



GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

Notice is hereby given
that the next Ordinary Council Meeting
will be held on
Tuesday 25 November 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 28 OCTOBER 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 28 October 2025 numbered 141/25 to 150/25 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.

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5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

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5.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced at:

Concluded at:

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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 D. Rainbow, George Town

Preamble

I recently found a notice on an vacant land across from her residents for a proposed development on the site. This surprised her as neighbours are usually notified of such developments and seeing that it would need a change of a planning scheme. Mrs Rainbow informed the meeting that she had spent considerable time on a submission sent into Council by the due date. Mrs Rainbow wishes to read out her key areas of her submission.

The Chair asked for her question.

Mrs Rainbow continued and said that the planning application does not have the name of the applicant as this is a private dwelling at 112 Macquarie Street.

- Page 20 describes 111 Franklin Street has a setback of 3 metres, on page 24 the photo it is a metre away.
- It describes the buildings at the back as outbuildings, they are private residential.
- Page 10 describes that there is good vehicle access connected to public transport. It does not. There has been numerous accidents over the years, that a roundabout was installed.
- Photos of the street view fails to show the blind approach from Macquarie Street. Also there are restricted views from that roundabout coming from the north. Mrs Rainbow read out the planning assessment states that this does not cause unreasonable loss of amenity being open 60 hours a week or the traffic generation. Page 43 reads that this will exceed the acceptable amount of traffic.
- Page 54 and Page 55 contradicts this argument as it states that traffic generation will be about 94 trips per peak hour. This means that 94 vehicles will have 38 seconds to come in, find a place to park and collect their child and leave.
- Page 56 even though this exceeds the acceptable increase it will not have any significant impact on the operation and safety of Macquarie Street and Franklin Street.
- The report fails to mention at peak times there is a significant increase of traffic and pedestrians moving across the streets between the various three schools. Subsequent to this report, there will be a tavern opening nearby.

Q1. If I could find these errors why did they not find them and bring to Council for correction and open discussion especially after two weeks after the close of submissions a gentlemen was doing soil tests re pollution to see if the land is viable to be built on. Now that was not available for this submission.

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Through the Chair to the General Manager, the General Manager advised that the question would be taken on notice.

Response

Discussions with Mrs Rainbow are ongoing.

Ms L. Distefano

Q1. In regards to the waste rewards and Councillors would have received an email regarding the concerns. Could the Recycle Rewards be relocated to a different location because where it is currently cited it is not strictly a commercial area. There are people living in close proximity to the area.

Q2. Why were the residents not informed beforehand or were the Council not informed if the government issued the Recycle Rewards?

The Chair thanked Liliana for her questions. Through the Chair to the General Manager.

The General Manager advised that the recycling vending machine and recycle rewards program is a state managed initiative. It was not a Council managed initiative. Subsequently learning about the noise and odour complaint, Council have reached out to the CEO of the City Mission who will have an agreement with Recycle Reward; the Chair of the Statewide Waste Resource Recovery Board and the logistic company. Council is awaiting on responses in regard to the noise, odour and possible relocation. Council's has not receive all responses at this stage.

In response to your second question, it is not a Council program and in this municipality City Mission is involved.

The Chair reiterated that Council is working through understanding what we do about it and Council will liaise with the residents.

Response

Conversations are ongoing with City Mission and Recycle Rewards.

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 OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2025

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE: 12 November 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 28 OCTOBER 2025

- Planning and Building Update
- Capital Works Update
- BBAMZ Presentation
- Aquatic Health and Wellbeing Centre
- Agenda Review
- Governance Issues
- Councillors/General Manager Discussions

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

Apologies: Cr Heather Ashley (Leave of Absence)

In Attendance: General Manager
Director Corporate & Community
Director Infrastructure & Operations
Director Strategy, Performance & Development
Senior Executive Assistant & Governance Officer
Senior Town Planner
Coordinator Development
Manager Engineering & Projects

Guest: CEO BBAMZ
COO BBAMZ

TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2025

- Unconfirmed Minutes Ordinary Council meeting held 28 October 2025
- Unconfirmed Minutes Closed Ordinary Council meeting held 28 October 2025

