size of 1ha -dimensions of 70m in any direction - Within 500m of every household in townships District - 2ha, and of 70m in any direction - Serves all households within 500m catchment. Regional - Generally greater than 2ha, and minimum dimensions of 70m in any direction Sport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local - large SFR or multi-use purpose site, within 1km of all dwellings District - At least two playing fields preferably of the same code, within 1.5km (20 minutes' walk) of all dwellings in Townships, and Primary Sport i.e. rec reserve in 20 mins of rural areas/ hamlets 	

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LGA	Lead Documents	Provision Standard	Contributions Policy
Break O Day, TAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 7,009 Remoteness: Outer Regional Aust. Median age: 56 Pop. Density: 2.01 SEIFA (disadvantage): 911 	Open Space Management and Development Guidelines 2023 Open Space Contributions Policy 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where there is no public open space within 300m safe walking distance They have three levels of hierarchy which then determine the open space functions. Local - walking distance Township – short local walk or drive Regional – Break O'Day and surrounding municipalities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land contributions will be sought where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No public open space within 500m safe walking distance. Acquisition of the land would further Council's public open space objectives or meet any public open space or recreational needs. In other cases, cash in lieu is preferred for 5% of value all or part of the land requirement. The applicant must obtain a current (not less than one (1) month old) valuation, by a registered land valuer (less one of the proposed lots) Must demonstrate compliance with the Criteria for Land Contributions for Public Open Space. Contributions exclude: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater drainage swales and water courses /drainage Above or below ground infrastructure that limit use or landscaping treatments, and Pedestrian footways dedicated under section 95 of the Act. Contributions will be made prior to the sealing of the Final Plan of Subdivision or in a first stage. Funds from contributions will be used for strategic acquisition of public open space or capital improvement of facilities in line with any adopted plan, or to meet any public open space or recreational needs
Dorset TAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population 7001 Remoteness: Outer Regional Australia Median Age: 48 Population density 2.17 SEIFA Index Disadvantage: 932 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan 2023 Dorset Policy 46 – Public Open Space Contribution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop sports facilities that reflect the needs of the community. Desired Service Standards are generally categorised under broad measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> quantity of land for sports facilities access to sports facilities level of embellishment. Access and quantity standards are two primary measures used to assess and plan for sport facility land demands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% cash payment in lieu of public open space for all subdivisions (unimproved land value of the approved new lots) that create more than five (5) lots.

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LGA	Lead Documents	Provision Standard	Contributions Policy
Kentish, TAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 6,831 Remoteness: Outer Regional Aust. Median age: 49 Pop. Density: 5.92 SEIFA (disadvantage): 953 	Sheffield Recreation Precinct Master Plan Update 2021 Cradle Coast Regional Land Use Planning Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key provision of open space - Secure more immediate access to a greater and more specialist level of service at local level. Justification to sustain or increase the level of service in any centre will be dependent on the rate and direction of population change and economic activity. Increase in local activity and a broadening of the economic and population base of the Region has potential to increase service levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not found.
Southern Midlands, TAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 6,912 Remoteness: Outer Regional Aust. Median age: 44 Pop. Density: 2.65 SEIFA (disadvantage): 951 	Southern Midlands Community Infrastructure Plan 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local – main green space and playground in local area, main sports facilities in local area or a school facility Regional – Mix of several sports, informal amenities, spectator seating, walking paths and shelter State – nationally compliant rec ground, competition level court/pool, supported by regional assets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council requires that an amount equal to five percent of the unimproved POS will be payable on all the subdivision lots Except the balance with the existing dwelling and must be provided as cash-in-lieu of P.O.S
Junee, NSW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 6,465 Remoteness: Inner Regional Aust. Median age: 41 Pop. Density: 3.2 SEIFA (disadvantage): 1207 	Junee Shire Council Development Control Plan 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development must not exceed a site coverage of 70% (including all ancillary buildings and impermeable, hardstand and/or driveway areas. Allowing for open space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributions can be satisfied by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Dedication of land B. A monetary contribution C. A material public benefit; or D. A combination of the above. As an alternative for larger scale development, may enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement with Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance of an offer is at the sole discretion of Council. Otherwise, Section 7.12 contributions apply.
Edwards River, NSW	Edward River Council Open	Area population standards are provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local recreation park: 0.7ha/1000 residents 	Not found.

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LGA	Lead Documents	Provision Standard	Contributions Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 8,457 Remoteness: Inner Regional Aust. Median age: 41 Pop. Density: 0.95 SEIFA (disadvantage): 967 	Space Strategy 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District recreation park: 0.9ha/1000 residents Regional recreation park: 0.4ha/1000 residents District sports park: 2ha/1000 residents Accessibility standard (Distance thresholds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local open space: 400m District open space: 2000m Regional open space: Whole LGA radius 	
Berrigan, NSW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 8,653 Remoteness: Inner Regional Aust. Median age: 52 Pop. Density: 4.18 SEIFA (disadvantage): 966 	Berrigan Shire Development Control Plan, 2014 Berrigan Shire Development Contributions Plan, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a network of quality, well-distributed, multi-functional and cost effective public open space that includes local parks, active open space, linear parks and trails, and links to regional open space. High density residential development - located in proximity to public open space areas 2.83 hectares of P.O.S per 1000 population. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This dedication should be based on the size and location of required areas. Land that is dedicated to Council shall be grassed and landscaped with a watering system to a plan approved by Council. <p>The formula for dedication of land for open space in lieu of monetary contribution is: Open Space Contribution = Number of lots of x Occupancy rate x 2.83 (accepted population ratio in ha/1000 persons) /1000</p>
Wentworth, NSW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 7,597 Remoteness: Outer Regional Aust. Median age: 43 Pop. Density: 0.23 SEIFA (disadvantage): 974 	Open Space/Recreation Contribution Plan, 1998.	Not found.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy is applicable to all subdivisional lots greater than two lots Payment to the shire based on % the value of the land as determined by the independent valuer Or provide the shire with an area of land equivalent to 5% of the area of the subdivision Or provide the shire with a combination of (a) and (b) above.
MacDonnell, NT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 6,829 Remoteness: Very Remote Aust. 	Parks and Open Spaces Guidelines 2019 - 2022	Not found.	Not found.

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LGA	Lead Documents	Provision Standard	Contributions Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Median age: 30 Pop. Density: 0.02 SEIFA (disadvantage): 565.7 			
Wyndham East Kimberly, WA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 8,057 Remoteness: Very Remote Aust. Median age: 33 Pop. Density: 0.07 SEIFA (disadvantage): 899 	Not found.	Not found.	Not found.
Barkly, NT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 7,124 Remoteness: Very Remote Aust. Median age: 30 Pop. Density: 0.02 SEIFA (disadvantage): 669.6 	Not found.	Not found.	Not found.
Katherine, NT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 10,836 Remoteness: Very Remote Aust. Median age: 33 Pop. Density: 1.45 SEIFA (disadvantage): 961.1 	Activating Public Spaces Guidelines 2024	Not found.	Not found.

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Nth Burnett, QLD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 10,216 Remoteness: Outer Regional Aust. Median age: 49 Pop. Density: 0.53 SEIFA (disadvantage): 918 	Sport and Recreation Infrastructure and Strategic Plan 2018-2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More weight is given to the planning area 'needs' as it considers the social, demographic and environmental characteristics of an area for which open space is needed and/or the type of embellishment required in an open space. This approach considers recreation preferences, demographic changes and impacts from existing facilities. 	Not found.
Walkersville, SA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 8,182 Remoteness: Major Cities of Australia Median age: 45 Pop. Density: 0.29 SEIFA (disadvantage): 1076 	Open Space Strategy 2020-2025	Not found.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The amount to be applied in a particular case is the amount in force as at the time the relevant application under Part 7 of the Act was made. if an application for the division of land under the Community Titles Act 1996 or the Strata Titles Act 1988 relates to an existing building unit scheme, a contribution is not payable under section 198 of the Act unless the plan divides the land into more units than existed on 22 February 1968, and in that case, the contribution will be calculated only in respect of the additional units.
Naracoorte and Lucindale, SA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 8,917 Remoteness: Outer Regional Aust. Median age: 41 Pop. Density: 1.98 SEIFA (disadvantage): 918 	Open Space Strategy 2020-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local open space; catchment 500 metre (or walking distance) radius. Neighbourhood level open space caters for broader catchment (1km of every household.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not found.

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Tatiara, SA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 7,038 Remoteness: Outer Regional Aust. Median age: 42 Pop. Density: 1.08 SEIFA (disadvantage): 982 	Tatiara Council Development Plan, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proper provision of public and community facilities including the reservation of suitable land in advance of need Location of P.O.S conveniently accessible to the population they serve. In land division - suitable land must be set aside for useable local open space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not found.
Clare and Gilbert Valleys, SA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 9,383 Remoteness: Outer Regional Aust. Median age: 48 Pop. Density: 4.97 SEIFA (disadvantage): 998 	Open Space and Recreation Strategy (2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local - walking distance (500 metre radius). Neighbourhood - within 1km of households and meet the needs of the whole family. District - considers the wider community and areas that people deliberately choose to visit Regional – cultural, foreshore, beach, venue, environmental functions Move away from allocating a high proportion of local open space to playing fields – focus on open space for informal recreational use close to where people live in combination with public access to school playing fields 14ha of open space provided per 1000 residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not found.
Mansfield, VIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 10,335 Remoteness: Outer Regional Aust. Median age: 49 Pop. Density: 2.74 SEIFA (disadvantage): 1028 	Mansfield Open Space Strategy 2023	Not found.	Residential contributions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Contribution: A sliding scale of the percentage of the net developable area of which all land must be unencumbered. 5% for 2-4 lots 6% for 5-9 lots 7.5% for 10 or more lots Cash Contribution: A sliding scale of the site value of the net developable area, as above. Combination: Cash and Land Contribution: A combination of cash and land contribution can be negotiated in line with the sliding scale. In such instances, the land provided must be unencumbered. Mixed use, commercial and residential:

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% of the net developable area in cash or land contribution. Land provided must be unencumbered
Towong, VIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 6,196 Remoteness: Outer Regional Aust. Median age: 52 Pop. Density: 2.4 SEIFA (disadvantage): 1001 	Recreation Strategy for Towong Shire 2022-2033	Sport and Rec provision standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis 1 court: 2,300 Netball outdoor) 1 court: 5,000 Soccer 1 field: 4,500 Lawn bowls 1 facility: 15,000 Hockey 1 pitch: 100,000 Cricket 1 oval: 3,000 Basketball 1 facility: 8,000 Baseball 1 field: 50,000 Australian Rules Football 1 oval: 4,250 Athletics 1 grass track: 75,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be developed – an action in their Recreation Strategy 2022-23
Ashburton, WA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 7,834 Remoteness: Very Remote Aust. Median age: 34 Pop. Density: 0.08 SEIFA (disadvantage): 1024 	Western Australian Government Development Control 2.3 public open space 2002	Not found.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A cash payment can be made by the subdivider in lieu of providing land for open space There are situations where a cash contribution is encouraged such as: the land area is such that a 10 percent contribution would be too small to be of practical use; there may be sufficient public open space already in the locality; public open space is planned in another location by way of a town planning scheme or local structure plan. The Commission's requirements that land for public open space be given up as a condition of subdivisional approval do not extend to the physical development of the land. It is the intention that when such land is vested in the relevant local government, development should be undertaken through the budget of that authority at the appropriate time. Local governments should

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			ensure that the development of public open space is safe for use by the public.
East Fremantle, WA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 8,064 Remoteness: Major Cities of Aust. Median age: 44 Pop. Density: 0.32 SEIFA (disadvantage): 1082 	Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 Public Open Space Strategy 2024-2034	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POS provision is benchmarked against the State Government's Development Control Policy 2.3 (Public Open Space in Residential Areas), which identifies 10% POS or 3.36ha of POS per 1,000 population and is reflected within the state government's planning documentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where open space cannot be developed – a required fee of 10 per cent public open space contribution.
Other			
Tasman Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 2,686 Remoteness: - inner regional Australia Median age: 57 Pop density: 4.07 SEIFA: 923 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open space contributions may be in the form of quality useable land. Each application to be considered on its merits in accordance with the following criteria: Existing open space, its adequacy for recreation purposes, location and size, and ability to link with existing open space. Rural, industrial, commercial, public utility and community purpose subdivisions will be exempted. The subdivider must submit a valuation report by registered valuer to determine cash in lieu of a public open space contribution. valuation must be within 6 months of lodgement of the final plan. Payment must be made prior to Council sealing the final plan of subdivision or if staged; in the first stage. Council must allocate the payment to a Public Open Space reserve fund. The final plan of subdivision must be accompanied by a Memorandum of Transfer to Tasman Council, executed by the vendor, identifying lots to be transferred and accompanied by

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			the required Lands Titles Office and stamp duty fees and charges.
City of Clarence, TAS Population 61,500		Headworks Levy Policy 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works considered as headworks per this Policy include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public open space infrastructure: Land, walkways (including board walks), wetlands, equipment, landscaping, shelters, barbeques.) Charges shall be calculated per Equivalent Tenement. Calculations for Public open space infrastructure are based on Service/ Catchment. <p>Works are based on current valuation or estimated installation cost for existing and proposed works. In addition to some services i.e. costs of water supply for irrigation of playing fields. The charges are Number of ET = # units in the development x equivalence factor. For sport, water supply is costed at 10m2 (unit) and tenement 0.02 0.004. for Traffic the 0.875*7 trips* 10m2 unit.</p>
Kingsborough Council TAS Population 41,000		Public Open Space Contribution Policy 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This requirement applies regardless of zoning. A credit may be applied where a proposed lot(s) in a subdivision will not create additional demand for public open space. If a subdivision contains land of strategic importance for open space needs more than 5% of the subdivision, Council may acquire (more than 5%) to be provided as public open space, If the development cannot provide land with substantial community benefit that meets these guidelines, then cash-in-lieu will be required. Where a subdivision is staged development, cash-in- lieu may be paid proportionately in each stage, subject to a new valuation. The developer will be required to provide a current valuation of the land based on the whole area in the plan of subdivision, regardless of zoning and/or previous subdivisions, and related to

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Kingsborough Council TAS (cont'd)			<p>the unimproved value of the land at the date of lodgement. The valuation must consider the potential of the land for subdivision, and the risk of not obtaining a permit for subdivision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council reserves the right to seek its own valuation advice. • All money received by way of contribution shall be reserved by Council in a separate account. The expenditure of reserved public open space funds must have regard to the Kingsborough Open Space Strategy 2019, or any other public open space policy endorsed by Council. • A decision as to whether land or cash-in-lieu is provided will be dependent upon whether the proposed subdivision provides an opportunity to obtain land that meets the objectives of this policy and the following criteria, which will also determine size and location of land. • There must be a demonstrable community benefit that will support active or passive recreation, The land must be identified in the Kingborough Open Space Strategy 2019, adjoin or is nearby public open space managed by Kingborough Council or another authority, improves connectivity, improves permeability be for a riparian reserve or habitat corridor, enhance the general amenity and urban character of the area, has special values (e.g. flora, fauna, habitat, geomorphology, water catchment or cultural heritage values), be strategically located to provide for a specific public facility (e.g. playground or sport, be suitable for the intended open space purpose;, not be subject to unmanageable hazards; and/ or can be sustainably managed. • Land will not be taken as public open space if it is stormwater swales and water courses that would otherwise form part of the subdivision drainage or include above or below ground infrastructure that would limit the use of the land or landscaping treatments.

