



GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

Notice is hereby given
that the next Ordinary Council Meeting
will be held on
Tuesday 22 July 2025

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

commencing 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 2025.

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

Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

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Meeting Commencing 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

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

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

All meetings of the Council shall be digitally recorded as provided for by Regulation 43 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 except for the proceedings of meetings or parts of meetings closed to the public in accordance with Regulation 17(2).

In accordance with the requirements of Council's Audio Recording of Council Meetings Policy GTC 1, members of the public are not permitted to make audio recordings of Council meetings.

The community are requested to pre-register to attend this meeting of Council.

All documents presented, and recordings (audio) of this meeting are made available to the public in accordance with the above Act and Notice, and the standard applicable provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, and Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

The Chairperson advised the meeting that:

- (a) an audio is being made of the meeting; and*
- (b) all persons attending the meeting are to be respectful of, and considerate towards, other persons attending the meeting; and*
- (c) language and conduct at the meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person attending the meeting, or listening to the recording, is not acceptable.*

1 PRESENT

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 24 JUNE 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 24 June 2025 numbered 81/25 to 96/25 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings. (Attached)

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME PROCEDURE

[Refer to Minute No. 243/16. The period set aside for public question time will be at least 15 minutes. Questions given on notice will be addressed first. Once questions on notice have been addressed, persons who have registered their interest to ask a question will be called to do so in the order in which they have registered. Persons attending Council meetings will have the opportunity to register their interest to ask a question without notice prior to the commencement of the meeting. Council staff will be on hand to assist with this process.]

Participants cannot ask more than 2 questions in a row with a maximum of 2 minutes per question. If a person has more than (2) questions, they will be placed at the 'end of the queue' and may, if time permits, ask their further questions once all other persons have had an opportunity to ask questions. Persons who have not registered their interest to ask a question will be given an opportunity to do so following all those who have registered. All questions must be directed to the Chairperson.

For further information on Council's Public Question Time Rules and Procedure, please refer to George Town Council Public Question Time Policy GTC13.

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

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

5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

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5.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced at:

Concluded at:

5.4 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(Refer to Minute No. 425/00, which states in part, “that a copy of all written replies to questions from the Public Gallery be included in the following Council Agenda.”)

Nil.

6 GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION

I certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendations provided to Council with this Agenda:

- the advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and
- where any advice is given directly to Council by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice, the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.



Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65

65. Qualified persons

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

7 PLANNING AUTHORITY

Councils are a planning authority. Each council acts as the planning authority for their municipality. In this role, councillors consider development applications and make administrative decisions that are based on the council's planning scheme. While councillors are obliged to consider the community's views, this does not mean they can vote in favour of those views while fulfilling the role of a planning authority. Councillors must make planning decisions based on whether a planning application is consistent with the local planning scheme, even if members of the community object to the planning proposal.

Nil.

8 OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS JUNE AND JULY 2025

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE: 17 July 2025
FILE NO: 14.10
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a record of workshops held in accordance with the requirements of Section 10(3)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

DATE AND PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP HELD

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2025

- Planning and Building Update
- Capital Works Update
- Agenda Review
- Governance Issues

Present: Mayor Greg Kieser, Cr Winston Archer, Cr Heather Ashley
Cr Heather Barwick, Cr Tim Harris, Cr Simone Lowe,
Cr Winston Mason, Cr Jason Orr

Apologies: Deputy Mayor Greg Dawson
Director Organisational Performance & Strategy

In Attendance: General Manager
Director Corporate & Community
Director Infrastructure & Development
Senior Executive Assistant & Governance Officer

TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025

- Unconfirmed Minutes Ordinary Council meeting held 24 June 2025
- Unconfirmed Minutes Closed Ordinary Council meeting held 24 June 2025
- Main Works Proposal – Aquatic Centre
- Three Trails – Presentation
- Local Government (Meeting Procedures) and (General) Regulations 2025
- Draft Annual Plan 2025/2026
- Quarterly Report Review
- Weymouth Recreation Ground
- Beechford Recreation Ground
- Hillwood Hub

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- Lulworth Recreation Community Space – Crown Licence
- Sponsorship Request – Presentation
- Sponsorship Applications:
 - George Town Neighbourhood House
 - George Town Folk Club
 - George Town Saints Netball Association
- Audit Panel
- Peter Cox (OAM) naming of walkway
- YMCA EOI
- Councillors/General Manager Discussions

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

Apologies: Nil.

In Attendance: General Manager
Director Corporate & Community
Director Infrastructure & Development
Director Organisational Performance & Strategy
Executive Assistant
Administrative Officer

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030:

Future Direction Four- Leadership and Accountable Governance

33. Fair and open planning regulatory processes

- i. There is community knowledge and understanding of planning and regulatory responsibilities and processes

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

This report is provided in accordance with Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, Section 10(3)(c). Risk implications are therefore considered to be low.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

DIVERSITY, EQUITABLE ACCESS AND INCLUSION CONSIDERATIONS

The Diversity, Equitable Access and Inclusion Policy aligns with the following goals and objectives of the Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030.

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George Town Council is committed to maximising access and inclusion to services, facilities, features and activities for all within the community, regardless of ability, literacy, numeracy and language limitations, age, race, religion or other, within all aspects of Council.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Support the motion as presented; or
2. Support the motion with amendment; or
3. Not support the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Nil.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the report on the Council Workshops held on the 24 June 2025 and 8 July 2025.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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8.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION TASMANIA (LGAT) GENERAL MEETING 25 JULY 2025

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	14 July 2025
FILE NO:	15.15
ATTACHMENTS:	1. 25 July 2025 - General Meeting Agenda & Attachments (extract) [8.2.1 - 9 pages]

SUMMARY

The Council is to provide voting preferences to the Mayor (or proxy) in respect to the motions for which notice has been given for the upcoming Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting scheduled for 25 July 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) is the voice of local government in Tasmania. LGAT works to protect the interests and rights of councils, to promote the efficient operation of local government and to foster strategic and beneficial relationships.

