



GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL CONFIRMED MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting
held on **Tuesday 26 August 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 2025.

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

Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

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Meeting Commenced at 1:00 pm

Acknowledgement of Country

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

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

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

Cr Ashley on behalf of Council provided condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the former Mayor Doug Burt. Doug was a Councillor from 1999-2011 and during this time he was elected as Mayor and again as Councillor from 2014-2018.

Cr Barwick on behalf of Council provided condolences to the family of Anthony 'Wally' Barrett. Known as 'Wally the Worker'. He was employed by George Town Council from 30 November 1992 and due to ill health resigned 18 October 2021 - 29 years service. He was a winner of the golden gloves and tried to get into the Commonwealth games. He was at the last boxing tournament at George Town watching April Littlejohn win silver. Wally was friend to all and will be sorely missed.

A minutes silence was held in respect at 1.05 pm.

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).

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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

Acting Mayor Cr Greg Dawson, Chairperson
Cr Winston Archer
Cr Heather Ashley
Cr Heather Barwick
Cr Tim Harris
Cr Simone Lowe
Cr Winston Mason

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser
Cr Jason Orr
Director Infrastructure & Operations - Mr A. McCarthy

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - Mr S. Power
Director Strategy, Performance & Development - Mr R. Dunn
Acting Director Corporate & Community - Mr J. Anderson
Senior Executive Support and Governance Officer - Ms L. Dickenson
Executive Assistant - Ms M. Crane

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 22 JULY 2025

Minute No. 111/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 22nd July 2025 numbered 97/25 to 110/25 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME PROCEDURE

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

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

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

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

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: 1.13 pm

Concluded at: 1.33 pm.

Mrs D. Rainbow, George Town

- Q1. On page 16 of the agenda re Aquatic Centre. Why did the Council insist on visiting and using the cities that have been named as comparisons as a reference point, as they have a population of 3 to 20 times larger than what is in this municipality, and also have satellite cities and suburbs around them that have a larger consumer base. Surely, the design and business centre should be based on the consumer use and base of this community.

The Chair advised that the rationale and reason for Councillors doing the tour of other facilities was to look at the quality, design and style. It was not to build something of the same size as these other complexes. Some of these complexes were \$120 million. It was to look at the different designs and styles and how Council can take some benefit on how they were constructed and how it would benefit our community.

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that the Aquatic centre has been built with our community in mind, so the number of people who live here the demographic of the people who live here and the demographic of the people that we hope to attract in the future, as well as the catchment area which we think that this facility may attract. It has been done in regards to the size of our community. There are Tasmanian examples of centres that have been visited ie. Oatlands facility.

Mr M. Judd, George Town

- Q1. On the 22 August 2025 Rick Dunn, Director of Strategy, Performance and Development, communicated by phone as to where the council were at with releasing details of the council performance survey. I need some clarification as to how the survey is to be released. Can you explain please the strategy as I believe some of the details is to be drip fed to the community, to which I have trouble coming to terms with. I have had a lot of exposure to corporate/business survey's during my professional career. Also due to past releases from this council I am also concerned the survey will be heavily redacted.

Through the Chair, the Director of Strategy, Performance & Development advised discussions have been held with Council about how the information will be provided to the community. There is no intent to redact any information that is relevant to the survey. There are comments that are immaterial to the intent of the survey on Council's performance. The data around the questions, summary of responses, and themes will be provided to the community in full. As it is a large document, it may be sent out to the community in sections i.e. highlights, demographics and blocks of information will be sent out in newsletters, social media and on Council's website.

Mr Judd stated that he wished for the survey results sent out in full.

The Director agreed to Mr Judd's comments and advised that the full summary will be available for the community. The Director took Mr Judd's comments on board.

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Mrs L. Wootton, Low Head

Preamble

Answers to my questions from July meeting:

After reading the response to my questions regarding the Three Trails project at the last meeting, I again have concerns with the 'public consultation' process.

The "Colonial Storytelling Trail" did eventually come back to the March 2023 Council meeting with a few community submissions printed in the attachments and despite quite a list of concerns listed by the Council Officer; Council voted to: *Endorse the plan as presented and approve the General Manager to scope the project and include in Council's Advocacy Plan for future funding opportunities.*

Incidentally, the "Colonial" period began in 1804 and ended in 1901 - a lot happened in George Town after that. Heritage Trail might be more appropriate.