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City of Hobart Population 55,000	Open space Contributions Policy 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open space contributions will be taken regardless of zoning. • Cash in lieu is the preferred public open space contribution. • Each subdivision will be assessed having regard to its individual facts and circumstances. • The amount of a cash contribution will be determined by a valuation undertaken by a City of Hobart-nominated valuer, payable on the date the subdivision application. The cost of the valuation must be borne by the subdivider. • Cash in lieu may be required if the subdivision proposal does not include land for public open space or • The land area is less than five percent of the subdivision area. • The cash in lieu or transfer of land must be provided on the date of sealing of the Final Plan of Subdivision or in a staged subdivision, as part of the first stage. • All cash in lieu will be held Council's Public Open Space Contributions Account and Interest earned rolled over into that account. • Expenditure from the Public Open Space Contributions Account will be subject to a report to and resolution by Council. The expenditure of cash in lieu funds will be in accordance with council's open space strategy to meet any local public open space or recreational needs. • A public open space land contribution will only be considered where: • The land is identified in a public open space strategy as a priority, would further the objectives of any adopted open space policy, adjoins or is nearby a public open space managed, or planned by council or another authority, provides or improves connectivity, permeability, or is a riparian reserve or habitat corridor, improves general amenity and urban character, or has special values (for example flora, fauna, habitat, geomorphology, water catchment or cultural heritage values).

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Appendix 6. Ongoing and incremental improvements where funds are available

Below is a table of ongoing and incremental improvements that can be made to George Town Council's open spaces on an incremental based to improve underperforming parks, and a proposed prioritisation of these works.

Table 10. Ongoing and incremental improvements.

Description of improvement	Actions/improvements	Priority of delivery
Tree and planting program	<p>Trees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider planting a range of tree species that are suitable for the context of its environment e.g. for shade, visual amenity, windbreak etc. Provide sense of direction, establish active transport corridor and provide sense of prominence to key streets and paths across George Town Perimeter trees around every site for shade, defining of the park's edge and further shade cover. <p>Planting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant species need to be selected for very specific purposes - Provide plants in open space for shade, visual amenity, spectacle, screening, wind breaks, habitat, sensory stimuli, separation of activities and play. Ensure appropriate and diverse planting in each open space according to its topographical and coastal or inland context. Identify options for corridors, allow for connection of patches of vegetation, green space and facilitates movement of wildlife, birdlife, buffer from inundation and exercise trail, and contact with nature, canopy trees and access to community infrastructure. Plant out mudflats with riparian planting to enhance biodiversity, flooding and visual interest. Implement wilding of root protection zones and corridors of native wildflower species to diversify landscape setting types (away from predominately lawn) and increase flora and fauna diversity. 	HIGH
Off-road trail works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a subset of paths across George Town and Low Head connecting open spaces and key community facilities to off-road trail networks Provide internal path circuits in each large public open space to add further recreational value. Provide active transport routes from north to south to connect Low Head residents with amenity such as grocery shops, further SFR opportunity and community facilities. Ensure off-road trails meet required standard for shared path (See Appendix 4). The trail corridor should be 10m wide to accommodate a path treadway, right of way and treed buffer. Ensure curb crossing at every intersection and into/out of every open space and community facility. 	HIGH

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Description of improvement	Actions/improvements	Priority of delivery
Accessibility works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove curbs to make room for accessible curb crossings Install paths to and from play equipment Add accessible or adaptative equipment to all play spaces and ensure it is included in any new development of play spaces. 	HIGH
Off-site and onsite park identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure every park is signed to prompt visitors and residents to use and know that it is an accessible public open space. Also ensure that park and recreation reserves names and features are accessible online for visitors and residents to pre-plan their visits and find their location Ensure wayfinding from existing signs 	HIGH
Develop two other quality accessible play space - further from Regent Square	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a district level social family rec/play space at Killara Reserve and alongside development of further community/tourist facilities alongside the existing visitor information centre. This space will service an area of 800m walking distance to the south of George Town (in Pipe Clay, York Cove and Mt George neighbourhoods) Implement a district level social family rec play space by acquiring a space north of the proposed Arnold Street subdivision. Ensure this space is large enough to facilitate social family rec/play facilities, a perimeter trail, diverse planting and canopy trees. This park will service Low Head and the new urban release areas in the north of George Town. 	MEDIUM
Park benches and tables in every park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installing tables in addition to park benches has greater utility as users can work, read, eat and feel more sheltered by the table structure if they are watching on to kids playing or to a view. Provide a cue to a range of users they are welcome to use public open space. 	HIGH

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Appendix 7. Inventory of all open space mapped and assessed

The table below provides a facility inventory of all the recreation and open space parcels in George Town Structure Plan Area (excluding Low Head). These include some crown and private parcels. A GIS open space layer was created for this plan's mapping component and a more detailed description of each open space parcel will be provided.

Table 11. Inventory of open spaces and recreation facilities

Code	Reserve name (as per cadastre)	Alternative / description	Suburb	Open space function type	Catchment hierarchy	Secondary open space function type	Potential open space function	Landscape Setting Type	GTWN neighbourhood name
OS10	George Town Golf Club	George Town Golf Club	Bell Bay	Sport	District	No identified function	No identified function	Treed Parkland	Out of structure plan boundary
OS19	Lauriston Reserve	Lauriston Reserve/ George Town MTB Trails (Tippogoree Hills - Lauriston Park Trail Head)	Bell Bay	Off road trail / accessway	District	Visual amenity /look out	No identified function	Bushland / Forest	Out of structure plan boundary
OS74	Elizabeth Street Pontoon (excludes adjacent park)	York Cove Pontoon	George Town	Water based Recreation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Foreshore / Beach	York Cove
OS1	Currong Reserve	Archer Crescent Reserve	George Town	Relaxation and contemplation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Open Grass Area	York Cove
OS3	Boongala Reserve	Boongala Reserve	George Town	Off road trail / accessway	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Open Grass Area	Mount George & Port Dalrymple
OS4	Charles Robbins Reserve	Park west of the Elizabeth Street Pontoon (Foreshore Parcel No.15)	George Town	Visual amenity /look out	Neighbourhood	Social family recreation and play	No identified function	Foreshore / Beach	Central
OS5	Dunning Av Reserve	Dunning Reserve	George Town	Relaxation and contemplation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Treed Parkland	North

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Code	Reserve name (as per cadastre)	Alternative / description	Suburb	Open space function type	Catchment hierarchy	Secondary open space function type	Potential open space function	Landscape Setting Type	GTWN neighbourhood name
OS8	Gerzalia Drive Reserve		George Town	Biological heritage conservation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Bushland / Forest	Pipe Clay
OS9	George Town Bowls Club	George Town Bowls Club	George Town	Sport	District	No identified function	No identified function	Lawn Managed Turf	York Cove
OS11	George Town Yacht Club	George Town Yacht Club (Foreshore Parcel No.9)	George Town	Water based Recreation	District	No identified function	No identified function	Foreshore / Beach	Mount George
OS115	Road reserve on the foreshore (east of George Town Yacht Club Parcel)	Esplanade N Road reserve and foreshore lawn area (Foreshore Parcel No.10)	George Town	Visual amenity /look out	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Open Grass Area	Central
OS12	George Town Sports Complex /Blue Gum Park	George Town Sports Complex /Blue Gum Park	George Town	Sport	Regional	No identified function	No identified function	Lawn Managed Turf	Port Dalrymple
OS13	Gordon Square	Gordon Square	George Town	Potential Social family recreation and play	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Social family recreation and play	Open Grass Area	Mount George
OS14	Harris Crescent Reserve	Harris Crescent Reserve	George Town	Relaxation and contemplation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Social family recreation and play	Open Grass Area	York Cove
OS16	kanamaluka Trail	kanamaluka Trail	George Town	Off road trail / accessway	District	Visual amenity /look out	No identified function	Foreshore / Beach	Across George Town
OS17	Killara Reserve	Killara Reserve or 'TAS VISITOR INFO NETWORK'	George Town	Visual amenity /look out	District	No identified function	Potential Social family recreation and play	Treed Parkland	York Cove
OS22	Mandurama Reserve	Mandurama Park or Reserve	George Town	Visual amenity /look out	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Visual amenity /look out	Ornamental / Cultivated Garden	Mount George

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OS23	Max Harris Memorial Reserve	Max Harris Memorial Reserve and Memorial Rose Garden (Part of the York Creek) Corridor	George Town	Drainage/ Floodway/ stormwater	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Ornamental / Cultivated Garden	Mount George
OS24	Monomeeth Reserve	Monomeeth Reserve	George Town	Relaxation and contemplation	Neighbourhood		No identified function	Open Grass Area	York Cove
OS25	Agnes Street Reserve	Parish Crescent Reserve	George Town	Potential Social family recreation and play	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Relaxation and contemplation	Open Grass Area	North
OS107	East linear block between houses	parallel and between Friend St and the Hwy between Arthur and Davies west of Dalrymple school	George Town	Relaxation and contemplation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Treed Parkland	Port Dalrymple
OS106	West linear block between houses	Parallel and between Sorrell and the Hwy, between Arthur and Davies west of Dalrymple school, and 107	George Town	Relaxation and contemplation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Open Grass Area	Port Dalrymple
OS26	George Town Community Garden	Located on Port Dalrymple School land (northeast corner near	George Town	Community Horticulture	Neighbourhood	Sport	No identified function	Ornamental / Cultivated Garden	Port Dalrymple

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		Neighbourhood House.							
OS27	Regent Square	Regent Square	George Town	Social family recreation and play	District	Relaxation and contemplation	No identified function	Treed Parkland	Central
OS28	Secret Park	Secret Park (Winston Little Reserve)	George Town	Potential Social family recreation and play	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Social family recreation and play	Open Grass Area	Pipe Clay
OS31	Tamar Avenue Bush Reserve (multiple parcels)	Tamar Avenue Bush Reserve	George Town	Biological heritage conservation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Relaxation and contemplation	Bushland / Forest	Pipe Clay
OS32	Water Tower Park	Water Tower Park	George Town	Visual amenity	Neighbourhood	Cultural heritage	Potential Relaxation and contemplation	Open Grass Area	Port Dalrymple
OS33	Windmill Point BBQ and Play Space		George Town	Social family recreation and play	District	Drainage/ Floodway/ stormwater	No identified function	Open Grass Area	Central
OS34	Elizabeth Park	Elizabeth Park (Foreshore Parcel No.20)	George Town	Potential Social family recreation and play	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Social family recreation and play	Open Grass Area	York Cove
OS35	Wombalano Reserve	Dudley Avenue Reserve	George Town	Off road trail / accessway	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Social family recreation and play	Treed Parkland	Port Dalrymple
OS36	n/a	Wombat Walk (adjacent to South George Town Primary School)	George Town	Biological heritage conservation	Neighbourhood	Off road trail / accessway	Potential Biological heritage conservation	Bushland / Forest	Pipe Clay
OS37	George Town Cemetery		George Town	Memorial park/ cemetery	District	No identified function	No identified function	Ornamental / Cultivated Garden	Out of structure plan boundary

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OS40	Mt George		George Town	Biological heritage conservation	Regional	Off road trail / accessway	No identified function	Bushland / Forest	Out of structure plan boundary
OS41	York Cove Boat Ramp	Open space adjacent to York Cove (south) boat ramp (Foreshore Parcel No.21)	George Town	Water based Recreation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Foreshore / Beach	Central
OS42	York Creek	George Town Pump Track (adjacent to Max Harris Memorial Reserve)	George Town	Drainage/ Floodway/ stormwater	District	No identified function	No identified function	Specialised Sports Surface	York Cove
OS55		Linear reserve runs from end of North St to end of Arthur St (Foreshore Parcel No.7)	George Town	Off road trail / accessway	District	Biological heritage conservation	No identified function	Treed Parkland	Out of structure plan boundary
OS56	George Town Conservation Area	Linear reserve runs from end of Arthur St to Windmill Pt BBQ and Play Space (Foreshore Parcel No.8)	George Town	Off road trail / accessway	District	No identified function	No identified function	Treed Parkland	Central
OS72	Triangular reserve - Cimiterie Street	Small triangle block on the corner of Cimitiere Street	George Town	Visual amenity /look out	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Treed Parkland	Central