LGAT has been the peak body for local government in Tasmania for over 100 years (founded 1911) and is part of a national network of associations. It is funded by councils and other income earned through projects sponsored on behalf of local government, and a range of services and sponsorships. LGAT is an incorporated body under the Local Government Act 1993 (source: www.lgat.tas.gov.au).

The LGAT Agenda for the General Meeting and Annual General Meeting being held 25 July 2025 are available via LGAT's website www.lgat.tas.gov.au.

Council has received notice of a motions being tabled by Hobart City Council and the Policy Director, LGAT for:

- Better Active Transport Grant Program (Hobart City Council)
- Rating of New Energy Developments (LGAT)

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030:

Future Direction Four - Leadership and Accountable Governance

32. Collaborative working relationships with neighbouring Councils and regional organisations
 - i. Positive working relationships exist with neighbouring Councils

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- ii. George Town is active in regional development and works collaboratively on beneficial regional initiatives

Future Direction Four- Leadership and Accountable Governance

33. Fair and open planning regulatory processes

- i. There is community knowledge and understanding of planning and regulatory responsibilities and processes

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

The following extract from the LGAT General Meeting Rules provides the following:

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

RULES REGARDING CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

13. WHO MAY ATTEND A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

- (a) *Subject to Rule 13(f), each Member shall be entitled to send a Voting Representative to any Meeting of the Association, such Voting Representative exercising the number of votes determined according to Rule 16(a).*
- (b) *In addition to the requirements set out in Rule 13(f), after each ordinary Council Election, the Chief Executive Officer shall request each Member to advise the name of its Voting Representative and the proxy for the Voting Representative for Meetings of the Association until the next ordinary Council Elections.*
- (c) *Subject to Rule 13(f), Members may change their Voting Representative or proxy at any time by advising the Chief Executive Officer in writing of the Voting Representative prior to that representative taking his or her position at a Meeting of the Association.*
- (d) *A list of Voting Representatives will be made available at the commencement of any Meeting of the Association.*
- (e) *Members may send other elected members or Council officers as observers to any Meeting of the Association.*
- (f) *Each Member must provide the Association with written notice of the details of the Voting Representative who was by a resolution of the Member lawfully appointed as the Voting Representative of the Member at a Meeting of the Association.*

14. PROXIES AT MEETINGS

- (a) *Up to 1 hour prior to any Meeting of the Association, a Member may appoint another Member as its proxy.*
- (b) *The form of the proxy is to be provided by the Chief Executive Officer and is to be signed by either the Mayor or General Manager of the Council appointing the proxy.*
- (c) *The Chair of the meeting is not entitled to inquire as to whether the proxy has cast any vote in accordance with the wishes of the Member appointing the proxy.*
- (d) *Proxies count for the purposes of voting and quorum at any meeting.*

15. QUORUM AT MEETINGS

- (a) *At any Meeting of the Association, a majority of the Member Councils shall constitute a quorum.*

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- (b) *If a quorum is not present within one hour after the time appointed for the commencement of a Meeting of the Association, the meeting is to be adjourned to a time and date specified by the Chair.*

16. VOTING AT MEETINGS

- (a) *Voting at any Meeting of the Association shall be upon the basis of each Voting Representative being provided with, immediately prior to the meeting, an electronic voting button or placard which is to be used for the purpose of voting at the meeting. The placard will be coloured according to voting entitlement and the voting buttons will be coded according to voting entitlement:*

Population of the Council Area	Number of votes entitled to be exercised by the Voting Representative	Colour placard to be raised by the Voting Representative when voting
<i>Under 10,000</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Red</i>
<i>10,000 – 19,999</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>20,000 – 39,999</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Blue</i>
<i>40,000 and above</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Green</i>

- (b) *Electronic voting buttons will be the first choice for voting on all decisions, with placards only to be used if the technology fails.*
- (c) *Voting buttons allow councils to vote for or against a motion or formally abstain from voting. An abstain is not to be taken as a negative vote.*
- (d) *The Chair of the meeting shall be entitled to rely upon the electronic vote or the raising of a coloured placard as the recording of the vote for the Member and as evidence of the number of votes being cast.*
- (e) *Except as provided in sub-rule (f), each question, matter or resolution shall be decided by a majority of the votes for a motion. If there is an equal number of votes upon any question, it shall be declared not carried.*
- (f)
- (i) *When a vote is being taken to amend a Policy of the Association, the resolution must be carried by a majority of the votes capable of being cast by Members present at the meeting.*
- (ii) *When a vote is being taken for the Association to sign a protocol, memorandum of understanding or partnership agreement, the resolution must be carried by a majority of votes capable of being cast by Members and by a majority of Members, whether present at the meeting or not.*
- (iii) *When a vote is being taken to amend these Rules of the Association, the resolution must be carried by at least two-thirds of the votes capable of being cast by Members, whether present at the meeting or not.*
- (g) *A Voting Representative or his or her proxy in the name of the Member is entitled to vote on any matter considered at a Meeting of the Association.*
- (h) *In respect of a Meeting of the Association held solely or partly by using technology as permitted by Rule 11(d):*
- (i) *other than the table at Rule 16(a), Rules 16(a) to (d) will not apply to voting at those meetings;*
- (ii) *the General Management Committee will determine the method of voting in lieu of electronic voting buttons and placards; and*

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- (iii) *for the avoidance of doubt, each Member must be permitted to exercise the number of votes determined according to the table at Rule 16(a).*

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

No risks are identified subject to voting preferences aligning with Council resolution, George Town Council Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030 and adopted Council policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications include travel and accommodation costs associated with attending LGAT meetings by elected members and the General Manager in accordance with Council Policy. Such costs are accommodated for within the adopted 2025/2026 budget.

DIVERSITY, EQUITABLE ACCESS AND INCLUSION CONSIDERATIONS

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CONSULTATION

A copy of the LGAT agenda was published via LGAT's website www.lgat.tas.gov.au and emailed to elected members.