The kanamaluka Storytelling Plan that I responded to in August 2022 - 3 years ago, has not come to Council like that, but has evidently been approved as part of the Advocacy Plan slipped through in the December meeting last year.

Q1. Does that mean that everything in that long list of projects that I've not seen mentioned anywhere else, in the Advocacy Plan from December has not been approved without it coming back to Council and the public?

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised the Colonial trail proposal is a concept and was put together for advocacy. As previously mentioned, the General Manager has committed to consultation more broadly should Council receive the funding to progress the project including consultation with the George Town Historical Society. The names will be part of a marketing campaign and a lot of work still needs to be done with broader consultation.

The General Manager further advised that the Advocacy Plan has been adopted by Council. The costings have been provided at that time and will need to be revised. What this document does is authorises Officers to pursue funding opportunities through election commitments or grants (both Government and organisations). There are a number of projects listed in the document that have been endorsed by Council i.e. ten year road upgrade program. Some projects have had more public consultation than others, but most listed projects will require further public consultation.

Q2. As soon as these plans are approved they disappear from the website and the majority of the community, especially newer residents, have no idea that these and other plans even exist, and wouldn't know where to find them in the attachments to certain meetings.

In the interests of 'transparency, etc' can both these plans and the Macquarie Street Redevelopment Plan and any other such plans into the future be placed on the Council website for all to see?

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Through the Chair, the General Manager thanked Mrs Wootton for her question. The users of Council's website will note that it has been upgraded and those plans mentioned will be uploaded. These plans are conceptual and for advocacy.

Mr J. Glisson, Low Head

Q1. In the agenda page 43 at the workshop it was discussed Main Road Stormwater Impact. Mr Glisson asked for details on this discussion.

The Chair advised that the question would be directed to the General Manager and that there were matters discussed that were commercial-in-confidence.

The question was taken on notice for the Director Infrastructure & Operations who is absent from the meeting today.

Q2. On page 48 of the agenda the General Manager's Matters of Involvement there are a number of instances of ANZSOG which refers to executive leadership. Can you please tell me the exact course of program that is being undertaken, the benefits to the ratepayer, and the overall cost of the program?

Through the Chair to the General Manager prefaced his comments stating that no contractual matters in a public meeting will be discussed as per Section 17 of the Local Government Act. The General Manager advised he is attending the Master of Public Administration course.

Q3. Mr Glisson asked Is this the \$64,000 course?

The General Manager advised that no contractual matters will be discussed.

Point of Order was called by Cr Archer LG(MP)R 27(1)(c) on the basis that the Acting Mayor is Chair of the meeting.

The Chair ruled against the Point of Order as he had asked the General Manager to answer the question.

Mrs L. Wootton, Low Head

Q3. Why is there no financial/capital works progress report included in the Quarterly Report?

The Chair advised that each year the financials are submitted to the Annual Report.

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that the end of financials are not done in a timely manner for the quarterly report and in every year you will note that the final quarterly does not include the financials. Council's audited statements will be included in the Annual Report.

So it is six months since the last one.

The financial year closes at 30 June but not the expenses and the processing of payments extends for weeks after the 30 June.

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Mrs D. Rainbow, George Town

- Q2. Mrs Rainbow noticed that there are a number of flooded footpaths, gutters, potholes and edges of roads. Is there a Council timeframe to clean up the roads and the guttering?

The Chair advised that it is on a routine work schedule and if there is something that is noticed then there is an opportunity to submit a service request that it would be actioned on promptly.

Ms H. Flanagan, George Town

- Q1. Ms Flanagan advised she had spoken with Jim Corbett this morning regarding the Aquatic Centre and where a pool with crossfall is located. He stated that there is not one with five lanes but there is one with eight lanes at Bellarine Peninsula. I had the impression from a couple of functions that it is becoming quite common, that Council will actually be leading the way. Is everyone aware of this?

The Chair advised yes Council is aware.

- Q2. Is it about supervision that you are doing this design? Council will always need to have a lane ropes as you will be going from 1 metre in 2 lanes, down to 1.5 metre. Allowing little kids in the full 25 metres, 1 metre depth section without them being sectioned off from the 1.5 metre section would need to be supervised unless there are lane ropes up.

The Chair advised that a lane rope will be up most of the time but agreed that it would need to be up all of the time.

Cr Mason added that this lane will predominately be used for swimming lessons.

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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.")