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OS58	Pier Hotel Land Zoned business	'Pier Hotel' (Foreshore Parcel No.12)	George Town	Water based Recreation	Neighbourhood	Social family recreation and play	No identified function	Lawn Managed Turf	York Cove
OS59	Trail edge of the foreshore North Side York Cove	(Foreshore Parcel No.16)	George Town	Off road trail / accessway	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Paved Area	York Cove
OS60	Trail edge of the foreshore North Side York Cove	(Foreshore Parcel No.15)	George Town	Off road trail / accessway	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Paved Area	Central
OS61	End of Sorell Street on the Foreshore North Side York Cove	(Foreshore Parcel No.17)	George Town	Off road trail / accessway	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Paved Area	Central
OS63	York Creek foreshore end - entrance	(Foreshore Parcel No.18)	George Town	Drainage/ Floodway/ stormwater	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Foreshore / Beach	York Cove
OS64		York Cove to boundary of Elizabeth Park (Foreshore Parcel No.19)	George Town	Off road trail / accessway	Neighbourhood	n/a	Potential Social family recreation and play	Open Grass Area	York Cove
OS65		Narrow parcel on - Foreshore adjacent to Marina Way - (Foreshore Parcel No.22)	George Town	Off road trail / accessway	Neighbourhood	n/a	No identified function	Open Grass Area	York Cove
OS66	Stone Quarry Bay Foreshore	Parcel starts at end of Adelaide St to ends at end of South St (Foreshore Parcel No.23)	George Town	Biological heritage conservation	Neighbourhood	Visual amenity /look out	Potential Off-road trail / accessway	Treed Parkland	Pipe Clay

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OS67	Pipe Clay Bay Foreshore	Foreshore access way - from White St in Pipe Clay neighbourhood - runs along the rest of the foreshore around to Bell Bay (Foreshore Parcel No.24)	George Town	Biological heritage conservation	Neighbourhood	Off road trail / accessway	Potential Off-road trail / accessway	Treed Parkland	Pipe Clay
OS68	The Strand	The Strand (Foreshore Parcel No.25)	George Town	Biological heritage conservation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Visual amenity /look out	Bushland / Forest	Pipe Clay
OS69		Small triangular parcel intersecting 'The Strand' parcel (Foreshore Parcel No.26)	George Town	Biological heritage conservation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	No identified function	Treed Parkland	Pipe Clay
OS70		Tamar Avenue *separate parcels in GIS - OS70	George Town	Biological heritage conservation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Relaxation and contemplation	Treed Parkland	Pipe Clay
OS71	Public Garden Space		George Town	No identified function	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Community Garden	Open Grass Area	Pipe Clay
OS113		Axton Close Reserve, North neighbourhood	George Town	Drainage/ Floodway/ stormwater	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Social family recreation and play	Open Grass Area	North

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OS114	Rio Tinto - Zoned open space land	Large L-shaped block in Bell Bay - utility buffer for industry	George Town	Utility/ other non-recreation	Neighbourhood	No identified function	Potential Social family recreation and play	Treed Parkland	Pipe Clay

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Appendix 8. List of Maps

Following is a series of maps reflecting the distribution of public open space as well as the walkability analysis and displaying the gaps in walkable open space provision in George Town. Low Head maps are not included in this plan.

The maps are listed in order as presented below and can be found in the map book attached.

Map 1. Open Spaces in George Town. This map shows the location of open spaces in George Town along with schools, wetlands and creeks, play equipment, neighbourhood boundaries and railways.

Map 2. Open Spaces in George Town by Function. This map reflects the open spaces in George Town by (primary) function type.

Map 3. Open Spaces in George Town by Landscape Setting Type. This map reflects the open spaces in George Town by landscape setting type.

Map 4. Open Spaces in George Town by Secondary Function. This map reflects the open spaces in George Town by secondary function.

Map 5. Open Spaces in George Town by Potential Function. This map reflects the open spaces in George Town by potential open space function type. This does not include other potential open space proposed in this report.

Map 6. Open Spaces in Low Head. This map shows the location of open spaces in Low Head along with schools, wetlands and creeks, play equipment, neighbourhood boundaries and railways. (Not included in this plan)

Map 7. Open Spaces in Low Head by Function. This map reflects the open spaces in Low Head by (primary) function type. (Not included in this plan)

Map 8. Open Spaces in Low Head by Landscape Setting Type. This map reflects the open spaces in Low Head by landscape setting type. (Not included in this plan)

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Map 9. Open Spaces in Low Head by Secondary Function. This map reflects the open spaces in Low Head by secondary function. (Not included in this plan)

Map 10. Open Spaces in Low Head by Potential Function. This map reflects the open spaces in Low Head by potential open space function type. This does not include other potential open space proposed in this report. (No included in this plan)

Map 11. Gaps in Walkability to Play Equipment in George Town. This map reflects the gaps in availability of walkable play spaces within Central and Northern George Town.

Map 12. Gaps in Walkability to Social Family Rec Spaces in George Town. This map reflects the gaps in availability of walkable social family rec spaces within Central and Northern George Town.

Map 13. Gaps in Walkability to Potential Social Family Rec Spaces in George Town. This map reflects the gaps in availability of walkable potential social family rec spaces within Central and Northern George Town.

Map 14. Gaps in Walkability to Play Equipment in George Town. This map reflects the gaps in availability of walkable play spaces within York Cove and Pipe Clay neighbourhoods in George Town

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Map 18. Gaps in Walkability to Social Family Rec Spaces in Low Head. This map reflects the gaps in availability of walkable social family rec spaces within Low Head. (Not included in this plan)

Map 19. Gaps in Walkability to Potential Social Family Rec Spaces in Low Head. This map reflects the gaps in availability of walkable potential social family rec spaces within Low Head. (Not included in this plan)

Map 20. Low Head Proposed Open Space Network Plan (Not included in this plan)

Map 21. Central and North George Town Proposed Open Space Network Plan

Map 22. South George Town Proposed Open Space Network Plan

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Endnotes

ⁱ Neighbourhood in George Town

These neighbourhoods would be valuable to include in the Council's GIS layers for planning purposes, including areas of George Town that can be developed within any neighbourhood shown in the structure plan.

Public open space may be required in non-residential zones to service employees and create a Council-wide network of active transport routes and circuits. Therefore, it may be desirable for these neighbourhoods to include some pockets currently outside.

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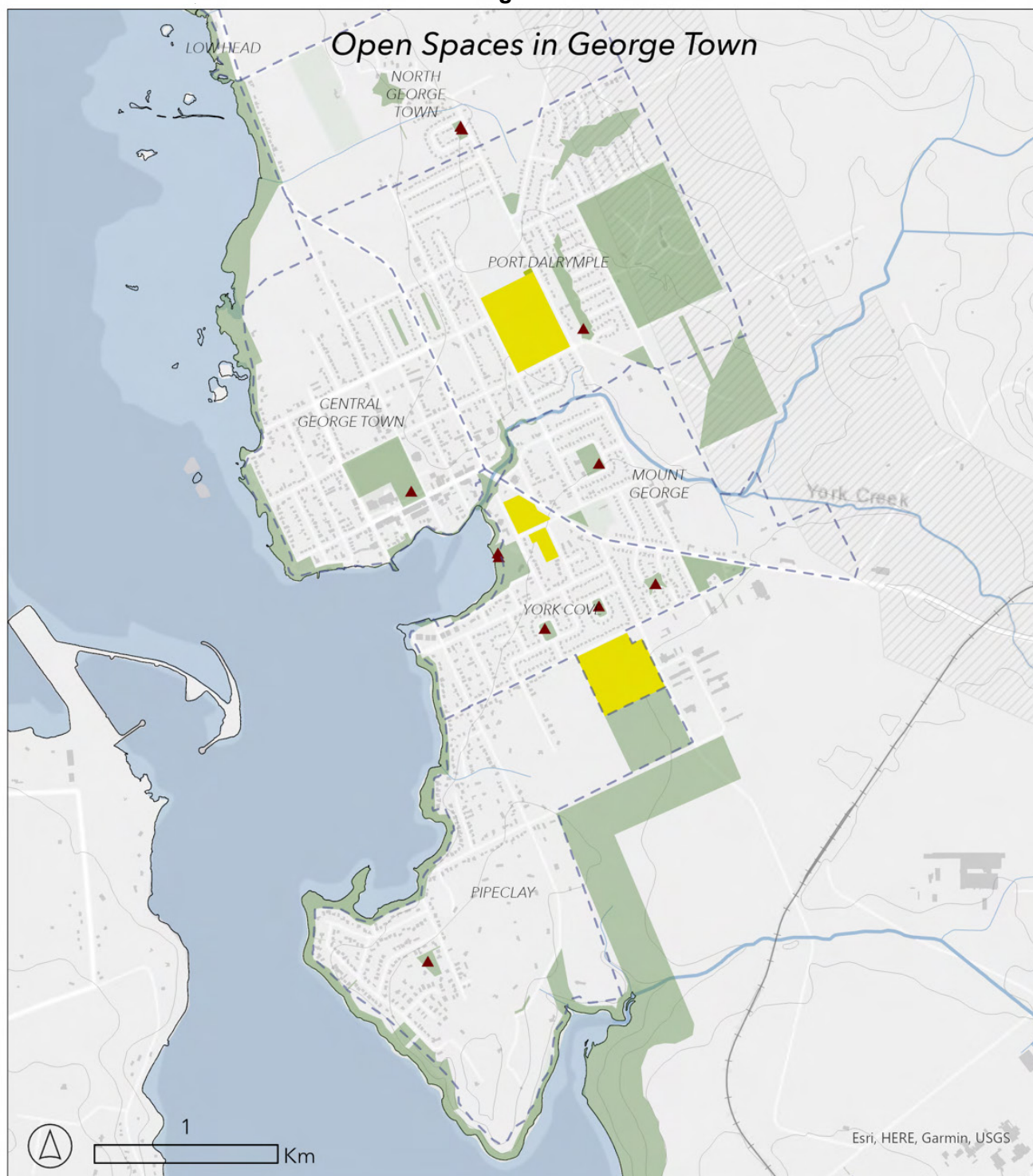
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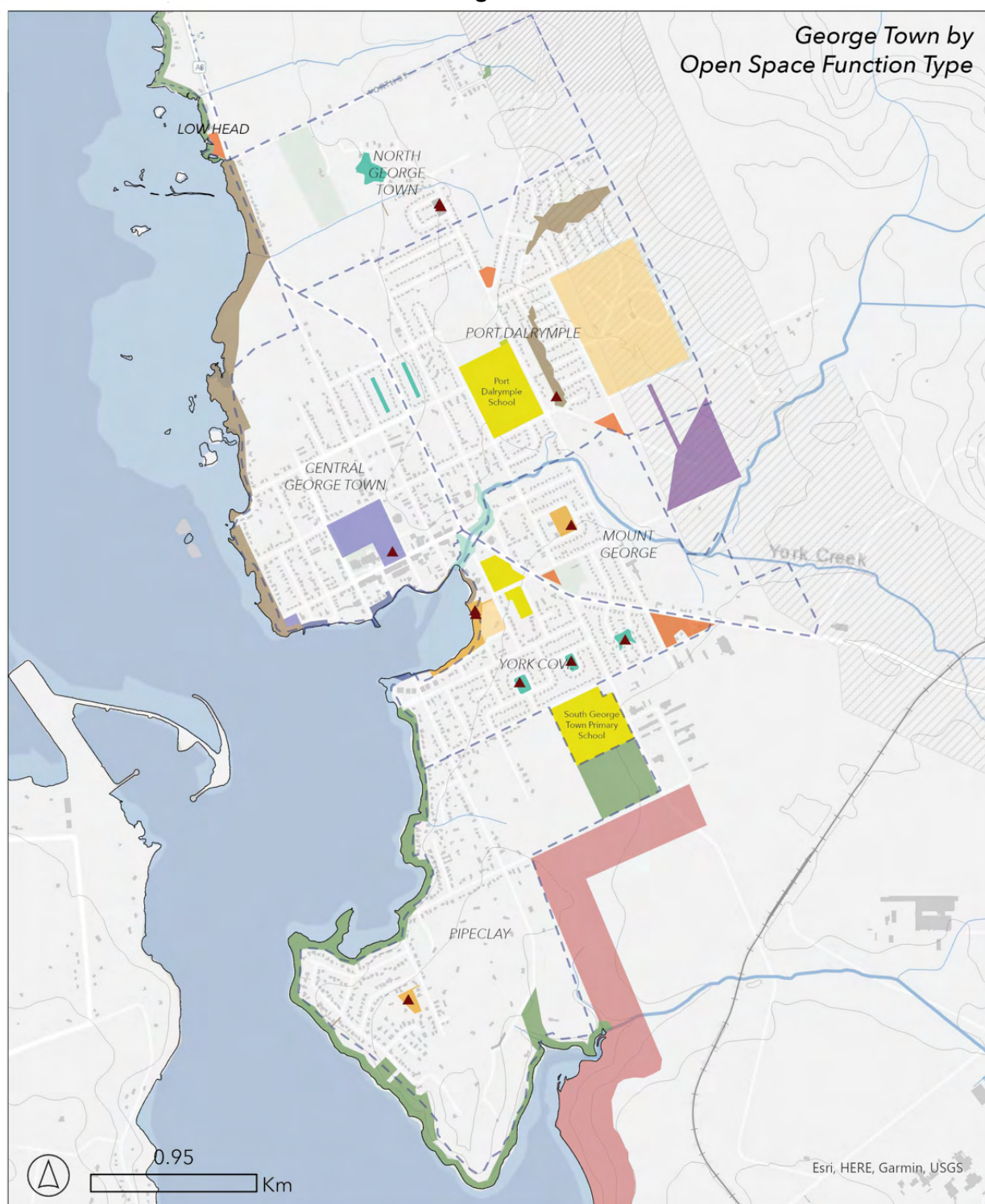
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Map 1