OPTIONS

Council may choose:

1. That Council determines that the Mayor be authorised to vote at the LGAT General Meeting 25 July 2025, in accordance with Council's strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions with due consideration of any conference debate on items listed for decision at that meeting;

OR

2. That Council considers and provides voting preferences to the Mayor for the LGAT General Meeting 25 July 2025 as determined by the Chair (usually a show of hands or verbal confirmation) in respect to each individual item listed below and formally endorses that direction;

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

As in previous years, Council is requested to provide voting direction to the Council delegate (the Mayor or proxy), on the items listed for decision, items for noting and items for discussion for LGAT General Meetings.

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George Town Council has not submitted any items for members' decision for inclusion in the 25 July 2025 LGAT General Meeting agenda.

LGAT General Meeting Agenda 25 July 2025 Item No.	Items for Decision	Council Decision
2.1	<p>Motion – Better Active Transport Grant Program (City of Hobart)</p> <p>Decision Sought</p> <p>That the Local Government Association of Tasmania lobby the Tasmanian Government to commit to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reinstate the Tasmanian Government's Better Active Transport Grant Program; and2. Increase the ongoing annual funding of the Better Active Transport Grant Program to not less than 1 per cent of the annual roads budget.	
2.2	<p>Rating of New Energy Developments (LGAT Policy Director)</p> <p>Decision Sought</p> <p>That members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Endorse the position that, where relevant, Tasmanian councils differentially rate renewable energy facilities in alignment with the Victorian Payment in Lieu of Rates (PiLoR) charges, or less• Note LGAT will undertake the work outlined the in attached paper to support his.	

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Determines that the Mayor is authorised to vote at the LGAT General Meeting 25 July 2025, in accordance with Council's strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions with due consideration of any conference debate on items listed for decision at that meeting.

DECISION

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Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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8.3 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025/2026

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	1 July 2025
FILE NO:	17.4
ATTACHMENTS:	1. 1607 George Town Council Annual Plan 2025-26 - V 4 [8.3.1 - 40 pages]

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the 2025/2025 Annual Plan for adoption.

BACKGROUND

Council's Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030 (adopted 28 May 2024 Ordinary Council meeting) guides future planning and investment decisions based on the agreed four Future Directions being:

- Community Pride
- Prosperity for all in all aspects of life
- Progressive well-resourced communities
- Leadership and accountable governance

The Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030 establishes Strategic Priorities to achieve the Desired Outcomes for each Future Direction.

The draft 2025/2026 Annual Plan will be the sixth plan to be developed to deliver the Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030. The Annual Plan will incorporate the adopted 2025/2026 budget estimates in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and applicable Australian Accounting Standards. The Annual Plan includes specific actions to be delivered in 2025/2026 and continues Council's journey to achieve the Future Directions of its Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030.

The actions within the Annual Plan range from strategic planning, infrastructure projects, economic development, tourism, enhanced cultural awareness and reconciliation efforts, support and participation in key community and business groups and seeks to achieve greater social and health outcomes for the community.

The Annual Plan also establishes the performance measures in which the community will hold Council to account which are reported on a quarterly basis to the community.

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Future Direction Three - Community Pride

23. All communities take pride in their place
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- i. There is community pride in place, who we are, what we do and how we do it

Future Direction Four - Leadership and Accountable Governance

27. A culture of engagement, communication and participation

- i. Community views are heard through skilled, trusted and inclusive community engagement processes

Future Direction Four- Leadership and Accountable Governance

33. Fair and open planning regulatory processes

- i. There is community knowledge and understanding of planning and regulatory responsibilities and processes

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993 requires:

71. Annual plan

- (1) *A council is to prepare an annual plan for the municipal area for each financial year.*
- (2) *An annual plan is to –*
 - (a) *be consistent with the strategic plan; and*
 - (b) *include a statement of the manner in which the council is to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan; and*
 - (c) *include a summary of the estimates adopted under [section 82](#) ; and*
 - (d) *include a summary of the major strategies to be used in relation to the council's public health goals and objectives.*
- (3) *As soon as practicable after a council adopts an annual plan, the general manager is to –*
 - (a) *make a copy of the annual plan available for public inspection at the public office during ordinary business hours; and*
 - (b) *provide the Director and the Director of Public Health with a copy of the annual plan.*

- George Town Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030
- George Town Council's Advocacy Plan

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Risk associated with the adoption of the draft 2025/2026 Annual Plan is considered low.

The Annual Plan will be developed in direct alignment with the Council's 2024-2030 Community Strategic Plan and Council's adopted budget for 2025/2026.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with the delivering of actions within the 2025/2026 Annual Plan will be accommodated in the 2025/2026 budget.

Costs associated with the design and printing of the adopted 2025/2026 Annual Plan are accommodated in the 2025/2026 operating budget.

DIVERSITY, EQUITABLE ACCESS AND INCLUSION CONSIDERATIONS

The Diversity, Equitable Access and Inclusion Policy aligns with the following goals and objectives of the Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030.

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CONSULTATION

The 2025/2026 Annual Plan has been developed to deliver on Council's 2024-2030 Community Strategic Plan. Extensive community consultation was undertaken in the review of the strategic plan.

The final draft of the 2025/2026 Annual Plan will be presented to elected members at the Council Workshop on 8 July 2025 Ordinary Council meeting.

Once endorsed, a copy will be provided to the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health. A copy will be made available for inspection at the Council office and via Council's website and will be released to the public through various media channels.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Support the motion as presented; or
2. Support the motion with amendment; or
3. Not support the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The draft Annual Plan meets Council's statutory and strategic obligations and establishes the performance measures for the organisation and Council for the 2025/2026 year.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2025/2026 Annual Plan.

DECISION

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Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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8.4 THREE TRAILS TOURISM PROJECT

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	16 July 2025
FILE NO:	28.30
ATTACHMENTS:	1. kanamaluka Story Telling Experience [8.4.1 - 9 pages] 2. GTC Colonial Trail [8.4.2 - 18 pages]

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to proceed with Stage One of the Three Trails Tourism Project.