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- Council Meeting Dates for 2026
- TasWater Request for Support Tariff Reform
- Draft Community Engagement Policy
- Break for Remembrance Day Service
- EOI – YMCA
- Township Character Plan Update
- Sports Turf Management
- Marketing and Tourism Strategy
- Bass and Flinders Maritime Museum Fees
- Rates Review
- Quarterly Report
- Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator
- Governance
- Councillors/General Manager Discussions

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

Apologies: Cr Heather Ashley (Leave of Absence)
General Manager

In Attendance: Acting General Manager
Director Corporate & Community
Director Strategy, Performance & Development
Senior Executive Assistant & Governance Officer
Communications Officer
Coordinator Development
Executive Assistant – Infrastructure & Operations

Guest: Sports Turf Expert

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.

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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.

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 28 October 2025 and 11 November 2025.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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8.2 COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND MEETING SCHEDULE 2026

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager – Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	5 November 2025
FILE NO:	14.21
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the proposed Ordinary Council, Workshop and Annual General meeting dates and times for 2026 for approval.

BACKGROUND

The Council must adopt a schedule for the Ordinary Council meeting dates and times each year for the next year. This schedule must be published in a daily newspaper.

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Future Direction Four - Leadership and Accountable Governance

1. A culture of engagement and participation
 - i. Trusted, transparent and inclusive community engagement processes.
 - ii. Engaging over things that matter to the community.
 - iv. Understanding processes and participating in decision making.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 require:

Regulation 7 (Times of Meetings)

- (1) A meeting is not to start before **5.00pm** unless otherwise determined by the Council by absolute majority or by the Council Committee by simple majority.
- (2) After each ordinary election, a Council and a Council Committee are to review the times of commencement of their meetings.

Regulation 9 (Notice of Meetings)

- (2) At least once in each year, the general manager is to publish in a daily newspaper, or in a prescribed newspaper, circulating in the relevant municipal area a notice containing –
 - (a) the times and places of the ordinary council meetings for the next 12 months; and
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- (b) the times and places, as known, of the council committee meetings for the next 12 months.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The risk associated with the proposed schedule of meetings is considered low. The proposed schedule reflects that of previous years, which has not attracted criticism from the public. The proposed schedule has been discussed at the workshop having consideration for availability of elected members and implications on organisational resources.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications based on the current model of dates and times for a support staff member; Council Officers and Management (including the General Manager) attending all Council meetings and Council workshops.

The financial implication for a support staff member attending the Annual General Meeting is considered minimal.

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.
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- It is acknowledged that the proposed schedule may not accommodate all members of the public. Council's consultation and engagement efforts should ensure that the community remain informed of Council business and provide avenues for input in Council decision making.

CONSULTATION

The meeting schedule will be presented to elected members at the 11 November 2025 Council workshop.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Endorse the proposed Ordinary Council meeting schedule as presented; or
2. Propose another Ordinary Council meeting schedule for endorsement.

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OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The following is provided to assist the Council in determining its 2026 Ordinary Council meeting dates and commencement times.

Due to logistics, acoustics/recording issues and costs, all Council meetings should be held at the George Town Council Office (Council Chambers).

In accordance with the requirements of Section 72B (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* a Council must hold an Annual General Meeting on a date that is not later than the 15 December each year. It is suggested that the 2025 AGM be held on Thursday 13 November 2025.

The Australian Local Government Association Conference (including the National General Assembly) is usually attended by the Mayor and General Manager in Canberra each year, and usually coincides with a Parliamentary Sitting week. The conference dates for 2026 have not been confirmed at the time of writing.

The Ordinary Council meetings are proposed to commence at 1.00 pm except for the Annual General Meeting commencing at 6.00 pm

Note: A Council meeting is not to start before 5.00pm unless endorsed by the Council by an absolute majority.