- Open Spaces
- Playground equipment
- Schools
- Wetlands
- Declared gas pipeline planning corridor
- Railways
- Neighbourhood Boundaries

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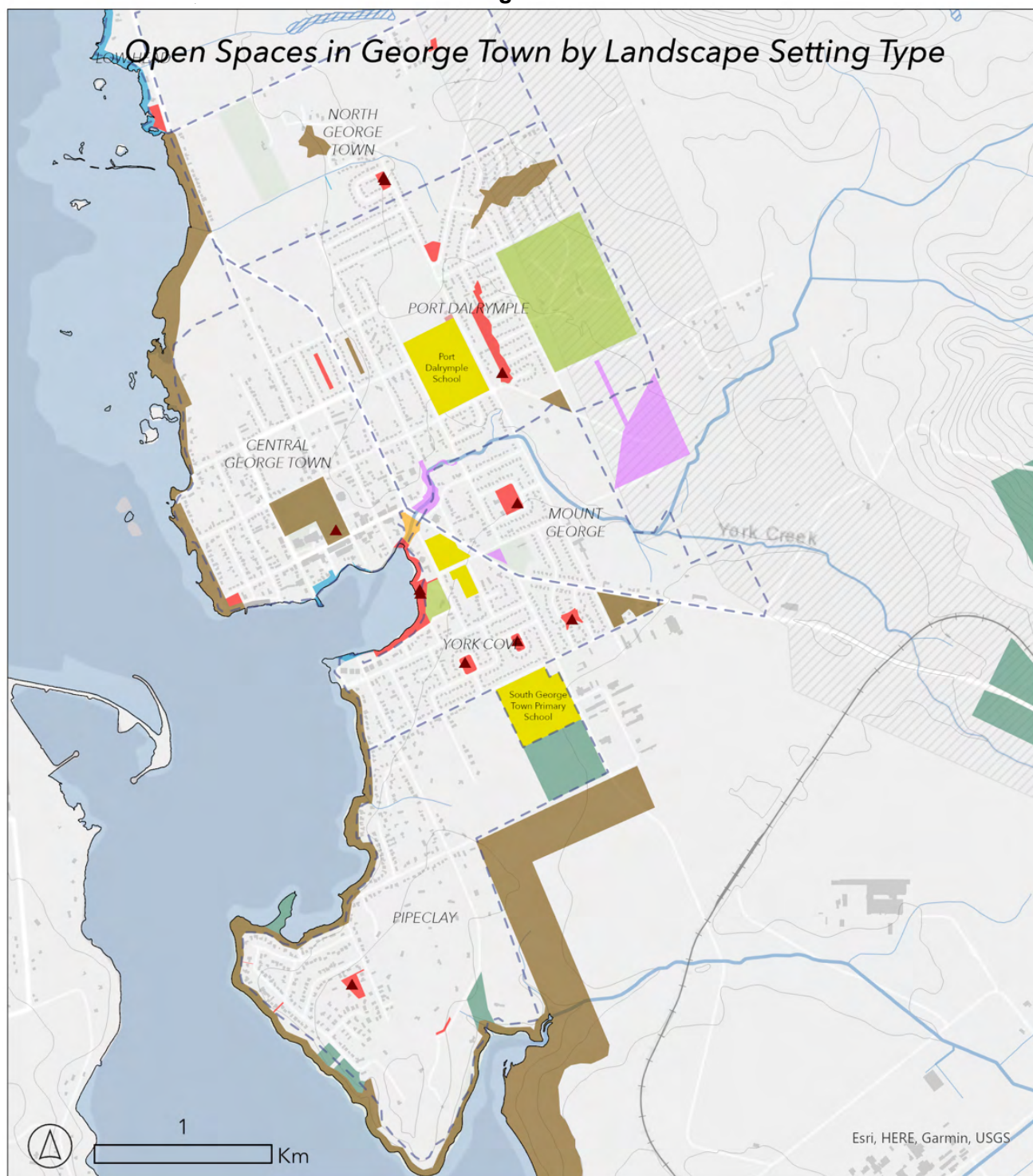
Map 2.

- Biological heritage conservation
- Community garden
- Cultural heritage
- Drainage / Floodway / Stormwater
- Memorial park / Cemetery
- No identified function
- Off road trail / Accessway

- Potential social family recreation and play
- Relaxation and contemplation
- Social family recreation and play
- Sport
- Utility / Other non recreation
- Visual amenity / Lookout
- Water-based recreation

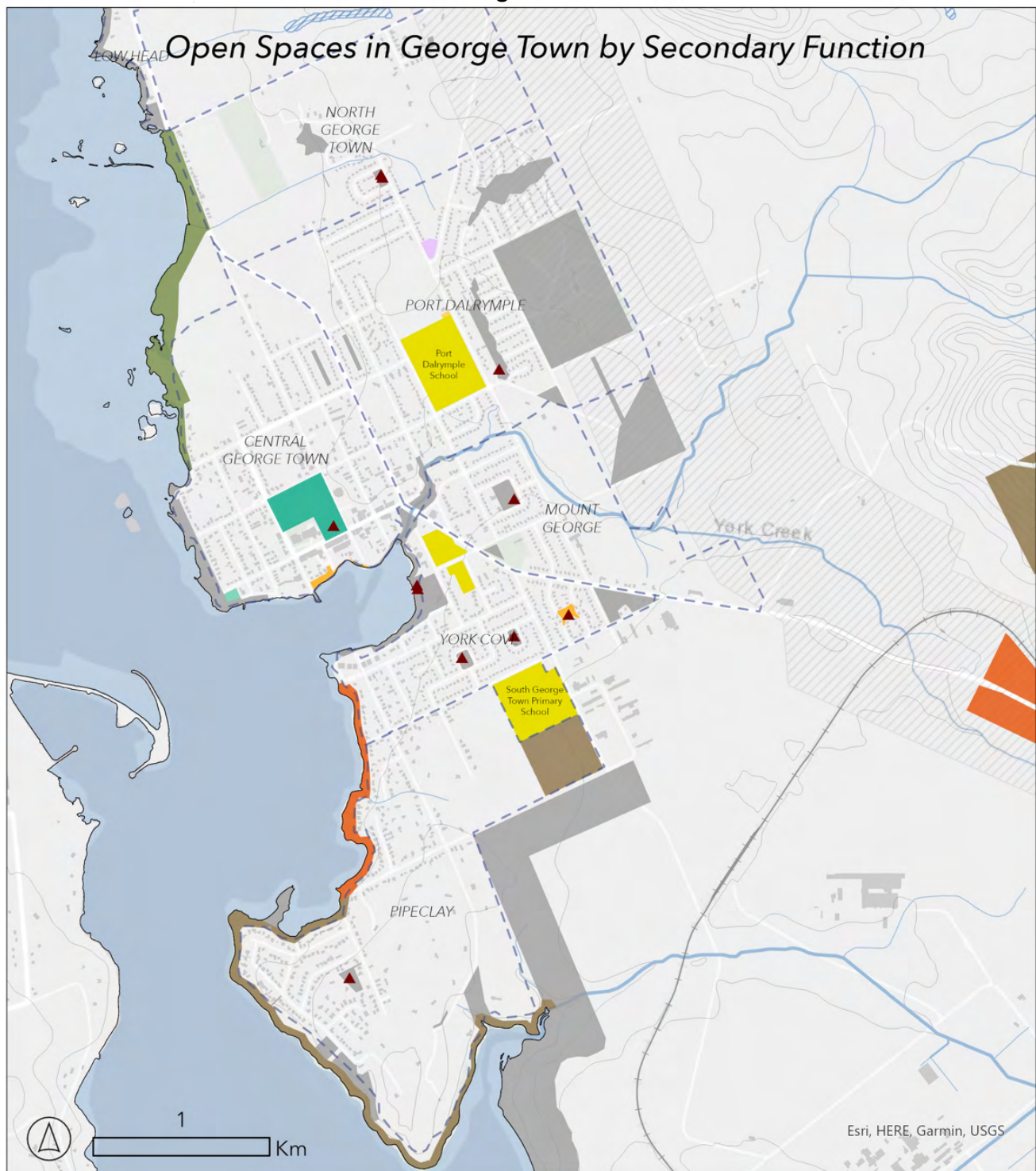
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- ▨ Wetlands
- ▨ Declared gas pipeline planning corridor
- - Neighbourhood Boundaries





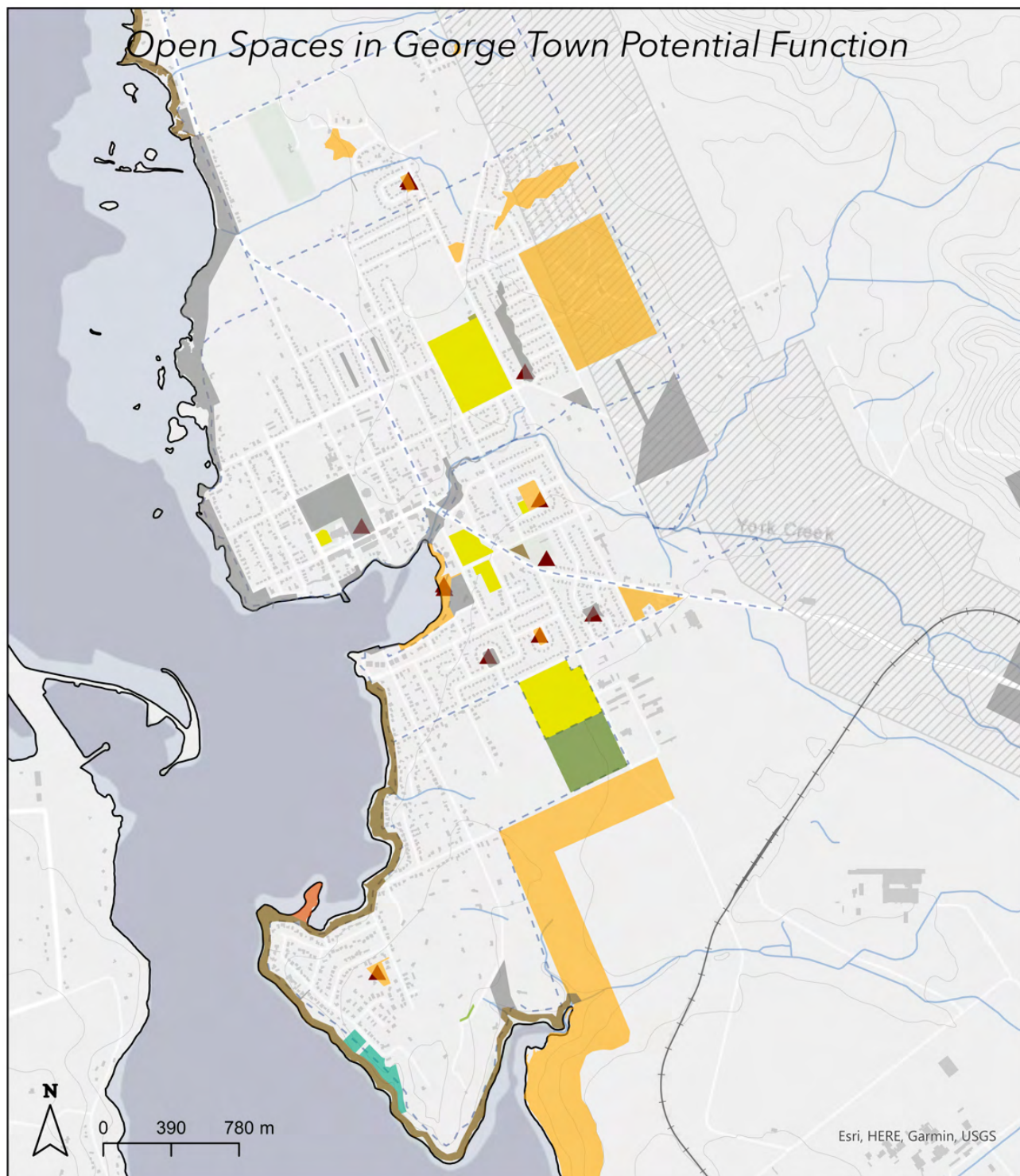
Map 3

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| Bushland / Forest | Ornamental / Cultivated garden | Playground equipment |
| Foreshore / Beach | Paved area | Schools |
| Lawn managed turf | Specialised sports surface | Railways |
| Low shrubland / Heathland | Treed parkland | Wetlands |
| Open grass area | | Declared gas pipeline planning corridor |
| | | Neighbourhood Boundaries |