BACKGROUND

Council at its meeting on 17 December 2024 endorsed its Advocacy Plan which includes 'Three Trails: One Big Story' project.

The project, encompassing George Town township, foreshore and Low Head, will attract and retain visitors to our region through trail-based immersive experiences, connecting the stories of First Nations people, European heritage and the enterprising and industrial development and spirit of our place. It will make use of a range of mediums, including the innovative technology of Augmented Reality, along three self-guided trails – the kanamaluka Trail (attached), Colonial/Heritage Trail (attached) and Enterprise Trail (to be developed).

Work to date has been on developing material for political consumption as part of advocacy efforts, unfortunately without success.

The project is supported by Bell Bay Aluminium who has provided \$100k funding. Council has approved a carry forward budget of \$100k (J90034) to match the funding.

Given advocacy efforts have not been successful to date, officers are recommending proceeding with Stage One of the project.

Scope of Stage One is envisaged to comprise:

- Promotional films
- Brochures
- Dedicated website
- Social media campaigns
- Targeted marketing plan
- Self-guided tour maps
- Interpretation signage design

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030:

Future Direction Two - Prosperity in all aspects of Life and Living

10. Growth in tourism yield
 - i. Compelling value propositional, brand and narrative supports the growth of the visitor economy
 - v. Cultural heritage interpretation supports a sense of place

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

- George Town Council Colonial Heritage Trail Concept Plan
- Kanamaluka Story Telling Experience
- George Town Council Advocacy Plan

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

There is a risk that future stages of the project will not be funded.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure to date has been funded by way of surplus funds from Visit Northern Tasmania.

The total anticipated project cost is \$2.5 million.

Stage one costs are estimated to be \$200k. Funding of stage one comprises a 50% contribution from Bell Bay Aluminium which council has already received, and 50% council contribution which has been approved as part of the carry forward projects.

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CONSULTATION

The George Town Council Colonial Heritage Trail Concept Plan and Kanamaluka Story Telling Experience have been distributed for consultation, however, it is acknowledged that the colonial trail requires further consultation with the George Town Heritage Society before implementation. The development of the Enterprise Trail has come at the request of the funding partner and requires consultation.

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Following a procurement process the project will be exhibited for public feedback.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Support the motion as presented; or
2. Support the motion with amendment; or
3. Not support the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

To enhance tourism in the region, the Three Trails Project will embrace new and innovative strategies that offer visitors engaging, hands-on experiences centered on George Town's rich colonial, cultural and industrial history. The project aligns with Council's ten-year Community Strategic Plan to increase tourism offerings and visitation.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Proceed with Stage One of the '*Three Trails: One Big Story*' project, utilising the \$100k contribution from Bell Bay Aluminium and the \$100k Council contribution from carry forward project J90034.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

9 INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

10.1 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - GEORGE TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director Corporate & Community - Ms C. Hyde
REPORT DATE:	22 July 2025
FILE NO:	23.9
ATTACHMENTS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Application-sponsor 04 [10.1.1 - 12 pages]2. COC Liability 24-25 (1) [10.1.2 - 1 page]3. incorporation certificate [10.1.3 - 1 page]4. Sponsorship Evaluation Spreadsheet 2025 2026 for agenda [10.1.4 - 1 page]

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the opportunity to consider the Neighbourhood House sponsorship application received by Council in the first instance on the 19th of May 2025 in line with the Council's 2025/2026 Sponsorship Program.

BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on the 17th of December 2024, endorsed the updated Sponsorship Policy – GTC-C-06. The development of the policy was in response to a request from Councillors to separate Sponsorship Policy (events) from the Community Assistance Policy (infrastructure and projects). The Sponsorship Policy provides for applications to be submitted to Council by organisations to seek sponsorship funding that will assist in the hosting of events in the George Town municipality.

One application has been received seeking sponsorship from Neighbourhood House for the George Town New Year's Eve Extravaganza 2025 and is being presented to Council for consideration.

George Town Neighbourhood House

Sponsorship Application Request - \$20,000

Event Description

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.

Objectives and Outcomes

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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.

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Future Direction One - Progressive well-resourced communities

6. Community celebrations build the areas identity

- i. Cultural, artistic and seasonal produce celebrations engage and build understanding of the community and its value proposition
- iii. New and creative ideas grow event attendance numbers
- v. All events include activities designed by young people

Future Direction Three - Community Pride

22. Everyone in our community is valued and included

- ii. Respect, inclusion and a sense of belonging is part of our community culture across all age groupings
- iv. Programs and events celebrate community achievements and build relationships

Future Direction Three - Community Pride

23. All communities take pride in their place

- i. There is community pride in place, who we are, what we do and how we do it

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Council's Policy GTC-C-06 Sponsorship Policy sets out the criteria for applications to be considered as follows.

Economic 25%

The ability of the proposed project/event to contribute to a measurable economic benefit in the George Town municipal area. The capacity to provide opportunities for local businesses to leverage the event.

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Tourism 25%

The ability of the project/event to increase visitation within the municipal area, or if the activity/event is held outside the municipality, it will provide direct tourism/economic benefits to the municipal area.

Marketing 20%

The degree to which the project/event proposes to increase the profile of the George Town municipality positively.

Cultural 10%

The degree to which the project/event assists in the development of an inclusive and strong community and increases participation in municipal life for all.

Inspired 10%

The degree to which the project/event has a point of difference from existing project/events. The degree to which the project activates spaces in the city, particularly during quiet periods/seasonal and unused spaces.

Competency 10%

Demonstrated experience; compliance with and capacity to; manage the project/event and sponsorship requirements. The project must demonstrate financial viability.

Comparative Evaluation is provided in the attachment.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Risks to Council when sponsoring events can be many and varied. Brand association is one such risk that can damage Council's reputation. The Council's reputation can also be jeopardised by sponsoring inappropriate activities held at events. Council's Sponsorship Policy addresses these risks by defining and making it clear that only 'Appropriate Associations' and 'Appropriate Activities' are to be considered for sponsorship.