Mrs L. Wootton

(24 June 2025 Ordinary Council meeting)



5th August 2025

Mrs Lorraine Wootton

Dear Mrs Wootton,

RE: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – 24 JUNE 2025 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Thank you for your attendance at the Ordinary Council meeting on the 24 June 2025 where you raised the following questions. Council has provided a response to each of your questions below.

Q1. Heritage Study

Early last year Council commissioned a Heritage Study of the George Town municipal area, in order to identify places with historic and heritage significance to the community.

The study was to "...inform Council of the places that are important to the community for their heritage values and will assist Council to make decisions regarding how well these values are protected and might be protected into the future."

There was considerable interest and input from members of the community who contributed.

Unlike a similar study of Launceston study that took the same consultants years to complete, the consultants were only given a very short time to complete this study. It involved a lot of work for the consultants under pressure of the time frame - and for the unpaid local contributors - and no extension could be allowed as "it had to be done" in that set time.

When it was so imperative that the Heritage Study had to be completed in such a tight time frame, why has it not yet come back to Council and the community to be approved - or not?

Response:

The study undertaken in George Town is not comparable to the scope of the study undertaken in Launceston, where there are thousands of properties with potential heritage values and the project included the preparation of statements of significance of a standard suitable for incorporating local listings into the planning scheme. Preparation of the George Town Heritage Study was an annual plan item and as with all projects, a completion date is required to ensure the project is delivered in the agreed timeframes and at the agreed budget.

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Q2. What has happened to it and how will it be implemented when approved?

Response:

The next step is for Council to contact individual landowners to inform them that their properties have been identified as potentially having local heritage values. The identification of heritage properties elsewhere across Tasmania has in certain cases caused significant angst for landowners which we understand on occasion has resulted in the wholesale abandonment of local heritage studies and potential protections in several municipal areas. George Town Council has taken necessary time to consult with other councils to understand the various approaches taken with heritage studies. This will allow council to proceed and deliver a balanced outcome for property owners whilst ensuring relevant heritage values are appropriately maintained.

Once council has completed landowner notifications and received feedback, council will consider a broader release of the information and consider future actions that may be required.

If you have any further questions regarding the Heritage Study, please contact Council's Director Strategy, Performance and Development on 03 6382 8800 or email council@georgetown.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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GENERAL MANAGER

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Mrs L. Wootton



6th August 2025

Mrs Lorraine Wootton

Dear Mrs Wootton,

RE: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – 22 JULY 2025 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Thank you for your attendance at the Ordinary Council meeting on the 22 July 2025 where you raised the following questions. Council has provided a response to each of your questions below.

Q1. Three Trails – Colonial Story Telling Trail and Kanamaluka Story-telling Experience were put out for community response, I made a considered response to both.

Could you tell me the dates when both these multi-million dollar plans came to the open Council?

Response

As you have noted, the Three Trails Story-telling Experience comprising of the Colonial Story-telling Trail, the kanamaluka Story-telling Experience, and the Enterprise Trail forms part of a broader multi-million-dollar initiative.

To clarify the timeline:

- *The Three Trails Story-telling Experience was adopted by Council as part of its Advocacy document in December 2024. At that stage, the full project was not released for community consultation.*
- *The Colonial Story-telling Trail and the kanamaluka Story-telling Experience were individually released for community consultation on separate occasions. Your submission, along with other community responses, is part of the official record and will inform the next stage of the project's development.*
- *As the Three Trails project progresses, all community submissions will be reviewed, and key stakeholders will be contacted to contribute to the refinement of Stage One of the project.*

Q2. If this discussion today is the next step, why are the community responses not included in this agenda?

Response

The community responses were not included in the agenda as the objective was to obtain Council approval to provide funding to proceed with Stage One of the Three Trails project. Council has committed to further consultation with the George Town Heritage Society before implementation and exhibition for public feedback.

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Your feedback plays a valuable role in shaping the project to reflect both community perspectives and cultural considerations.

Yours sincerely,

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GENERAL MANAGER**

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Ms C. Atwell



7th August 2025

Ms Christine Atwell
President
George Town Folk Club

Dear Ms Atwell,

RE: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – 22 JULY 2025 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Thank you for your attendance at the Ordinary Council meeting on the 22 July 2025 where you raised the following question. Council has provided a response to your question below.

Q1. Could George Town Council tell us how much money has been allocated to the 2026 Winter Solstice event run by Council?