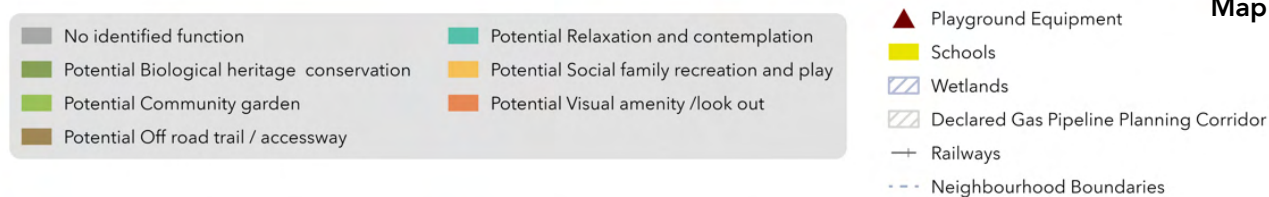


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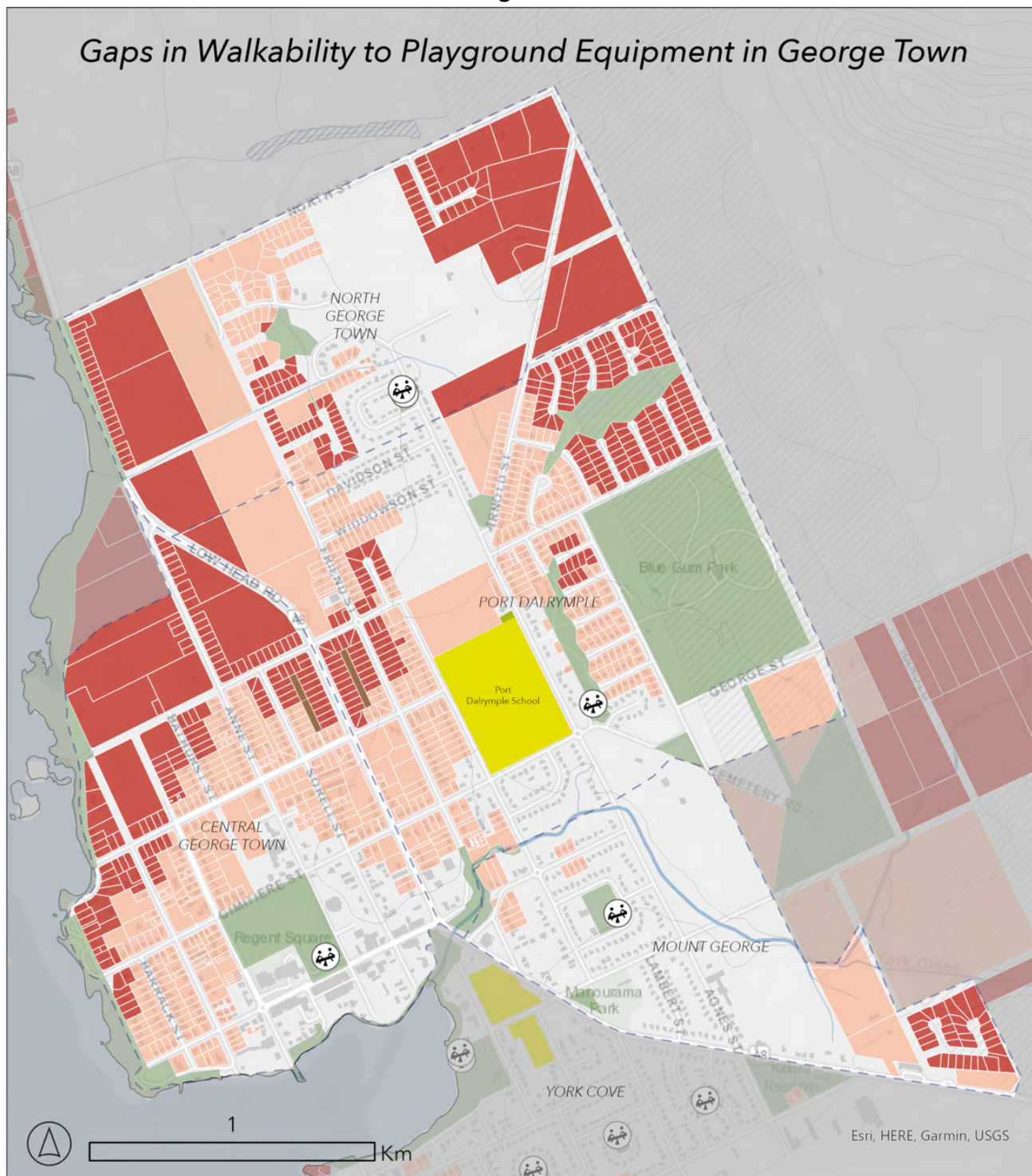
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| ■ Potential social family recreation and play | | --- Neighbourhood Boundaries |



Map 5

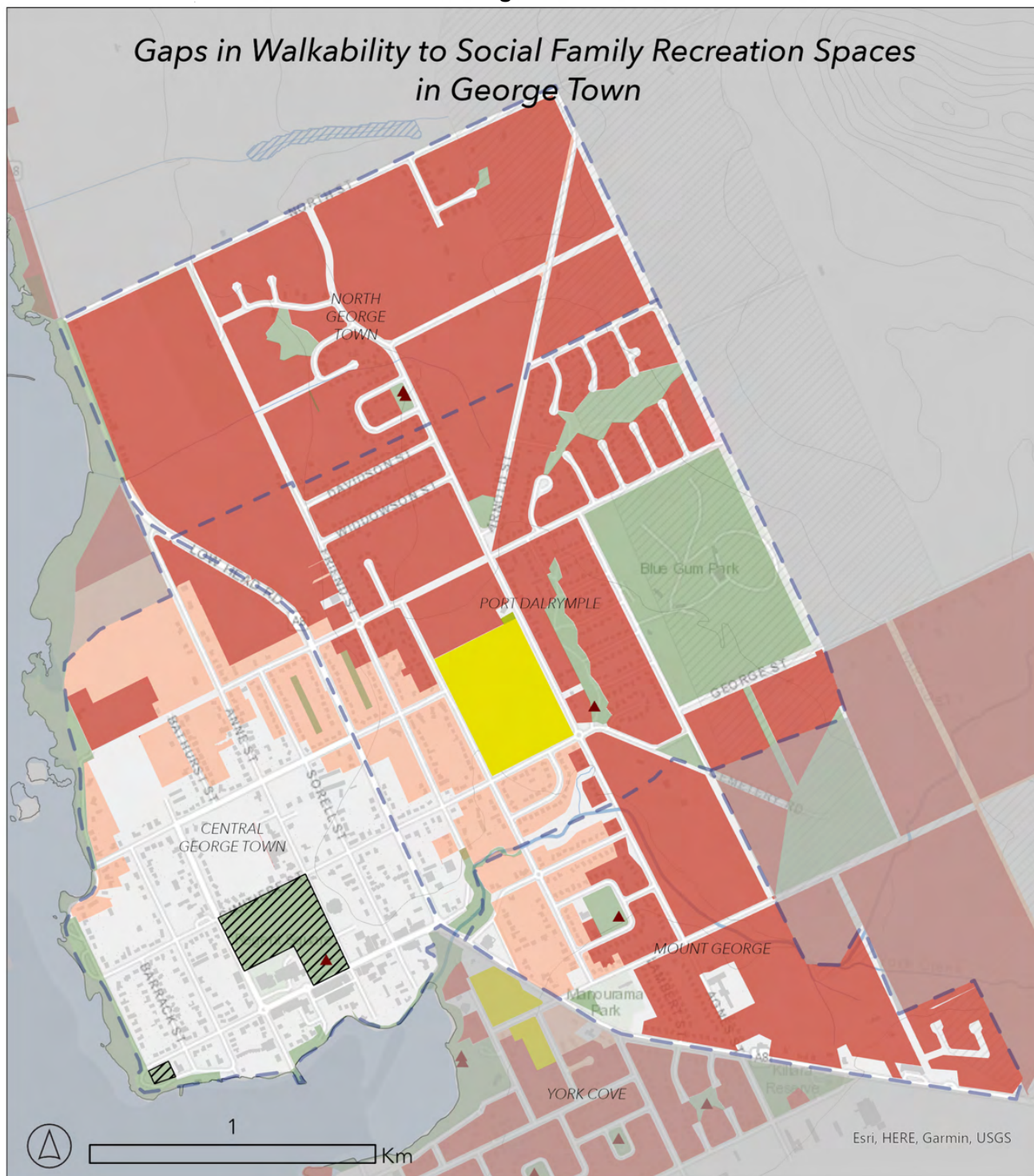


Gaps in Walkability to Playground Equipment in George Town



Map 11

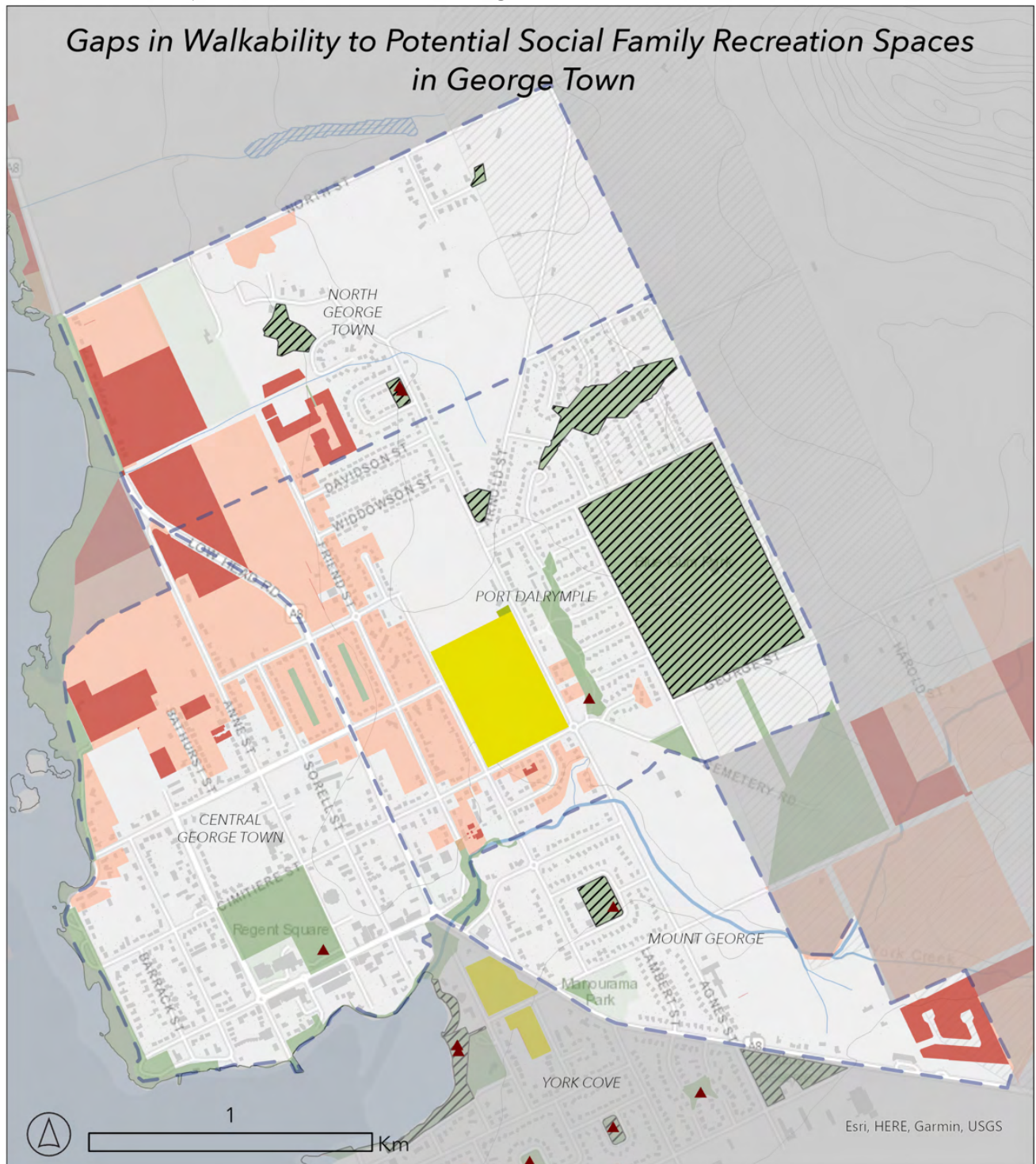
-  Playground equipment
-  Residential Parcels >400m from Nearest Playground
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-  Open Spaces
-  Schools
-  Railways
-  Wetlands