Officers have assessed the sponsorship application and therefore have determined that the event entity and event activity are 'Appropriate Associations' and 'Appropriate Activities', that pose a minor risk to Council reputation.

Risks also exist around legislative requirements, public health and safety, the environment and wildlife. The applicant has a good history regarding the delivery of past events. They have provided their Public Liability Insurance and Certificate of Currency.

The applicant will be required to apply for and obtain permits as per Council's Event Planning Toolkit 2021 – 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Councils adopted 2025/2026 total sponsorship budget of \$40,000.

Council further approved Motion 90/25;

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That Council carry forward \$18,100 from the unspent sponsorship fund from the financial year 2024/2025 budget and the \$1,900 from the unspent community grants financial year 2024/2025 budget to be brought forward into the 2025/2026 financial year budget and request Neighbourhood House to submit their sponsorship application in its entirety for approval.

Total Sponsorship budget for 2025/2026 is \$60,000.

Applications received for 2025/2026:

George Town Neighbourhood House New Year's Eve Extravaganza 2025	TBC - \$20,000.00
George Town Netball Club	TBC - \$2,000
Tamar Valley Folk Festival	TBC - \$22,500
TOTAL	\$0

DIVERSITY, EQUITABLE ACCESS AND INCLUSION CONSIDERATIONS

The Diversity, Equitable Access and Inclusion Policy aligns with the following goals and objectives of the Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030.

George Town Council is committed to maximising access and inclusion to services, facilities, features and activities for all within the community, regardless of ability, literacy, numeracy and language limitations, age, race, religion or other, within all aspects of Council.

OTHER

Subject to approval or not approval, Neighbourhood House will need to get event approvals from Council to run this event, including Road Closures Permits, Event Permit, Risk and Emergency Management Plans, Traffic Management, Temporary Place of Assembly, Temporary Occupancy Permit, Waste Management.

CONSULTATION

Council had the opportunity to discuss at a Council workshop on Tuesday 11th of June 2025, the application was further presented to Council for consideration at Council Meeting on Tuesday 24th June 2025, where Council requested George Town Neighbourhood House to submit their application in its entirety, minute 90/25.

George Town Neighbourhood House attended the council workshop on 8 July 2025 with a presentation in support of their application.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Support the sponsorship application as presented; or
2. Support the sponsorship application with amendment; or
3. Not support the sponsorship application.

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OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Council has previously supported the New Years Eve event hosted by Neighbourhood House with a financial contribution of \$20,000 in 2023/2024, \$15,000 in 2022/2023 and \$10,000 on two other occasions. The event was well attended and received by the community. GTNH requested a quote and paid Council for installation of fencing for the event in 2024.

All requested information has been provided as requested by the George Town Neighbourhood House. Information of a commercial or confidential nature has not been provided in this report.

When acquitting the 2025 event, the organisers were requested to provide further information, as is common practice. The information provided, while not entirely complete or fully compliant with the agreement, was accepted by the Director of Corporate and Community. Acceptance was endorsed by the General Manager. Should this sponsorship application be successful, Council officers will work with the applicant to ensure all required information and actions are complete in accordance with the sponsorship agreement.

The application for the current year requests \$20,000 cash sponsorship. The event budget indicates the George Town Neighbourhood House will provide \$38,000 (through cash contribution and fundraising) of the \$63,000 budget representing more than 50% of the funding.

Considering the size of the event and community attendance, council officers' recommendation is to approve the sponsorship as presented for \$20,000.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Provides \$20,000 sponsorship to George Town Neighbourhood House towards the New Years Eve Event to be held in George Town on 31 December 2025.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

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VOTING

For:

Against:

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10.2 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - GEORGE TOWN FOLK CLUB

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director Corporate & Community - Ms C. Hyde
REPORT DATE:	22 July 2025
FILE NO:	25.2
ATTACHMENTS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Application-sponsor 05 [10.2.1 - 12 pages]2. AON Certificate of Currency - D 223788-004 [10.2.2 - 2 pages]3. Certificate of Incorporation [10.2.3 - 1 page]4. Sponsorship Evaluation Spreadsheet 2025 2026 for agenda [10.2.4 - 1 page]

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the opportunity to consider the George Town Folk Club's sponsorship application received by Council on the 30th of June 2025 in line with the Council's 2025/2026 Sponsorship Program.

BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held on the 17th of December 2024, endorsed the updated Sponsorship Policy – GTC-C-06. The development of the policy was in response to a request from Councillors to separate Sponsorship Policy (events) from the Community Assistance Policy (infrastructure and projects). The Sponsorship Policy provides for applications to be submitted to Council by organisations seeking sponsorship funding that will assist in the hosting of events in the George Town municipality.

One application has been received seeking sponsorship from the George Town Folk Club for the Tamar Valley Folk Festival 2026 and is presented to Council for consideration.

Tamar Valley Folk Festival

Sponsorship Application Request - \$20,000.00 plus in-kind support for facility hire and equipment hire.

Event Description

The Tamar Valley Folk Festival is a three-day Festival offering Concerts, themed Concerts, workshops, educational demonstrations, Poetry, Dancing, and Children's Events running over three days. Approximately 100 Musicians are employed from local, Regional, Intrastate, Interstate and Overseas. Volunteers organise and run the whole Festival. Additional Volunteers help on doors, stalls, Marshalling and First Aid. 40 hours of entertainment, some of those hours have multiple events happening at the same time.

Objectives and Outcomes

Providing Cultural experiences for our local children and adults, attracting visitors to experience what George Town has to offer by way of business, scenery, hospitality, friendship and encouraging repeat visits. Considering the cost of putting on Events, our Event is very cost effective. Our volunteers include Billet Hosts who accommodate Artists, those who help

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us on doors, handling money in the office, First Aid, Stage Managers, Production Managers, Hosts, MCs, these roles have provided training for young people enabled them to use those skills in other areas.