Proposed Council Workshop schedule for 2026

(including two budget workshops which can be extended to include a third budget workshop if required)

COUNCIL WORKSHOP	DATE	TIME
Workshop	Tuesday 27 January	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 10 February	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 24 February	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 10 March	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 24 March	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 14 April	9.00am
Budget Workshop	Tuesday 21 April	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 28 April	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 12 May	9.00am
Budget Workshop	Tuesday 19 May	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 26 May	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 9 June	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 23 June	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 14 July	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 28 July	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 11 August	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 25 August	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 8 September	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 22 September	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 13 October	9.00am

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Workshop	Tuesday 27 October	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 10 November	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 24 November	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 8 December	9.00am
Workshop	Tuesday 15 December	9.00am

Note that if the Council chooses to have workshops occur after 5 pm then there would be a requirement of 3 workshops per month to achieve the same number of hours of presentations and workshop papers provided to the Council.

The workshop schedule is not required to be published in a daily newspaper.

George Town Council's Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 2026 is proposed to commence at 1.00 pm on the following dates:

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING	TIME
Tuesday 27 January	1.00pm
Tuesday 24 February	1.00pm
Tuesday 24 March	1.00pm
Tuesday 28 April	1.00pm
Tuesday 26 May	1.00pm
Tuesday 23 June	1.00pm
Tuesday 28 July	1.00pm
Tuesday 25 August	1.00pm
Tuesday 22 September	1.00pm
Tuesday 27 October	1.00pm
Tuesday 24 November	1.00pm
Tuesday 15 December	1.00pm

George Town Council's Annual General Meeting for 2026 is proposed to be held on the following date and time:

COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	TIME
Tuesday 10 November	6.00pm

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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

That Council by absolute majority:

1. Endorse the following schedule for Ordinary Council meetings for 2026:

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING	TIME
Tuesday 27 January	1.00pm
Tuesday 24 February	1.00pm
Tuesday 24 March	1.00pm
Tuesday 28 April	1.00pm
Tuesday 26 May	1.00pm
Tuesday 23 June	1.00pm
Tuesday 28 July	1.00pm
Tuesday 25 August	1.00pm
Tuesday 22 September	1.00pm
Tuesday 27 October	1.00pm
Tuesday 24 November	1.00pm
Tuesday 15 December	1.00pm

2. Endorse the following schedule for the Annual General Meeting for 2026:

COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	TIME
Tuesday 10 November	6.00pm

3. Publish this schedule in a daily newspaper as prescribed in Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

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DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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REPORT AUTHOR:	Director Strategy Performance & Development - Mr R. Dunn
REPORT DATE:	20 November 2025
FILE NO:	45.6
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a recommendation to endorse a Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for George Town Municipal Emergency Management Committee (MEMC).

BACKGROUND

The primary function of the Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator is to assist the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator coordinate, advise on and assist council and the Regional Emergency Management Controller with emergency management matters relevant to the municipal area or combined municipal area.

The Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator is responsible for acting in the office of Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator when the Coordinator is not available due to being out of Tasmania i.e. interstate or overseas; or unable to perform the functions of the office or has died, resigned or been removed from office.

On 6 November 2024, the George Town Municipal Emergency Management Plan was endorsed by the George Town Municipal Emergency Management Committee (MEMC) as prescribed under Section 34 of the Emergency Management Act 2006.

On 7 November 2024, the Plan was sent to Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (North) for acceptance and forwarding to the Emergency Management State Controller – Police Commissioner Donna Adams for her approval. Approval was granted by the Commissioner on 23 December 2024.

At a Council Workshop on 26 November 2024 Councillors were advised that the MEMC had endorsed the Municipal Emergency Management Plan.

Early in 2025 Council was notified by the SES Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (North) that several Municipal Emergency Management Plans throughout the State may need to be amended due to a number of Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators not being employees of Councils and therefore may not be eligible for the role. Council was advised that professional advice was being sought by the SES to clarify the matter.

This issue was relevant to George Town's situation as long serving SES and Tasmanian Fire Service volunteer; Mr. Andrew Taylor was not an employee of Council.

At the MEMC Meeting on 10 July, it was confirmed by Annette Dean from SES that following an Emergency Management review process it was not a legal as the appointment needed to

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have the authority to make decisions and allocate resources on behalf of Council in an emergency response situation.