Map 12

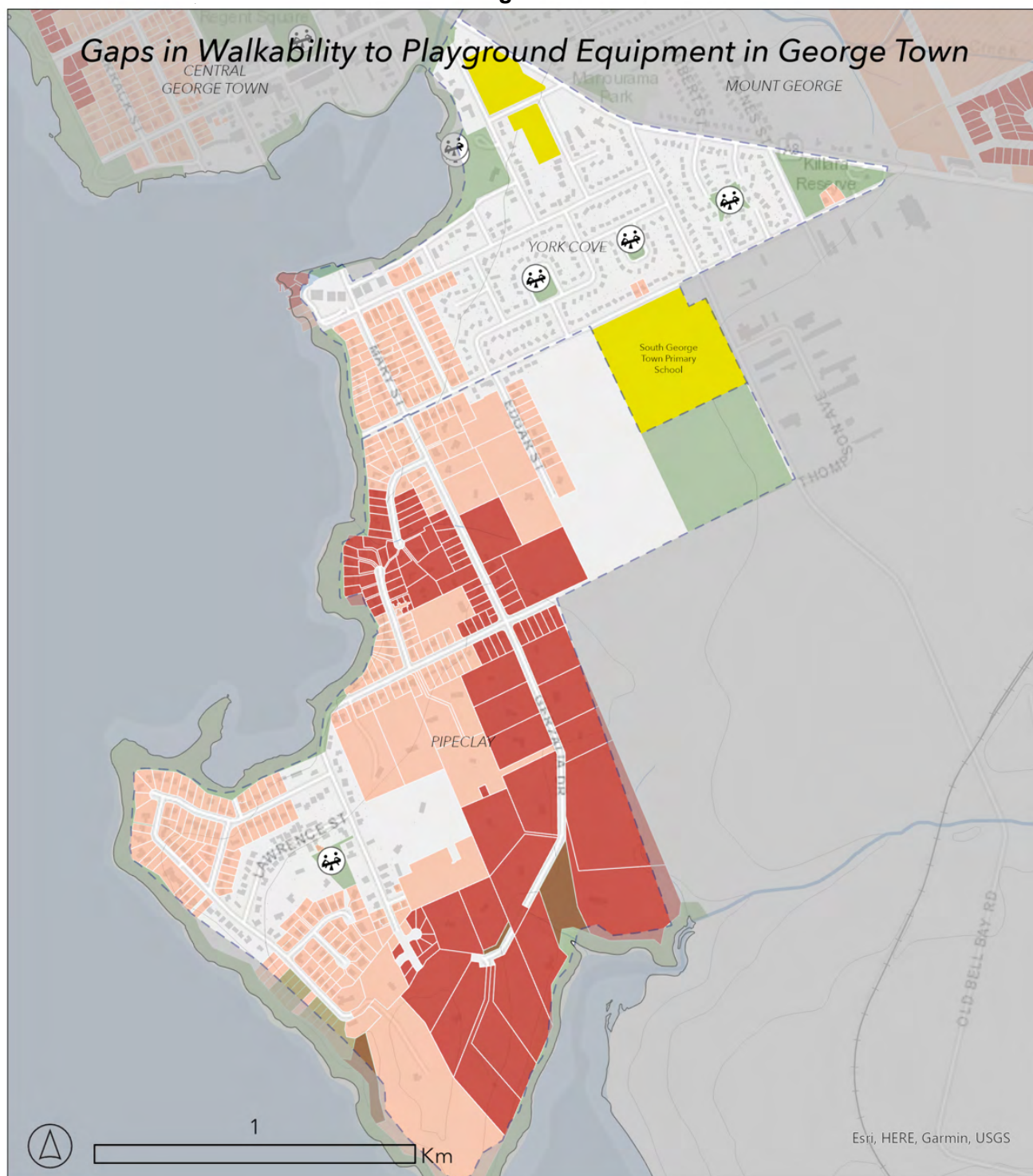
- Residential parcels >400m from nearest social family recreation space
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- Open Spaces
- Schools
- Social family recreation spaces

- Neighbourhood Boundaries
- Wetlands
- Railways



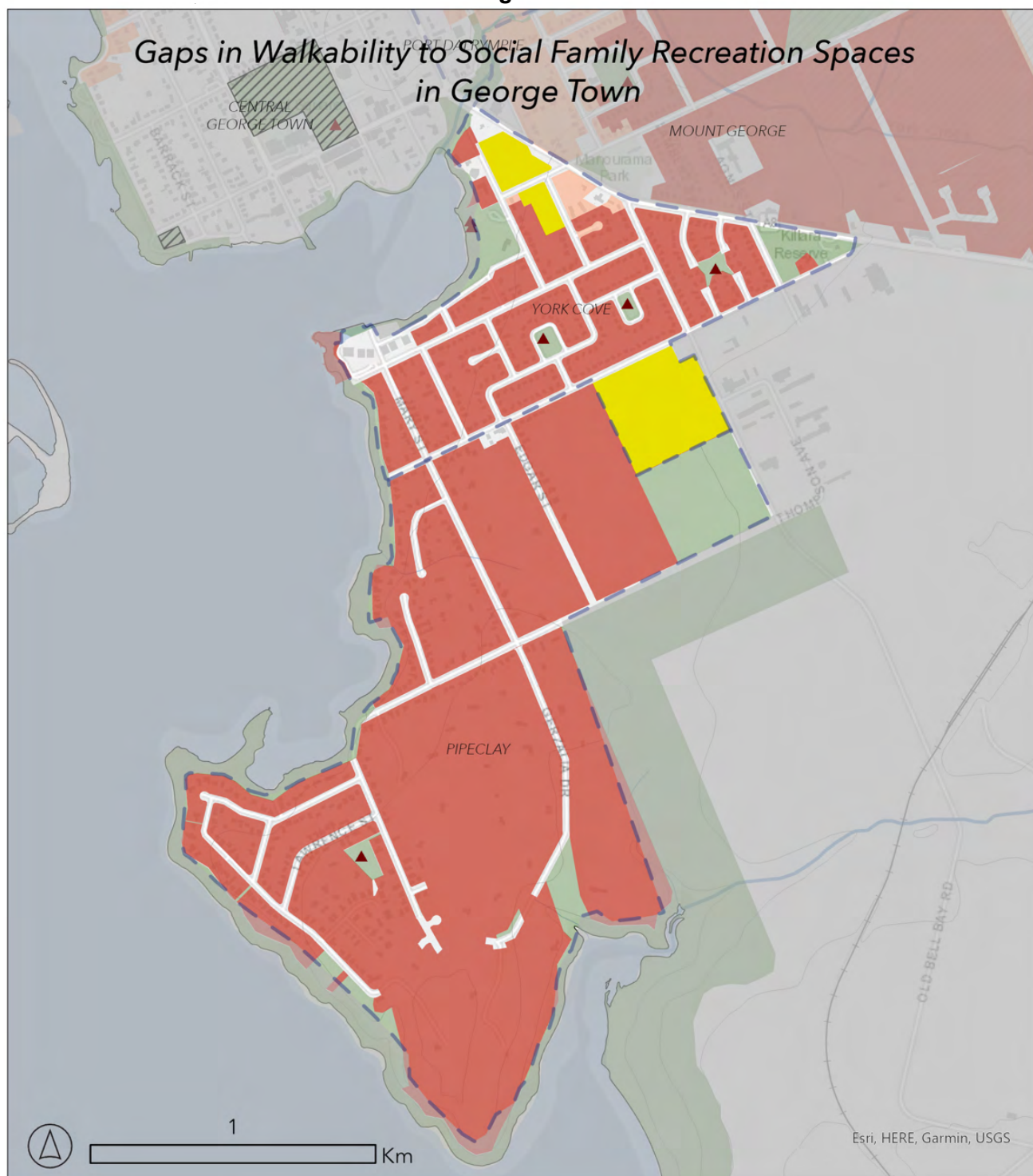
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- Residential parcels > 400m from nearest potential social family recreation space
- Potential social family recreation spaces
- Playground equipment
- Open Spaces
- Schools

- Neighbourhood Boundaries
- Wetlands
- Railways



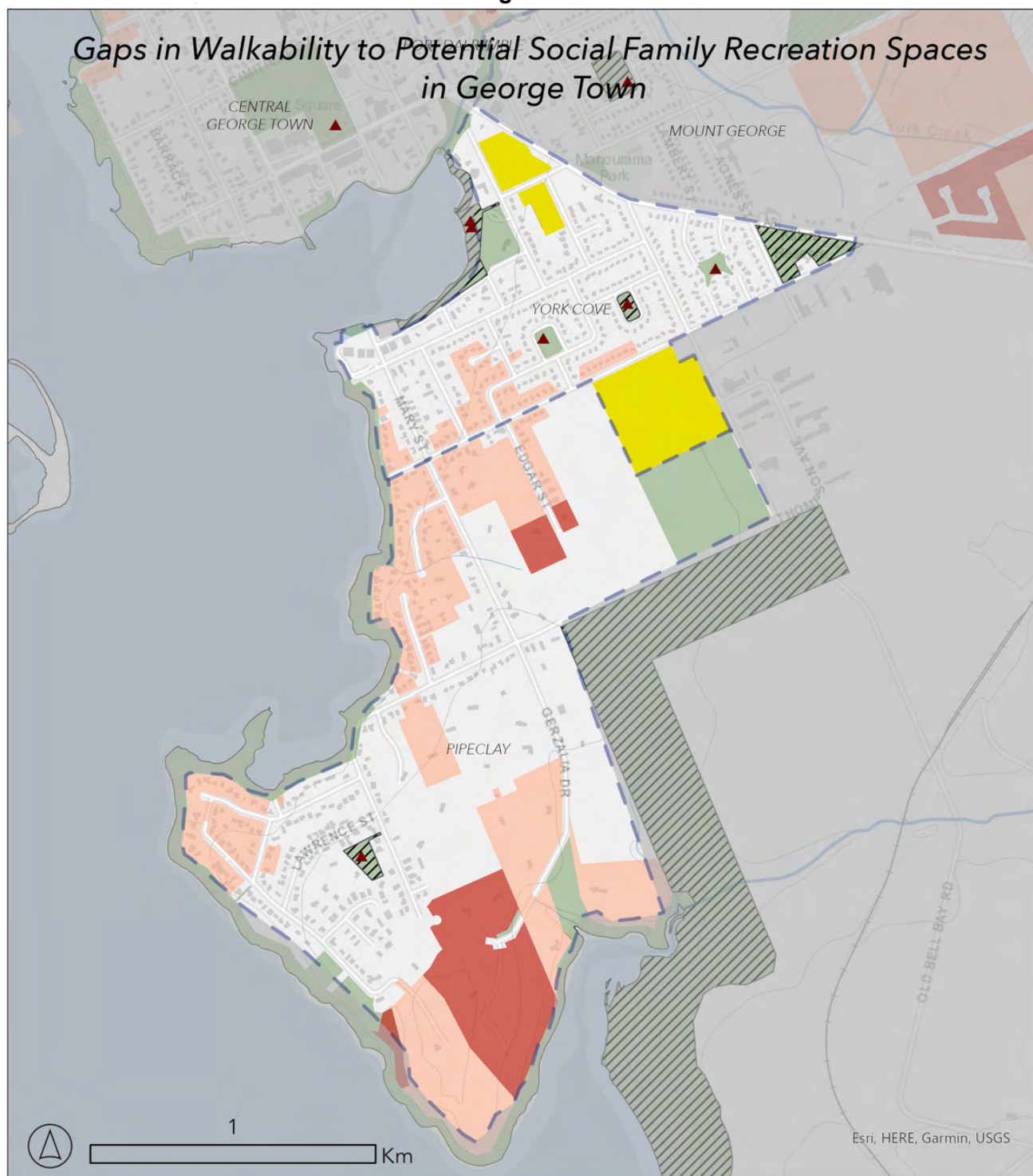
Map 14

- Playground equipment
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- Open Spaces
- Schools
- Railways
- Wetlands



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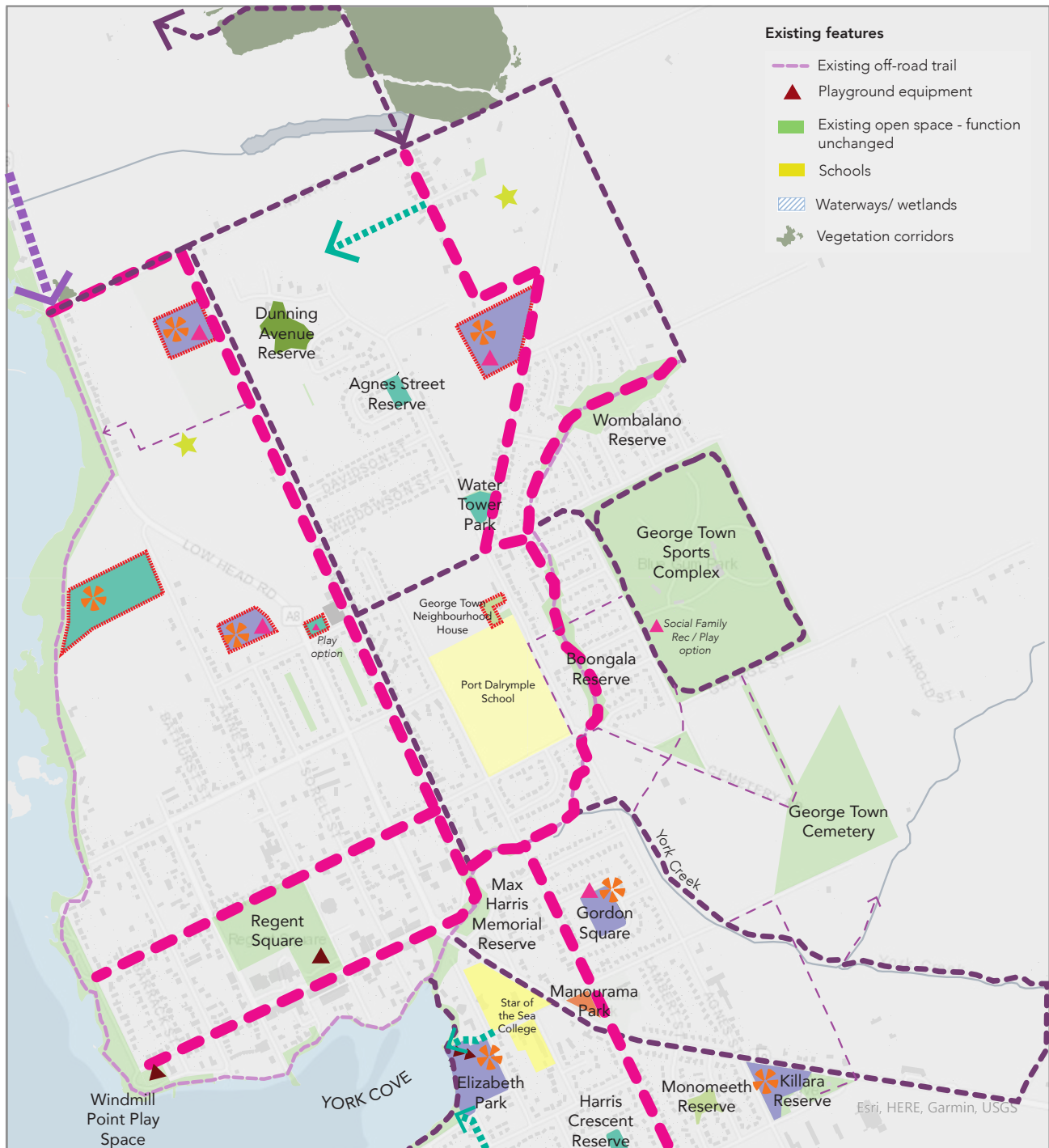
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 Note: All lines on this plan reflect a high-level indicative location for open space corridors and future trails. All necessary environmental, cultural and legal, planning processes will be required before exact alignment is determined and work is conducted.