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Future Direction One - Progressive well-resourced communities

6. Community celebrations build the areas identity

- i. Cultural, artistic and seasonal produce celebrations engage and build understanding of the community and its value proposition
- iii. New and creative ideas grow event attendance numbers
- v. All events include activities designed by young people

Future Direction Three - Community Pride

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STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Council's Policy GTC-C-06 Sponsorship Policy sets out the criteria for applications to be considered as follows.

Economic 25%

The ability of the proposed project/event to contribute to a measurable economic benefit in the George Town municipal area. The capacity to provide opportunities for local businesses to leverage the event.

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Tourism 25%

The ability of the project/event to increase visitation within the municipal area, or if the activity/event is held outside the municipality, it will provide direct tourism/economic benefits to the municipal area.

Marketing 20%

The degree to which the project/event proposes to increase the profile of the George Town municipality positively.

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The degree to which the project/event assists in the development of an inclusive and strong community and increases participation in municipal life for all.

Inspired 10%

The degree to which the project/event has a point of difference from existing project/events. The degree to which the project activates spaces in the city, particularly during quiet periods/seasonal and unused spaces.

Competency 10%

Demonstrated experience; compliance with and capacity to; manage the project/event and sponsorship requirements. The project must demonstrate financial viability.

Comparative Evaluation is provided in the attachment.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Risks to Council when sponsoring events can be many and varied. Brand association is one such risk that can damage Council's reputation. The Council's reputation can also be jeopardised by sponsoring inappropriate activities held at events. Council's Sponsorship Policy addresses these risks by defining and making it clear that only 'Appropriate Associations' and 'Appropriate Activities' are to be considered for sponsorship.

Officers have assessed the sponsorship application and therefore have determined that the event entity and event activity are 'Appropriate Associations' and 'Appropriate Activities', that pose a minor risk to Council reputation.

Risks also exist around legislative requirements, public health and safety, the environment, and wildlife. The applicant has a good history regarding the delivery of past events. They have provided their Certificate of Currency and Public Liability. No other approvals or documentation have been submitted.

The applicant will be required to apply for and obtain permits as per Council's Event Planning Toolkit 2021 – 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Councils adopted 2025/2026 total sponsorship budget of \$40,000.

Council further approved Motion 90/25;

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That Council carry forward \$18,100 from the unspent sponsorship fund from the financial year 2024/2025 budget and the \$1,900 from the unspent community grants financial year 2024/2025 budget to be brought forward into the 2025/2026 financial year budget and request Neighbourhood House to submit their sponsorship application in its entirety for approval.

Accordingly total Sponsorship budget for 2025/2026 is \$60,000.

Applications received for 2025/2026:

George Town Neighbourhood House New Year's Eve Extravaganza 2025	TBC - \$20,000.00
George Town Saints Netball	TBC - \$2,000.00
Tamar Valley Folk Festival	TBC - \$22,500.00
TOTAL	\$0

DIVERSITY, EQUITABLE ACCESS AND INCLUSION CONSIDERATIONS

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CONSULTATION

Council has the opportunity to discuss at a Council workshop on Tuesday 8th of July 2025.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Support the sponsorship application as presented; or
2. Support the sponsorship application with amendment; or
3. Not support the sponsorship application.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The council has provided financial support for the Tamar Valley Folk Festival for many years. Previously, a budget line item of around \$9,000 plus in-kind facilities and equipment fee remission. Last year, the Tamar Valley Folk Festival applied for Sponsorship via the Sponsorship Policy and Program and was successful in obtaining \$20,000 in sponsorship. Venue and equipment hire was not provided in-kind, Council invoiced TVFF \$2,415.00 for venue, equipment hires and bond, which following conversations with the organisers was paid.

All the requested information has been provided as requested by the George Town Folk Club. Information of a commercial or confidential nature has not been provided in this report but has previously been provided to Councillors at workshop.

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When acquitting the 2025 event, the organisers were requested to provide further information, as is common practice. The information provided, while not entirely complete or fully compliant with the agreement, was accepted by the Director of Corporate and Community. Acceptance was endorsed by the General Manager. Should this sponsorship application be successful, Council officers will work with the applicant to ensure all required information and actions are complete in accordance with the sponsorship agreement.

Council approved a further \$2,000 grant funding to the George Town Folk Club for website upgrade, which will assist in providing data in the future should their application be successful.

The application for the current year requests \$20,000 cash sponsorship and in-kind support for venue and equipment hire, which will amount to approximately a further \$2,500. The event budget indicates a heavy reliance on ticket sales and sponsorship with a smaller contribution of the event funding coming from George Town Folk Club funds.

Considering the size of the event and attendance when compared with other sponsored events, council officers' recommendation is to reduce the value of the sponsorship requested to \$15,000 with the applicant able to request a fee remission for a further \$500 in accordance with the policy.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Provides \$15,000 sponsorship to George Town Folk Club towards the Tamar Valley Folk Festival Event to be held in George Town on 16-18 January 2026.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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**10.3 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT PANEL FOR 2024/2025 AND GEORGE TOWN
AUDIT PANEL COMMITTEE CONFIRMED MINUTES 12 MARCH 2025**

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director Corporate & Community - Ms C. Hyde
REPORT DATE:	07 July 2025
FILE NO:	29.11
ATTACHMENTS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. GTC Audit Panel Annual report 2024 2025 [10.3.1 - 4 pages]2. GTC Audit Panel Workplan 2025 2026 [10.3.2 - 2 pages]3. Adopted audit panel minutes - March 2025 [10.3.3 - 4 pages]

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement of the Annual Report for 2024/2025 and Audit Panel Annual Work Plan for 2025/2026 and to provide Council with a copy of the confirmed Audit Panel Minutes from the meeting dated 12 March 2025 in accordance with the George Town Council Audit Panel Charter.