The proposal to endorse Infrastructure and Works Director Andrew Mc Carthy for the position of Deputy Municipal Emergency Coordination was discussed as logical with Rick Dunn tasked to follow up on filling the vacancy. Mr. Dunn discussed this option with Mr. Taylor post the meeting and he was comfortable with the way forward as he indicated his intention to continue in his volunteer roles. Mr. Taylor was thanked for the work that he had done to support our community in his capacity as Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mr. Mc Carthys' endorsement for appointment was discussed with him and the Executive Team with all agreeing that it was a logical progression. On 25 July 2025, Annette Dean from the SES sent Council a Coordinator Nomination Form and this was completed on 1 September 2025 and returned to the SES for forwarding to the Commissioner for consideration.

Mr. Mc Carthys' appointment was appointed to the position of Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator by the Minister on 22 October 2025.

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Future Direction Three - Community Pride

26. Responsive emergency services

- ii. Communities work together with all other agencies for prevention and if necessary coordinated emergency responses

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 functions and powers of Municipal Coordinators are outlined in Section 24 of the Emergency Management Act 2006.

24. Functions and powers of Municipal Coordinators

(1) A Municipal Coordinator has the following functions in respect of the municipal area for which he or she is the Municipal Coordinator:

(a) to assist and advise the Municipal Chairperson and the relevant council on all matters with respect to emergency management in the municipal area or combined area;

(b) if the Regional Controller requires it, to assist and advise the Regional Controller on matters with respect to emergency management in the municipal area;

(c) prior to, during or subsequent to the occurrence of an emergency in the municipal area, to ensure that –

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- (i) *[Section 24 Subsection (1) amended by No. 31 of 2018, s. 15, Applied:10 Dec 2018]* the resources of the relevant council are coordinated and used as required by *section 46* , or as required for the establishment and coordination of evacuation centres and recovery centres in the municipal area; and
- (ii) his or her instructions and decisions and the instructions and decisions of the Municipal Committee, Municipal Chairperson and Regional Controller are transmitted to, and adequately carried out by, the bodies and other persons to whom they are directed or relate;
- (d) to consider whether any powers or declarations under this Act need to be used or made for the purposes of emergency management in respect of an emergency in the municipal area and, if so, to advise the Regional Controller of that need;
- (e) if the Municipal Coordinator considers that resources of another municipal area are necessary to make better provision for emergency management in the municipal area, to request those resources;
- (f) to assist the Unit Managers of the municipal volunteer SES units with the supply and coordination of equipment and facilities provided by the council and the maintenance of such equipment and facilities;
- (g) other functions in respect of emergency management imposed by the Regional Committee or the Regional Controller;
- (h) other functions imposed by this or any other Act;
- (ha) *[Section 24 Subsection (1) amended by No. 31 of 2018, s. 15, Applied:10 Dec 2018]* other functions imposed on a Municipal Coordinator by a Municipal Emergency Management Plan;
- (i) prescribed functions.

(2) A Municipal Coordinator has the following powers:

- (a) to utilise the resources of the municipal volunteer SES units in support of statutory services for emergency purposes within the municipal area;
- (b) to advise the council and councillors in the municipal area in respect of the facilities required for effective operation of the municipal volunteer SES units;
- (c) powers determined by the Regional Controller by notice provided to the Municipal Coordinator;
- (d) prescribed powers;
- (e) the power to do all other things necessary or convenient to perform his or her functions.

Section 23 subsection (6) of the Act states;

While the Deputy Municipal Coordinator is acting in the office of Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, he or she is taken to be the Municipal Coordinator.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The George Town Municipal Emergency Management Plan prescribes prevention and mitigation measures according to the municipal risk profile. The appointment of a Deputy

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Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator is required for the Council to meet its statutory obligations and to place the organisation and municipality in a position to manage risks associated with emergencies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications of the appointment of a Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator are limited to costs associated in relation to any training required and attendance at meetings and forums.

This report does not consider costs associated with prevention and mitigation measures or costs associated with emergency response, relief, and recovery.

DIVERSITY, EQUITABLE ACCESS AND INCLUSION CONSIDERATIONS

Given the nature of the roles, the appointment process for the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator have not been subject to Council's Diversity, Equitable Access, and Inclusion Policy.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has been limited to the Council Workshop held on the 11 November 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

A recent review of the Emergency Management Act 2006 provisions has revealed an administrative error that occurred regarding the appointment process undertaken by the Director – Strategy, Performance & Development.(SPD)

Section 23 - Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators and Deputies subsection (1) was relied upon when considering the process for appointment of the position and seeking advice from the SES.