Response

Council has approved a budget allocation of \$72,000 (exclusive of anticipated revenue) to the 2026 Winter Solstice event at the 24 June 2025 Ordinary Council meeting.

Again, thank you for your question.

Yours sincerely,



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GENERAL MANAGER**

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Mr M. Judd



13 August 2025

Mr Martin Judd

Email:

Dear Mr Judd,

Re: Public Question Time – 22 July 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting

Thank you for your attendance at the 22 July 2025 Ordinary Council meeting where you raised the following questions. Please see below response to each of the questions in italics.

Q4. A delegation of council visited some local and interstate Aquatic Centre's/Swimming Pools. It has previously been requested for the names of the interstate centre's visited that were similar in design concept to what is envisaged for George Town, i.e. the varying depth across the pool. Will the details of visited centres be let known in a timely manner.

Response:

A delegation from Council visited three aquatic centres in Greater Melbourne: Brimbank Aquatic & Wellness Centre, Keilor East Leisure Centre, and Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre.

These facilities were at various stages of operation and scale.

The purpose of the visit was to engage with project and operational teams to understand which elements were successful, which were not, and, in hindsight, what they would approach differently.

Consistent feedback was the desire to prioritise learn-to-swim programs, as well as greater capacity for gym and fitness programs

Similar insights have been shared through discussions with the Launceston Leisure & Aquatic Centre, Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre, and the Oatlands Aquatic Centre.

None of these centres incorporate a widthways crossfall pool design, which is a relatively new and innovative method for maximising use of aquatic spaces in smaller facilities. This particular feature has been used to great effect at the Bellarine Sport and Aquatic Centre and will also be used in the construction of new facilities at the North Bellarine Aquatic Centre.

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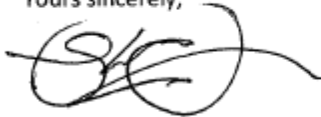
Q5. When and how?

Response:

This response will be published in the in the next Council meeting agenda, Council's website and facebook site.

Again, thank you for your questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SP', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

**Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER**

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.

The General Manager advised that Agenda Item 11 page 63 - Officers recommendation change "provision" changed to "to provide" at point 2.

7 PLANNING AUTHORITY

7.1 DA 2025/25 -111 SCHOOL ROAD, PIPERS RIVER - SUBDIVISION (2 LOTS)

REPORT AUTHOR: Senior Town Planner - Mr J. Simons
Town Planner - Naman Kumawat
REPORT DATE: 12/08/2025
FILE NO: DA 2025/25

The Senior Planner entered the meeting at 1.34 pm.

Minute No. 112/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Harris

That the application for use and development, Subdivision (1 Lot to 2 Lots) at 111 School Road, Pipers River TAS 7252 (CT 144145/1) be **APPROVED** subject to the following conditions:

1. ENDORSED PLANS

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

- a. BVZ Designs, drawing No.- WL0325, 5 Pages, dated 03/06/2025.
- b. Livingston Natural Resource Services, Natural Assets Report, dated 07/06/2025.
- c. Livingston Natural Resource Services, Bushfire Hazard Management Report: Subdivision, dated 07/06/2025.

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

2. DRAINAGE WORKS

Prior to the sealing of the Final Plan:

- a) the new discharge point into the open drain on School Road is to be lined with geofabric and rock pitching to prevent scouring, up to the property boundary; and
- b) the open drain on School Road is to be lined with geofabric and rock pitching extending for 10m to the south of the new driveway crossover (including the intersection of the

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roadside drain and new realigned drain in Lot 1) and extending to the existing driveway crossover associated with 121 School Road.

Prior to undertaking any works within the Council road reserve, including drainage works, 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 the start of works. This work must be at expense of the person responsible for the development.

All works in the Council road reserve are to be undertaken by suitably qualified and insured contractors.

3. DRIVEWAY CROSSOVERS

Prior to the sealing of the Final Plan, the driveway crossover servicing Lot 1 is to be upgraded and a new driveway crossover servicing Lot 2 is to be constructed in accordance with the, LGAT Standard Drawings TSD-R03-v3 and TSD-R04-v3, including a minimum culvert size of 450mm and a sealed surface, to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Operations.

Prior to undertaking any works within the Council road reserve, including drainage works, 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 the start of works. This work must be at expense of the person responsible for the development.