BACKGROUND

George Town Council Audit Panel meets quarterly to consider reports presented by Council Officers in line with the adopted and Council endorsed Audit Panel Annual Work Plan. In accordance with the George Town Council Audit Panel Charter, meeting minutes of the Audit Panel are to be presented to Council at an ordinary Council meeting.

At the meeting of the Audit Panel held on the 11 June 2025 the Panel also recommended the Audit Panel Annual Report for 2024/2025, the Annual Work Plan for 2025/2026 to Council for adoption.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030:

Future Direction Four - Leadership and Accountable Governance

29. Capable leadership in communities
- ii. Council is capable, nimble, well-resourced and responsive

Future Direction Four - Leadership and Accountable Governance

31. Positive and productive working relationship with all levels of government and their agencies
- i. Government agencies provide current and timely data about services and community priorities
- ii. The outcomes and directions sought by all level of government are understood
- iii. Government grant funding and investment is attracted

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

The Local Government Act 1993.

The Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014 Statutory Rules 2014.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

No risks identified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with the Audit Panel are included in the operational budget of Council.

DIVERSITY, EQUITABLE ACCESS AND INCLUSION CONSIDERATIONS

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CONSULTATION

The Annual Report 2024/2025 and Annual Workplan 2025/2026 was presented to the Audit Panel Committee by the Chair on 11 June 2025. The minutes were confirmed by the Audit Panel Committee on 11 June 2025.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Support the motion as presented; or
2. Support the motion with amendment; or
3. Not support the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Annual Report of the Audit Panel for 2024/2025 to the Council has been received from the Chair of Council's Audit Panel. This Annual Report explains how the Audit Panel discharged its responsibilities during 2024/2025. The Report also highlights the Panel's key activities in 2023/2024.

The Annual Workplan for the Audit Panel for 2025/2026 has been based on the 2024/2025 workplan for the Committee as advised by the Chair. The Workplan provides for a minimum of four (4) meetings to be held each financial year and provides direction regarding its reporting requirements.

During the workshop, Councillors requested the addition of an independent internal audit of Council's Sponsorship and Grants Programs to be included in the Internal Audit Schedule for 2025/2026.

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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the Annual Report for the Audit Panel 2024/2025;
2. Endorses the Annual Workplan for the Audit Panel for 2025/2026;
3. Requests an independent internal audit of Council's Sponsorship and Grants Programs be included in the 2025/2026 Internal Audit Schedule; and
4. Accepts the confirmed minutes of the Audit Panel for the 12 March 2025 meeting.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

11 ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE & STRATEGY

11.1 CONSIDERATION OF ENTERING INTO A LEASE AT ESPLANADE, LULWORTH - PUBLIC RECREATION SITE

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader - Planning & Building Services - Ms T. Burt
REPORT DATE: 9th July 2025
FILE NO: 52.1
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise that the previous agreement over the Lulworth Recreation Site on the corner of Esplanade and Beach Street, Lulworth has expired. A new agreement will need to be applied for if Council intends to continue to use and maintain this site for the benefit of the community.

BACKGROUND

The Lulworth recreation space is located on the corner of Esplanade and Beach Street. This site is currently used for public recreation. Council maintains this property along with the assets on it including a playground, public toilets and a community building.

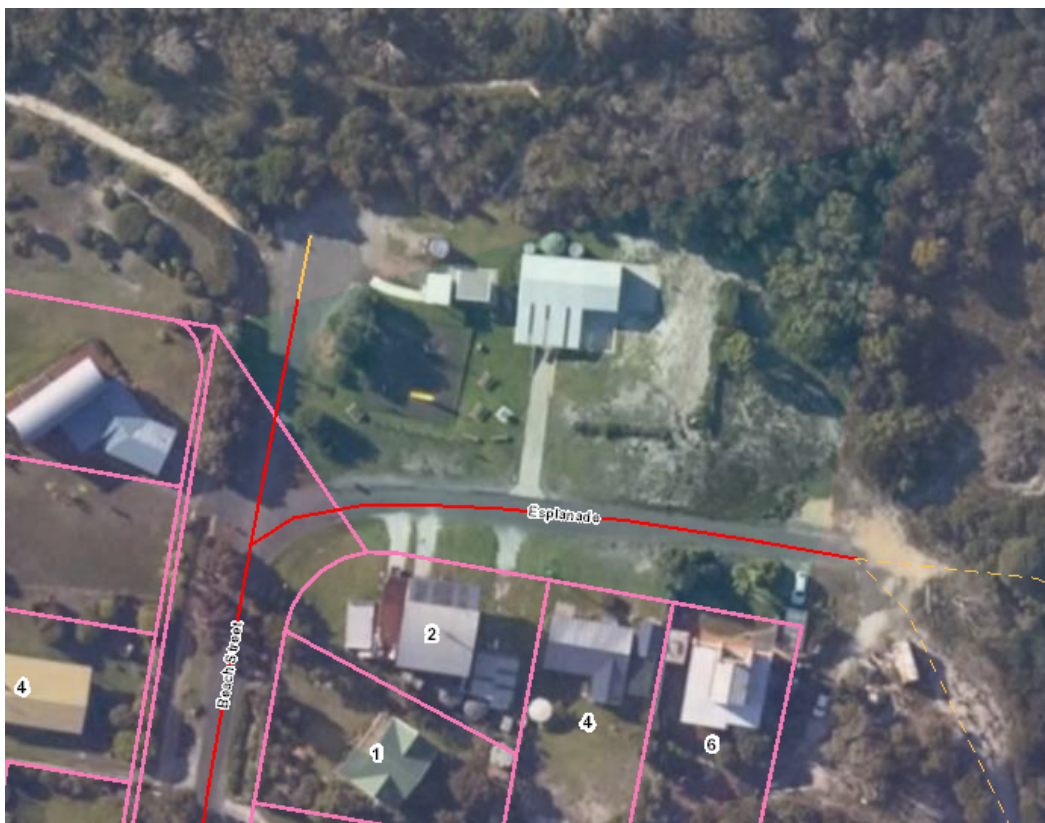


Figure 1: Location

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The agreement Council held on this site expired on the 30th March 2025. The agreement did not contain a renewal clause therefore, a new agreement is required. It is currently in a holding over period until a new application is processed.