Subsection (1) states;

The Minister is to appoint a Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and a Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for each municipal area.

The Director of SPD however did not consider a subsequent part of the Act – Subsection (2) that also states;

The Minister is to appoint as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, or Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, for a municipal area a person nominated by the council in that municipal area.

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Whilst this part of the Act is silent for the appointment to be a Decision of Council it is certainly acknowledged that this may certainly be the intent of the Act and it is therefore prudent for the Director SPD to bring this to Council for discussion and consideration.

The rationale to propose the Director of Infrastructure and Works for the is based upon the natural alignment of the function to allocate and manage Council resources in an emergency response.

The request to seek a nomination from Council in this way is irregular and not ideal, however, it is considered to be a pragmatic solution to rectify this administrative error.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Retrospectively endorse the appointment of Mr Andrew McCarthy as Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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8.4 QUARTERLY REPORT - QUARTER 1 - 1 JULY - 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager – Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	4 November 2025
FILE NO:	14.21
ATTACHMENTS:	1. 2025 09 30 Quarterly Performance Report [8.4.1 - 58 pages]

REASON
The purpose of this brief is to present the George Town Council 1 st Quarterly Performance Report 1 July – 30 September 2025 to elected members for review and discussion.

BACKGROUND

Council has a motion requiring the production of a quarterly report on the operations of the Council organisation. The quarterly report is produced in line with Council's motion.

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

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

The following legislation is relevant to this report:

The Local Government Act 1993, Section .27 (c), the Mayor is to promote good governance by, and within, the Council.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The implementation of a quarterly report is designed to minimise risk to the organisation and increased transparency through providing an ongoing performance report on the Council's

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financial, strategic and customer service objectives, to the elected members and the community.

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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CONSULTATION

The draft 1st Quarter Performance Report is presented to elected members at the 11 November 2025 Council Workshop.

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 1st Quarter 1 July – 30 September 2025 performance report is submitted for consideration by Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

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

DECISION

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Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

9 INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

10.1 DRAFT DESTINATION TOURISM STRATEGY

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director Corporate & Community - Ms C. Hyde
REPORT DATE:	12 November 2025
FILE NO:	39.10
ATTACHMENTS:	1. George Town Destination Tourism Strategy 2025 - FINAL [10.1.1 - 106 pages] 2. George Town Tool Kit 2025 [10.1.2 - 12 pages] 3. George Town Tactical Plan_ Destination Strategy [10.1.3 - 11 pages] 4. Community feedback - Destination Tourism Strategy [10.1.4 - 8 pages]

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Elected Members endorsement of the Draft George Town Destination Tourism Strategy 2025 and Itineraries.

BACKGROUND

George Town Council's Strategic Plan strives to increase community pride and increase visitors in the George Town region.

This strategy has been developed to provide Council with a documented strategy for marketing our region. It provides direction and structure for the way Council engages tourism operators, ensuring that the relationship between the Council and business is clearly defined. It also sets out the Council goals for the next 10-year period.

In the development of the strategy, Council engaged KingThing Marketing to undertake the stakeholder engagement and delivery of the strategy documentation.

The development of this tourism strategy has been a collaborative process, designed to build a robust and actionable plan for increasing the region's visitor economy.

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
 - ii. Existing and new visitor experiences increase overnight stays
 - iii. Local, seasonal produce and beverages promote local gastronomic offerings
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- iv. New coastal eco-experiences help care for the local penguin colony and other native fauna
- v. Cultural heritage interpretation supports a sense of place
- vi. A range of visitor accommodation supports the area supports the visitor experience
- vii. Promoted Wild Tamar Experiences are central to the visitor experience

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

- 14. Local businesses thrive and respond to local and visitor needs
 - iii. Opening hours and service standards meet customer and visitor needs

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

- 18. A strength-based reputation
 - i. A strong George Town and Region brand, value proposition and narrative
 - ii. The areas value proposition guides promotional activities

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

George Town Council Community Strategic Plan 2024-2030

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2025/2026 budget allocation for the implementation of the Tourism and Marketing Strategy is \$15,000.00.