All works in the Council road reserve are to be undertaken by suitably qualified and insured contractors.

8. 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 Operations. The plan is to include plans and procedures for:

- a) the management soil and water during the realignment and shaping of the stormwater drain crossing Lot 1, to minimize discharge of sediment laden runoff directly or indirectly into Council's roadside drains and downstream watercourses; and
- b) treatments to stabilize all exposed soils within the reformed open drain to prevent erosion following construction.

All works are to be undertaken in accordance with the approved soil and water management plan.

9. COVENANTS ON SUBDIVISIONS

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

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

10. BUSHFIRE HAZARD MANAGEMENT

Prior to the Sealing of the Final Plan, a static 10,000L water supply compliant with Table C13.5 of the Bushfire Prone Areas Code is to be installed on Lot 1, in accordance with the endorsed Bushfire Management Report. Written confirmation is to be provided by a suitably qualified person that the tank has been installed and is compliant with Table C13.5.

The land is to be maintained at all times in accordance with the endorsed Bushfire Hazard Management Plan.

11. NO POLLUTED RUNOFF

No polluted and/or sediment laden runoff must be discharge 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 owners cost. If any repairs are necessary, they will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements and to the satisfaction of the Council's Director Infrastructure and Operations.

Permit Notes

1. This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for DA 2025/25. You should contact Council with any other use or development, as it may require the separate approval of Council. Councils 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 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
4. 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.

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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 support the new lot.

5. The property is subject to an overland flow path. Alterations to the alignment of the drainage line do not remove the obligation to receive overland flows from upstream properties and manage overland flows as they pass through the property.
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.
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.

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VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Senior Planner left the meeting 1.37 pm

8 OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS JULY AND AUGUST 2025

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

Minute No. 113/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Lowe

That Council:

1. Receives the report on the Council Workshops held on the 22 July 2025 and 12 August 2025.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

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8.2 QUARTERLY REPORT - QUARTER 4 - 1 APRIL - 30 JUNE 2025

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager – Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	13 August 2025
FILE NO:	14.21

Minute No. 114/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council:

1. Receives the George Town Council 4th Quarter Performance Report 1 April – 30 June 2025.
2. Provide public access to the report as part of Council's commitment to ongoing good governance.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

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8.3 DELEGATIONS REGISTER REVIEW

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power Director Organisational Performance & Strategy - Mr R. Dunn
REPORT DATE:	13 August 2025
FILE NO:	14.2

Minute No. 115/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lowe
Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council:

1. Adopts the updated Delegation Register, ensuring efficient, lawful, and transparent decision-making processes.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 6 / 1

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8.4 POLICY REVIEW - GTC-C-14 USE OF THE COMMON SEAL

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager – Mr S. Power
Director Strategy, Performance & Development – Mr R. Dunn

REPORT DATE: 29 July 2025

FILE NO: 14.21, 14.33, 14.13

Minute No. 116/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council:

1. Adopts the GTC-C-14 Use of the Common Seal Policy effective 26 August 2025.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 6 / 1

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8.5 NRM NORTH ASSOCIATION GROUP A MEMBERSHIP

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE: 13 August 2025
FILE NO: 14.15

Minute No. 117/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council:

1. Appoints Cr Tim Harris as the George Town Council representative on the NRM North Association 'Group A' Representation at the 24 September 2025 Annual General Meeting and associated meetings.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

9 INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

Nil.

10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

10.1 HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

REPORT AUTHOR:	Acting Director Corporate & Community - Mr J. Anderson
REPORT DATE:	13 August 2025
FILE NO:	29.18

Minute No. 118/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council:

1. Remove the wording "with Jo Hart being the proxy" from resolution number 91/25 of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 24 June 2025.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

11 STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

11.1 PROPOSED MOTION FOR LGAT GENERAL MEETING

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager - Mr S. Power
Director Organisational Performance & Strategy - Mr R. Dunn

REPORT DATE: 20 August 2025

FILE NO: 15.15

Minute No. 119/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Archer

That Council:

1. Submit the following motion to be put to the LGAT General Meeting Thursday 20 November 2025:

Call on the Tasmanian Government to legislate powers to Local Government under the Boundary Fences Act 1908 for:

1. *Councils to require property owners and lessee's to install, maintain and repair their property fences to prevent the escape of livestock onto Local Government controlled roads or neighbouring properties within respective local government areas. Further and as part of the provision of such powers, the Act shall clearly define the term livestock.*
2. *Regulations to be developed to be provided for Local Government to issue infringement notices and standardised monetary penalties to enable enforcement of non-compliance with newly legislated powers.*

VOTING

For: Cr Dawson, Cr Archer, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe and Cr Mason

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

12 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

12.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT - MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

REPORT DATE: 20 August 2025

FILE NO: 14.11, 14.15

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser		
<i>July</i>	22	Chaired Council Workshop
	22	Chaired Ordinary Council Meeting
	23	Tamar FM Interview
	24	Met with Director SPD and resident
	24	Met with Director SPD and Just Cats representative
	25	Attended LGAT General Meeting and AGM
<i>August</i>	7	Attended Regional Development Australia - Tasmania Board meeting
	11	Interview with ABC Radio
	12	Chaired Council Workshop
	13	Hosted Timberlink's Homelessness, Emergency Housing, Affordable Housing meeting
	14	Attended Countrywide - Hydrogen Transport & Power Field Day, Tasmania
	15	Attended funeral of former Mayor Doug Burt
	18	Conducted Citizenship Ceremony
Deputy Mayor Cr Greg Dawson		
<i>July</i>	22	Attended Council Workshop
	22	Attended Ordinary Council Meeting
<i>August</i>	6	Attended Youth Council
	12	Attended Council Workshop

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Minute No. 120/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Archer

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

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

13 PETITIONS

Nil.

14 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

14.1 ANNUAL LEASE VALUATION OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND - CR ARCHER

Minute No. 121/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Archer
Seconded: Cr Barwick

Council obtain an annual lease valuation from a land valuer qualified under Section 4 of the Land Valuers Act 2001, before Council activates any lease of Council owned land.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 5 / 2

14.2 LEGAL ADVICE - CR ARCHER

DECISION

Moved: Cr Archer

Seconded: Cr Harris

When a Council employee or the Mayor seek legal or other qualified advice to be provided to Councillors,

- (1) The legal advice is to be sought in writing; and
- (2) The advice is to be provided in writing; and
- (3) Both (1)&(2) are to be provided to Councillors in full and without redaction or modification.

Point of Order was called by Cr Archer against the Chair at 2.19 pm on the basis to have been misrepresented during the debate LG(MP)R 27(1)(d).

The Chair allowed the Point of Order.

Point of Order was called by Cr Archer against the General Manager at 2.23 pm.

The Chair disallowed the Point of Order as the General Manager was asked to answer the question.

VOTING

For: Cr Archer, Cr Barwick and Cr Harris

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

Abstained: Nil

LOST 3 / 4

14.3 LAND PURCHASE BY COUNCIL - CR ARCHER

Minute No. 122/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Archer
Seconded: Cr Lowe

Before Council considers purchasing any land, Council must-

- (1) Obtain a land valuation from a suitably qualified person under Section 4 of the Land Valuers Act 2001; and
- (2) Obtain a Building inspection from a suitably qualified person, if the land includes any buildings or structures.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

14.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S REVIEW PANEL - CR BARWICK

MOTION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Lowe

For the purpose of the General Manager's review, including 5 November 2025, the panel be comprised of all Councillors.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Archer

Seconded: Cr Harris

That the George Town Council include all Councillors as performance review panel members when undertaking performance reviews of its General Manager.

VOTING

For: Cr Archer, Cr Barwick and Cr Lowe

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

Abstained: Nil

LOST 3 / 4

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Lowe

For the purpose of the General Manager's review, including 5 November 2025, the panel be comprised of all Councillors.

VOTING

For: Cr Archer, Cr Barwick and Cr Lowe

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

Abstained: Nil

LOST 3 / 4

14.5 SOLSTICE ACQUITTAL - CR BARWICK

Minute No. 123/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Archer

That a complete acquittal of the Solstice event organised and run by the George Town Council staff to include cost/loss/profit, comments be made available to all councillors and the public in the name of transparency.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 6 / 1

15 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

16 CLOSED MEETING

16.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

Minute No. 124/25

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council move into closed meeting at 2.57 pm to discuss the following items:

Agenda Item 16.2 Minutes of the Closed Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 July 2025

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

Agenda Item 16.3 Legal Expenditure

As per the provisions of Regulation 17(2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (k) and (l) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

VOTING

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.13 pm.

**Cr Greg Dawson
ACTING MAYOR**