It was noted at a previous Council workshop that this agreement may in fact constitute a lease rather than a licence. After seeking clarification from the Crown, a lease is the most appropriate agreement to have in place for this site.

Note: The existing leased area will be reviewed with Crown to ensure that Councils infrastructure and assets sit entirely inside the leased area.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030:

Future Direction One - Progressive well-resourced communities

1. Social infrastructure and services match growth and community needs
 - i. Community services and social infrastructure match the aspirations and needs of growing communities
 - iii. An operational all-year-round youth hub engages young people in recreational activities, creative art projects and programs
 - v. Well designed and maintained, safe spaces and places to work well

Future Direction One - Progressive well-resourced communities

2. Formal and Informal sporting and recreational opportunities for all
 - iii. Formal and informal recreation and fitness facilities for all ages band abilities through shared pathways, tracks, trails and exercise stations

Future Direction Three - Community Pride

23. All communities take pride in their place
 - i. There is community pride in place, who we are, what we do and how we do it
 - iii. The design and maintenance of public spaces and places reinforces community identity and reputation

Future Direction Three - Community Pride

25. Community groups work together on common goals

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- i. A cohesive community with capacity to work together and achieve common goals

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Agreements are entered into in accordance with the *Crown Land Act 1976* and the conditions of the licence are within the licence agreements themselves.

If Council wishes to continue to use and maintain these facilities, agreements are a statutory requirement.

Section 175 of the *Local Government Act 1993* provides:

‘A council may purchase or lease land for any purpose which it considers to be of benefit to the council or the community.’

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Recognised risks associated with an agreement require that Council is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the area and any facilities to a standard that mitigates hazards and potential public liability claims.

Without an agreement in place, it limits Council’s ability to legally provide maintenance to the land and infrastructure without seeking permission from the Crown on an as needs basis.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications include maintenance, upkeep and any works to the site which will require Crown consent.

Rent and associated other agreement costs, such as legal and valuation, will generally only be charged to Council if the agreement is for a commercial or income producing purpose. If the purpose is for community benefit i.e. public recreation, there is no legal cost for Council and the rent will be \$1.00 if and when demanded (this has not been demanded in the past).

If Council does not wish to enter into an agreement, any improvements may need to be removed and the site remediated to the Crown’s satisfaction.

DIVERSITY, EQUITABLE ACCESS AND INCLUSION CONSIDERATIONS

The Diversity, Equitable Access and Inclusion Policy aligns with the following goals and objectives of the Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030.

In accordance with the Diversity, Equitable Access and Inclusion Policy, Council has the opportunity to provide fair and equal access for people within its community, regardless of their individual needs. Accessible recreational spaces, buildings and infrastructure enhances livelihood for people with disabilities, parents with children (strollers), elderly, people with temporary injuries, whilst also augmenting Occupational Health and Safety requirements.

Providing recreational facilities significantly increases the accessibility of recreational opportunities for all members of the community.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation is not required to enter into Crown agreements.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Support the motion as presented; or
2. Not support the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Considering this is Lulworth's sole public recreation area equipped with community facilities, and that Council owned assets are situated on the land, it is in the Council's best interest to maintain authority over this land. Maintaining authority will also assist with making decisions in relation to the use and improvements provided the Crown gives its consent.

It is intended that if Council enters into a lease agreement, Council is responsible and committed to the maintenance of this area for a ten (10) year period.

At any given time Council can request to cancel or alter the lease agreement however the cancellation of lease would be subject to approval from the Minister's delegate and is not guaranteed.

Upon receipt of Council's decision, if in favor of entering into this lease, the new ten (10) year lease agreement will be prepared by the Minister of the Information and Land Services Division of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment for signing.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. In respect to the land on the corner of Esplanade and Beach Street, Lulworth:
 - a. Confirms its intention to enter into a ten (10) year lease; and
 - b. Authorises the Mayor and the General Manager to execute the lease on behalf of Council.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

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VOTING

For:

Against:

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12 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

12.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT - MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

REPORT DATE: 14 July 2025

FILE NO: 14.11, 14.15

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser		
<i>June</i>	19	Opened the Launch of the Youth Art Prize
	20	LAFM Interview
	20	Attended NTDC Meeting
	20	Attended Solstice in the Square
	23	Attended TasWater General Meeting
	24	Chaired Council Workshop
	24	Chaired Ordinary Council Meeting
	25	Tamar FM Radio
<i>July</i>	8	Chaired Council Workshop
	10	Attended George Town Emergency Management Committee meeting
	10	Attended NTDC meeting
	11	Attended NTDC State Election Priorities Session
	11	Met with Rebekah Pentland MP
Deputy Mayor Cr Greg Dawson		
<i>June</i>	20	Attended Solstice in the Square
	24-27	Attended the National General Assembly of Local Government (Canberra)
<i>July</i>	8	Attended Council Workshop
Cr Jason Orr		
<i>June</i>	20	Attended and assisted in Solstice in the Square
<i>July</i>	7	Attended Naidoc Week – Cultural Burning, Flag Raising & Morning Tea

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

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VOTING

For:

Against:

13 PETITIONS

Nil.

14 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

15 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Barwick

(24th June 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting)

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

A response was provided at the 24th June 2025 Ordinary Council meeting. Council had submitted an enquiry to Place Names Tasmania and confirmation has been received that Placenames does not hold any record of either 'Secret Park' or 'Harold Winston Little Reserve' or any other name for this park area.

16 CLOSED MEETING

16.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

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

Agenda Item 16.2 Minutes of the Closed Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 June 2025

As per the provisions of Regulation 40(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

Agenda Item 16.3 Leave of Absence

As per the provisions of Regulation 17(2)(i) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

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17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed atpm.

**Cr Greg Kieser
MAYOR**