DIVERSITY, EQUITABLE ACCESS AND INCLUSION CONSIDERATIONS

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CONSULTATION

Council staff have provided the Community, including key stakeholders, with the opportunity to provide feedback on the strategy. Council staff and the service provider Kingthing have engaged with stakeholders at community consultation sessions.

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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 Destination Tourism Strategy was presented to elected members for review and comment at the 12 August 2025, 9 September 2025, 14 October 2025 and 11 November 2025 Council Workshops.

The reviewed draft Destination Tourism Strategy was open for community consultation via Council's social media, website and through direct engagement to stakeholders from 15 August 2025 to 5 September 2025, in accordance with Council's Community Consultation Framework. The council received six (6) submissions from the public (attached).

The submissions have been considered in the final draft of the strategy and in response to the feedback, a summary toolkit document has been prepared and included to assist users of the strategy.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Endorse the George Town Council Destination Tourism Strategy 2025, Tactical Plan and Toolkit.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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10.2 BASS AND FLINDERS MARITIME MUSEUM PROPOSED FEE AMENDMENT

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director Corporate & Community - Ms C. Hyde
REPORT DATE:	12 November 2025
FILE NO:	39.10
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Fees and Charges - Bass and Flinders 2025-26 [10.2.1 - 1 page] 2. Proposed fees and charges amendment Bass and Flinders 2025-26 [10.2.2 - 1 page]

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of proposed amendment to fees for the Bass and Flinders Maritime Museum.

BACKGROUND

The Council set the 2025/2026 Fees and Charges at its meeting on the 24 June 2025.

Council officers have recently had approaches from a tourism operator and marketing providers regarding a discounted fee at the Bass and Flinders Maritime Museum.

A number of new tourism offerings are being established in the municipality. These range from boat charters, diving and walking tours to hospitality and new accommodation offerings.

To enhance the visitor experience in the municipality, it is proposed to offer a discounted rate to patrons of tourism offerings for visitation to the Bass and Flinders Maritime Museum. It is also proposed to offer discounts to patrons of marketing groups such as Lap of Tasmania who Council partner with or subscribe to. Further the ticket of leave – yearly pass be amended from *Ticket of Leave – yearly entry - Local GTC Municipality Residents and tour operators. (Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult).* To *Ticket of Leave – yearly entry - Tasmanian residents and tour operators. (Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult).*

This item was discussed at a Council workshop on 11 November 2025.

In accordance with the Local Government Act, fees and charges are adopted by an absolute majority of Council.

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

8. A diversified local economy

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- i. An economy transitioning from heavy industry to advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, visitor economy, care, are branded produce and niche products through a circular economy approach

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

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

18. A strength-based reputation

- i. A strong George Town and Region brand, value proposition and narrative
- ii. The areas value proposition guides promotional activities

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993 as amended states:

205.

(1) In addition to any other power to impose fees and charges but subject to subsection (2) a council may impose fees and charges in respect of any one or all of the following matters:

- (a) the use of any property or facility owned, controlled, managed or maintained by the council;
- (b) services supplied at a person's request;
- (c) carrying out work at a person's request;
- (d) providing information or materials, or providing copies of, or extracts from, records of the council;
- (e) any application to the council;
- (f) any licence, permit, registration or authorization granted by the council;
- (g) any other prescribed matter.

(2) A council may not impose a fee or charge in respect of a matter if –

- (a) a fee or charge is prescribed in respect of that matter; or
- (b) this or any other Act provides that a fee or charge is not payable in respect of that matter.

(3) Any fee or charge under subsection (1) need not be fixed by reference to the cost to the Council

National Competition Policy: Applying the Principles to Local Government in Tasmania (December 2013)

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Failure to implement an appropriate fee for use schedule will result in reduced revenue and higher costs to operate facilities and perform functions.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is prudent for Council to review its fees and charges each year to ensure that they are appropriate. Council needs to ensure that the services provided by Council do not have a negative budgetary impact.

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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CONSULTATION

Council was briefed at the workshop on 11 November 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

Council officers have considered discounted rates for tourism operators offered by other tourism offerings in the region. For group bookings, discounts range from 10%-40% with minimum group sizes ranging from 6-15 persons.