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South George Town Proposed Open Space Network Plan



Indicative Network

- Proposed perimeter path/internal trails
- Proposed public open space
- Proposed play space
- Additional green space for relaxation, visual amenity, conservation purposes likely to be required.

- Potential active transport route
- Provide potential walkable access**
- Potential off-road trails/tracks
- Connecting and lower order trails

Proposed Open Space Functions

- Social family recreation/play
- Relaxation/contemplation
- Community garden
- Visual amenity/lookout
- Biological heritage conservation
- Off-road trail/accessway

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Theme of comments made	@leisure response	Suggested changes to the Plan
1. Some reinforcement of improvements required in George Town. (Very few comments about proposals for George Town. Most comments related to Low Head around public access and no development wanted in Low Head.)	<p>The main changes in the network proposed in the Plan are those in George Town which attracted few comments.</p> <p>Responses about George Town included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails: Further trails in George Town would be worthwhile. The existing path from George Town has been very beneficial (Kanamaluka Trail) • Great to have additional parks/playgrounds in George Town particularly with growth • George Town could do with more parks in each new subdivision • Not enough open space in George Town and improvements required to existing open spaces. • Don't want any development of Wombat Walks. <p>Most of the comments in Low Head relate to proximity to and impacts on private land.</p>	<p>No changes to George Town.</p> <p>Review the plan to provide greater clarity in messaging that this is a long-term strategic approach to open space planning, creating opportunities for future public access.</p>
2. Open space in Low Head is currently adequate and there is no need for change.	<p>This was a very common theme in responses. Much of the perceived public open space in Low Head is privately owned and whilst some is currently publicly accessible, the plan seeks to ensure that in the longer term, should land ownership change and the population increase, that adequate open space and corridors continue to facilitate public recreation and access.</p> <p>The plan identifies future desirable directions and land use changes rather than facilities needed to be provided now.</p> <p>The intent of the plan is to reinforce and protect scenic beauty, flora and fauna, heritage values and Low Head character. For <u>all to enjoy</u> is a founding principle of the plan's directions.</p> <p>We disagree with the response "Developers can set aside open space in future developments". The plan seeks to identify what is best for the community - not just developers.</p>	<p>@leisure will review how the proposed open space corridors are shown on the plan.</p> <p>The document will reinforce that the focus is establishing public open space corridors where a trail may be developed – not construction of designated sealed paths. The alignment and specifics of each corridor will be subject to detailed planning processes, engagement and impact assessments over the decades to come.</p>
3. A number of responses were in support of the directions in plan for Low Head, on matters attracting negative responses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They were a number of positive and supportive responses about Low Head on the same issues that attracted negative responses. • As could be expected, many residents appear happy with what the local area currently provides as access to private land may be good. With the current situation, many residents are not likely to be supportive of change. • Key areas of support include: 	<p>@leisure will review wordings and how directions are diagrammatically shown to reinforce that the directions are of a strategic nature with planning requiring substantial planning and</p>

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Theme of comments made	@leisure response	Suggested changes to the Plan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “More is better” in regard to trails and green spaces/ Adapt open space provision for future growth • Plan caters well to all age groups • “I think the proposals have vision and foresight” • Support for expanded trail networks and access to Low Head wetlands. Support for the idea of the walking trail on the north side of the Peninsula at Low Head/ Trails are beneficial as long as they do not impact private properties • More play equipment in Low Head • Endorsement for a dedicated off-leash area in Low Head • Support for a social family Recreation Park in Ruin Paddock. Volunteers offered to help with planting and maintenance/ Endorsement of linking Low Head community garden to East Beach via informal recreation area. 	<p>detailed investigations over the next decades, before specific proposals are endorsed.</p>
4. Insufficient engagement. Engagement with aboriginal peoples	<p>The plan largely identifies strategic directions that have been documented in previous plans, so that there were no significant reasons to do extensive individual engagement, prior to the plan being released.</p> <p>@leisure did try to interview a number of organisations including Parks Tas without success and in hindsight could have called several other key landowners in Low Head, anticipating the “no desire for change” response.</p> <p>One respondent suggested “Using Indigenous names for new spaces and trails to strengthen connection to place and Country”</p>	<p>@leisure will consult with some specific stakeholders and landowners to refine any particular diagram documenting the Plan’s intent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further detailed engagement about the protection of future open space corridors can be recommended with local aboriginal people, about the plan and long term implementation, including naming, interpretation, and stewardship.
5. Concerned that the demographics of Low Head may be inaccurately reported	<p>The demographic characteristics of Low Head are taken from the 2021 Census data.</p> <p>Contrary to some responses, trails create a major opportunity for older adults and people with a disability to view and access nature, engage socially in public spaces and connect with neighbourhood activities.</p>	<p>No change to the plan required.</p>
6. Comments on specific public open space corridors and future trail routes, for example in the west of Low Head and east west from the beach inland. These	<p>The intent of the plan is to protect the significant wetland in the east in the long term and provide an open space corridor north-south to George Town. The assumption is that such a corridor could inform future planning decisions such as</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • @leisure will consult with key landowner. • A change to the extent of the inland trail is proposed, so that it

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may impact on property ownership/privacy/ business viability and the environment generally.	rezoning, subdivision, or other opportunities as they arise etc., and that is likely to be a long-term proposition. Access between the beach and eastern Low Head is shown on the plan very indicatively. It identified logical vicinity where access may be created. It does not imply any particular alignment through any particular house block. Each access point would be subject to extensive environmental, social, planning and other practical considerations as well as detailed engagement with all parties, with a focus on facilitating long term public access rather than by a specific type of construction.	could travel along property boundaries if the land isn't subdivided in the long term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider illustrating these connections differently (diagrammatically), where possible.
7. Concern that a public trail would be provided along the coastal foreshore that would impact on character, natural values, penguins and the private golf course.	The intent illustrated in the Plan is to ensure a public coastal foreshore corridor protects viewing, heritage, character, habitat protection and public access for the wider community's benefit. No defined route is proposed, nor the nature of a trail, (which may be an unsealed track). All investigations into alignment would be subject to site specific, social and environmental considerations, stakeholder engagement as well as an assessment of the feasibility of any proposed alignment.	
8. Questioning a public parkland to extend the current community garden area- as other sites available	One of the objectives of the plan is to provide adequately sized parcels of open space that complement foreshore-based parks and support use by a range people of different age groups and abilities. Nothing in the proposal is contrary to the issues identified by the community. We disagree with the response: "Beaches are the same as parks."	No change
9. The importance of the Pilot Station as a social family recreation area	Whilst the historic site may be accessible to the public due to the generosity of the current lessee the area is not a designated public reserve for recreation.	Some further investigation of the conditions of the lease agreement may be warranted if there is an opportunity to promote an area of site for public recreation.
10. Need For a path from Eastern Beach Road to Gunns Parade	Planning for this path is in progress. The notion of having a trail along the corridor may have been misinterpreted to be through the vegetated corridor.	No change
11. Parking	This plan focuses on the needs for residents in the long-term that may also support visitor use. There is no intention that these public open space corridors proposed would become significant tourist facilities.	No change

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	The need for any public support facilities would be assessed at the time of detailed site investigations and trail planning and site feasibility assessment.	
12. Need for a dog off leash area	A dog off leash area is currently provided on the beach. No additional suitable site was able to be identified at this stage.	No change
13. Several respondents would like a trail route from Bell Buoy to Low Head / GT asap.	This corridor is proposed for investigation.	No change
14. The majority of respondents expressed 'walking' was their activity of choice when using public open space.	This data expresses the demand for a variety of trails for all ages and abilities in both Low Head and George Town. This reinforces the need and interest in increased trail routes over the longer-term for the municipality.	No change

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Sponsorship Program Application 2024/2025
Application No. sponsor04 From George Town Neighbourhood House Inc
Form Submitted 19 May 2025, 3:41PM AEST

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IMPORTANT: Please read information below to assist you in completing your application online.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Welcome to the George Town Council's online Minor Community Events Sponsorship Fund application service, powered by [SmartyGrants](#).

You may begin anywhere in this application form. Please ensure you save as you go.

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Before completing this application form, check that both your organisation and your project is eligible under the [Guidelines](#). The Guidelines provide essential information that will assist you in preparing an application.

Information for Applicants

The George Town Council is pleased to work in partnership and offer incentive and support for community events held in the George Town municipality that contribute to the development of a strong, vibrant and connected community. The provision of sponsorship funds is a mechanism by which Council furthers its strategic goals and objectives and supports sustainable community development.

The fund is focused on assisting events which deliver mutual benefit to Council and the applicant organisation, as well as specific community benefit outcomes that align with Council's strategic goals and objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan.

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If you have any questions in regards to these eligibility criteria, please Council on 6382 8800 or email - council@georgetown.tas.gov.au

The sponsorship program is available all year. Please ensure you apply at least 8 weeks prior to the event.

Privacy Statement

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1. Assessment Criteria

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Criteria Confirmation by Applicant Organisation

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I confirm that the applicant ...

- Has read and understands the Minor Community Events Sponsorship Program Guidelines.
- Has met the criteria checklist above.
- Does not owe any reports or money to George Town Council as a result of previous funding or grants.
- Is an incorporated not for profit, or auspiced by an incorporated organisation, and/or have an ABN.
- Is located within and/or work within the George Town municipal area.
- Is inclusive in its membership and supportive of the broader community;
- Is located and operating in the George Town municipal area;
- Is not subject to any legal impediment or adverse circumstances.
- Has public liability insurance of \$20,000,000 demonstrated by the provision of a Certificate of Currency

This Minor Community Events Sponsorship Program will NOT support :-

- Ongoing administration and running costs
- Trophies or prize money
- Political activities
- Professional fundraising organisations
- Community organisations / groups with outstanding grant acquittals. All previous Council grants, where an acquittal is due, must be acquitted to a satisfactory standard. Unacquitted or unsatisfactory acquitted grants will deem an application ineligible.

Please select to confirm your Minor Community Events Sponsorship request meets the above conditions *

- ☒ I confirm the above conditions

Please upload your Public Liability Insurance certificate of currency *

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2. Applicants Details

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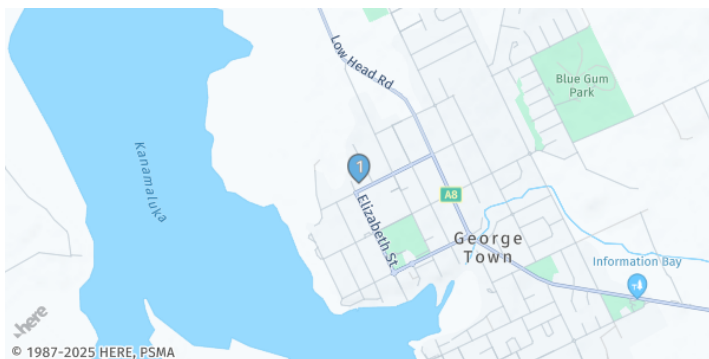
George Town Neighbourhood House Inc

Please use your organisation's full name. Check your spelling and make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Applicant Primary Address

187 Agnes St
George Town TAS 7253 Australia

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Applicant Postal Address *

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George Town TAS 7253 Australia
Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Applicant Website (if applicable)

<http://www.gtnh.org.au>

Must be a URL

Primary Contact Person *

Mrs Jessica Berger
This is the person we will correspond with about this grant

How long has your Organisation been operating in the George Town municipality?

*

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Number of Volunteers / Employees *

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Contact Phone Number *

(03) 6312 3019

Primary contact person's email address *

jessica.berger@gtnh.org.au

This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

3. Organisation Details

*** indicates a required field**

Briefly outline your organisation's background and current activities *

The George Town Neighbourhood House is a community-driven Public Benevolent Institution established to address structural disadvantages and foster resilience in the George Town Municipality. Governed by volunteers and funded through state grants, donations, and Commonwealth support, we offers low-cost services, workshops, and aid to vulnerable

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groups while hosting social events, skill-sharing programs, and advocacy initiatives to combat isolation and systemic issues like poverty. We emphasise inclusivity and humor, creating a welcoming space for connection and empowerment.

How long has your organisation been operating in the George Town municipality *
42 years

How many active members do you have *
41

What sections of the community benefit directly from your organisation / group / club? *

The George Town Neighbourhood House (GTNH) serves a diverse range of community members. Key beneficiaries include:

Disadvantaged Individuals and Families
Seniors and Socially Isolated Individuals
Individuals Seeking Skill Development
Marginalised Groups and Broader Community
Youth and Families

ABN Details

Does your organisation have an ABN? *
☒ Yes ☐ No

ABN *
79 946 603 764

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	79 946 603 764
Entity name	GEORGE TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
ABN status	Active
Entity type	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	Yes
DGR Endorsed	Yes (Item 1)
ATO Charity Type	Public Benevolent Institution More information
ACNC Registration	Registered
Tax Concessions	FBT Exemption, GST Concession, Income Tax Exemption
Main business location	7253 TAS

Information retrieved at 3:50am today

Must be an ABN

Legal Structure

What is your organisation legal structure? *

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- ☒ Incorporated association or organisation
☐ Unincorporated association or organisation
☐ Other:
If your organisation is unincorporated it must have an auspice organisation

Please provide a copy of your Organisations Certificate of Incorporation.

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4. Event Details

*** indicates a required field**

Name of Event to be sponsored *

George Town New Year's Eve Extravaganza

Provide a name for your project/program/initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive

Anticipated start date *

31/12/2025

Anticipated end date *

01/01/2026

If unknown, provide your best guess or leave blank If unknown, provide your best guess or leave blank

Location *

George Town

Please provide a brief description of the Event. *

A vibrant community Celebration is being planned for George Town (exact location to be confirmed). This free, family-friendly event will feature a wide range of food and drink options, live entertainment, and engaging activities for all ages. Local vendors and performers will be central to the event, providing an inclusive platform to showcase their talents and offerings. Businesses will have equal opportunities to participate, helping to promote local enterprise. The celebration will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display. We anticipate attendance of at least 5,000 people, with the potential to attract up to 8,000 attendees.

Must be no more than 100 words.

Please include details of the event including location and how many people you are expecting to attend

How did you determine a need for this Event. *

Based on attendance and community feedback from previous events, we have identified a clear need for the upcoming event. Feedback from the most recent event was favourable, indicating that the event is increasingly becoming a highly anticipated annual gathering for the community.

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Please list objectives and outcomes *

The community event aims to foster unity, belonging, and social connection through inclusive participation. It provides a platform for local businesses to showcase their products and services, supporting the local economy. Entertainment and recreational activities promote enjoyment and well-being for all ages. The event also supports future initiatives through fundraising efforts. Outcomes include stronger community ties, increased local engagement, economic stimulation through tourism and spending, and the creation of shared traditions. By building lasting memories, the event encourages continued community involvement and establishes a meaningful legacy for future gatherings.

Must be no more than 100 words.

Describe how this event will connect the broader community. Include volunteers of the project in this response.

Please briefly explain how these will be achieved *

These objectives will be achieved through careful planning, strong community engagement, and collaboration with local stakeholders. The event will be widely promoted to encourage broad participation, ensuring inclusivity across age groups and cultural backgrounds. Local businesses and community groups will be invited to host stalls and activities, providing them with visibility while stimulating local commerce. A diverse program of entertainment, food, and recreational activities will be curated to appeal to a wide audience, enhancing community enjoyment and well-being. Volunteers and local organisations will play key roles in event delivery, fostering ownership and stronger social connections. Fundraising initiatives, including raffles and donations, will support the sustainability of future events. Feedback will be collected to inform future planning and improvements. By creating a vibrant, welcoming space that celebrates local identity and encourages shared experiences, the event will lay the foundation for enduring community traditions and continued public enthusiasm for future gatherings.

Must be no more than 150 words.

Please detail

Please explain how you will monitor and measure the objectives of your Event. *

1. Surveys and/or Feedback Forms: Distributing surveys or feedback forms to attendee after the event can provide valuable insights into their experiences, satisfaction levels, and whether the event met their expectations.
2. Attendance Numbers: Having free tickets people register for that ask for their postcode will monitor where attendees are coming from and can help gauge community engagement and interest in the festivities.
3. Vendor Participation and Sales: Monitoring vendor participation and sales figures can indicate the level of promotion and support provided to local businesses, as well as the event's economic impact.
4. Social Media Engagement: Analysing social media metrics such as likes, shares, comments, and hashtag usage related to the event can provide real-time feedback and measure community engagement online.
5. Community Partnerships: Assessing the level of collaboration and involvement from community partners, such as local organisations or government agencies, can indicate the event's effectiveness in fostering community connections and support.
6. Fundraising Goals: Tracking progress towards fundraising goals and the amount of funds raised can measure the event's success in providing a fund for the next years event.

Will you be able to conduct a visitor survey?

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- ☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

Please select the criteria that applies to your Event. *

- ☒ Aligns with or support Council's future direction
☒ Responds to demonstrated needs and concerns of the community;
☒ Demonstrates wide community support;
☒ Supports and enhance the cultural life of George Town;
☒ Enhances the image of the town as a vibrant place to live and visit;
☒ Enhances community life by providing opportunities for participants to build relationships and networks.
☐ Other

At least 1 choice and no more than 6 choices may be selected.

Please outline how you will meet the selection criteria you selected *

Aligns with Council's Future Direction

The event supports Council's goals of fostering cultural vibrancy, community cohesion, and tourism. By showcasing local talent and offering opportunities to local business and vendors for the event. The event also is aiming to bring tourists to the event and add to the towns economy whilst here.

Responds to Community Needs

Addresses the lack of family-friendly, inclusive New Year's Eve celebrations in George Town. The event is free and offers a variety of different entertainment and activities some low cost some no cost, directly tackling local concerns about affordability and social isolation.

Demonstrates Wide Community Support- last years event seen 67% of attendees were George Town Municipality Locals, this demonstrates wide support for the event by the George Town community

Enhances Cultural Life.

Features performances by local talents and other Tasmanian performers bring vitality to the event and enhancing the culture of the George Town Community and celebrating what makes us brilliant.

Promotes George Town as a Vibrant place to live.

A fireworks display, live music, and pop-up installations will attract over 4000 attendees, including visitors from neighboring regions. Media partnerships and social media campaigns will amplify the town's reputation as a dynamic destination.

Builds Relationships and Networks

Interactive workshops and market stalls encourage connection. Volunteer opportunities (e.g., event setup crews) foster teamwork, while partnerships with schools and clubs ensure cross-generational participation.

Are any approvals required to complete the Event? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

See Event Planning Toolkit via website

Please list approvals and authorising agent. Pre-approvals must be in place before sponsorship will be considered

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Authorising agent or organisation	Type of approval required	What stage are you at?
George Town Council	Event Approval	No approvals submitted *
WorkSafe	Fireworks Approval	No approvals submitted

Describe how this Event will comply with any COVID-19 legislation. Please visit the [Tasmanian Government's website](#) for current legislation.

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Events in Tasmania are no longer regulated by specific COVID-19 Public Health Guidelines. But we will encourage patrons to social distance where possible and not attend the event if unwell. Sanitiser will be available at food stalls.

Acknowledgement of Council's Assistance

Describe how you will acknowledge the assistance of the George Town Council *

- ☒ Display Council's Logo on all sponsored event material
- ☒ Letter of thanks to George Town Council
- ☒ Invitation to the Mayor to be given the opportunity to address the patrons
- ☒ Invitation to the Councillors, George Town Council's General Manager and the Mayor and his/her partner to attend the Event
- ☒ Provision of photos to Council post the project.
- ☒ Acknowledgement in any media
- ☐ Other:

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Please upload any supporting evidence, letters of support etc

No files have been uploaded

5. Budget

*** indicates a required field**

Total Amount Requested *	\$20,000.00 What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?
Total Event *	\$75,000.00 What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your event, program or project?

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Budget

Please outline your Event budget in the income and expenditure tables below, including details of other funding that you have applied for, whether it has been confirmed or not. Provide clear descriptions for each budget item in the 'Income' and 'Expenditure' columns

- **Your budget MUST balance which means your income and expenditure must be the same.**
- **EXAMPLES OF INCOME** could include Council's Community Grant', sponsorship, grants from other sources, contributions by the applicant or other project partners.
- **EXAMPLES OF EXPENSES** could equipment purchases, training resources, catering, payments to contractors,
- For expense items over \$250, quotes will need to be provided in the file upload area below the tables.
- Please **do not add commas** to figures – e.g. type \$1000 not \$1,000 – this will ensure your figures for each table total correctly.

If your organisation **IS** registered for GST, please provide **GST exclusive** amounts in your budget. Council will add GST to the amount funded, should your application be successful. If your organisation **IS NOT** registered for GST, your expenses should **include GST**, where applicable.

Income Description	Income Type	Confirmed Funding?	Income Amount (\$)	Notes
Council Sponsorship	Sponsorship *	Unconfirmed *	\$20,000.00	
Festival Grant	Other Grants	Unconfirmed	\$30,000.00	
George Town Neighbourhood House	Applicant	Confirmed	\$20,000.00	
Events Tasmania Marketing Grant	Other Grants	Unconfirmed	\$5,000.00	

Expenditure Description	Expenditure Type	Expenditure Amount (\$)	Notes
Fireworks	Project and Production *	\$19,945.00	
Insurance, Security, First Aid	Project and Production	\$5,791.00	
Attractions	Project and Production	\$14,398.00	
Music	Project and Production	\$19,000.00	
Advertising and personnel costs	Administrative and Infrastructure	\$8,700.00	

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Other	Other Expenditure	\$7,166.00	
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Budget Totals

Total Income Amount	Total Expenditure Amount	Income - Expenditure
\$75,000.00 This number/amount is calculated.	\$75,000.00 This number/amount is calculated.	0 This number/amount is calculated. This amount should be zero - your income and expenditure need to be the same

Please attach quotes for those expenditure (cost) items over \$250

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What other inputs will you need in order to successfully carry out this Event?

Confirmed?

Non-financial inputs could include volunteer time / expertise, in-kind contributions, and other types of support.	
Volunteers	Confirmed

6. Applicant Capacity

*** indicates a required field**

Now that we know about your Event, we want to find out more about your organisation's ability to undertake the project your propose. Please provide some information about your organisation that will give us confidence that you can manage the Event. *

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The George Town Neighbourhood House has successfully delivered this Event since 2019, with only a one-year hiatus. Despite challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, the Event has continued to grow in size and impact each year. Our most recent Event attracted 4,202 attendees — a testament to its popularity and our ability to manage large-scale community events effectively.

We take a continuous improvement approach, using feedback and experience from each year to enhance the next. This ensures the Event evolves in response to community needs and expectations.

Beyond this Event, the George Town Neighbourhood House coordinates a range of other successful community programs and events, including International Women's Day celebrations, George Town Community Markets, and Neighbour Day activities. These demonstrate our capability to plan, promote, and deliver both large and small events that are inclusive, well-attended, and delivered within budget.

Our team is experienced and qualified in community engagement, project coordination, and budget management. We work closely with local stakeholders, volunteers, and service providers to ensure our events are safe, accessible, and enriching for all.

Must be no more than 250 words.

Include in this section information about your strategies for providing the inputs (money, staff/volunteers time/expertise, equipment, facilities, in-kind contributions, etc.) and how you will project manage this event in the required timeframe, inclusive of risk management policy. Provide information also about any past work that may demonstrate your organisation's capacity to manage this event planning..

7. Applicant Declaration

*** indicates a required field**

Certification

This section must be completed by an appropriately authorised person on behalf of the applicant business (may be different to the contact person listed earlier in this application form).

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made within this application are true and correct, and I understand that if the applicant business is approved for this grant, we will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant as outlined in the letter of approval.

I agree *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name of authorised person *

Mrs Jessica Berger

Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

Position

Administration, Grants and Marketing

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Contact phone number *

(03) 6312 3019

Must be an Australian phone number.

We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

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Contact Email * jessica.berger@gtnh.org.au
Must be an email address.

Date * 19/05/2025
Must be a date

8. Applicant Feedback

*** indicates a required field**

Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

Please indicate how you found the online application process:

☐ Very easy ☒ Easy ☐ Neutral ☐ Difficult ☐ Very difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application? *

80

Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour = 60

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider.

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Associations Incorporation Act 1964
Section 8

Incorporation Number: IA09062

Certificate of Incorporation

This is to certify that

**GEORGE TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
INC.**

is, on and from the twelfth day of October 2004
incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1964.

Dated this twelfth day of October 2004



Commissioner for Corporate Affairs

Certificate

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CERTIFICATE OF CURRENCY

This is to certify that this Ansvar Insurance policy of insurance is current as at the date of issue of this Certificate of Currency, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy indemnifying the Insured as follows:

Date of Issue:	04 December 2024	
Policy Number:	722064	
Name of Insured:	George Town Neighbourhood House Inc	
Policy Type:	Ansvar Commercial Insurance - Community Service Organisation	
Situation of Risk:	Anywhere in Australia	
Description of Cover:	Directors and Officers:	\$1,000,000
	Entity Liability:	\$1,000,000
	Entity Reimbursement:	\$1,000,000
	Employment Practices Liability:	\$500,000
	Trustees Liability:	\$1,000,000
	Statutory Liability:	\$1,000,000
	Internet Liability:	\$500,000
	Entity Crisis cover:	\$100,000
	Fidelity - Employee:	\$50,000
	Fidelity – Third Party:	\$50,000
	Tax Audit:	\$20,000
	Personal Accident – Volunteers Capital Benefit:	\$100,000
	Personal Accident – Members Capital Benefit:	Not Insured
	Personal Accident – Child/Student Capital Benefit (Adult):	Not Insured
	Personal Accident – Child/Student Capital Benefit (Child):	Not Insured
	Professional Indemnity:	\$1,000,000
	General Public Liability:	\$10,000,000
	General Product Liability:	\$10,000,000
	Counsellors Liability:	\$1,000,000
	Sexual Abuse:	Not Insured
Business Description:	Welfare counselling / welfare service	
Period of Insurance:	from 4:00pm 06/12/2024 to 4:00pm 06/12/2025	