When considering the discounts provided and the existing discount for non-commercial tour groups for the Bass and Flinders, Council officers propose the Bass and Flinders fee for group bookings be amended to tour groups with a minimum group size of 6.

Council officers propose that the General Manager may offer a discount to patrons of partnered marketing groups of 15% off the applicable entry price to the museum.

Further it is proposed that the Ticket of Leave – yearly entry be amended to include residents of Tasmania, thereby allowing Tasmanian residents to enjoy multiple entries into the facility over the year and encourage increased visitation by residents bringing visitors to the facility.

Proposed amendments are attached together with existing fees and charges for Councils consideration.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

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1. Approved the proposed amended fees and charges for the Bass and Flinders Maritime Museum for 2025/2026 to -
 - Ticket of Leave yearly entry Tasmanian Residents and Tour operators. (Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult) - \$13 adult, \$11 concession, \$6 child.
 - Group Bookings (minimum group of 6) \$9 adult, \$4.00 School groups
2. Authorises the General Manager to offer a discount to patrons of partnering marketing groups of 15% off the applicable entry price to the museum.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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10.3 GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL AUDIT PANEL COMMITTEE CONFIRMED MINUTES 11 JUNE 2025

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director – Corporate and Community – Mrs. C Hyde
REPORT DATE:	18 November 2025
FILE NO:	29.11
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Audit Panel Confirmed Minutes 11 June 2025

SUMMARY

This report is to provide Council with a copy of the confirmed Audit Panel Minutes from the meeting dated 11th June 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.

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Future Direction Four - Leadership and Accountable Governance

1. A culture of engagement and participation
 - iv. Understanding processes and participating in decision making.

Future Direction Four - Leadership and Accountable Governance

4. Positive and productive working relationship with all levels of government and their agencies
 - ii. Understanding the outcomes and directions sought by all levels of government.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

The Local Government Act 1993.
The Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014 Statutory Rules 2014.
George Town Audit Panel Charter.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

No risks are identified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

CONSULTATION

The minutes are confirmed by the Audit Panel Committee on 22 October 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

Nil.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 11th June 2025 as an accurate record of that meeting.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

11 STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT AUTHOR:	Coordinator – Development Services - Ms T. Burt
REPORT DATE:	13 th November 2025
FILE NO:	28.14
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Family Naming Confirmation - Winston Little [11.1.1 - 3 pages] 2. List of Service - Winston Little [11.1.2 - 2 pages] 3. Feedback - Winston Little [11.1.3 - 4 pages]

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's consideration of a request to name an existing park in White Street, George Town the 'Winston Little Park'. In doing so, this will commemorate a decorated member of the community.

This request has been put forward by the daughter of the late Harold Winston Little.

BACKGROUND

The late Harold Winston Little was a decorated member of the community. Mr. Little contributed many hours volunteering labour and equipment to the construction of the Pipers River cricket ground and tennis court, upgrades to the Pipers River Hall, playgrounds at Weymouth and George Town. Mr. Little committed a lot of his time to committees which included but were not limited to the Pipers River Branch, Pipers River Cricket and Tennis Club, School Association board member, Weymouth Progress Association and was a Councillor of the George Town Council for 21 years. See attachment for a full list of this service.

In 1983 Mr. Little was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to George Town.

Council secured the land for public open space as a result of the White/Lawrence Street subdivision and has since maintained the site for this purpose.



Figure 1: Location – 18 White Street, George Town

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Future Direction Three - Community Pride

23. All communities take pride in their place
- iii. The design and maintenance of public spaces and places reinforces community identity and reputation

Future Direction Four- Leadership and Accountable Governance

33. Fair and open planning regulatory processes

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

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Nil

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered a very low risk associated with the naming of the public open space.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This proposal is not expected to have any financial implications.

During the consultation phase, a question was raised regarding the purchase of vacant land in White Street to support future park expansion. The George Town Open Space Plan has identified land in White Street for a potential purchase however at this stage, the purchase of additional land is not under consideration.

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.

CONSULTATION

The proposal was presented to Council at a workshop in August 2025. Since then, Council has undertaken public consultation via a social media post.

The consultation period was open for a period of 28 days. Council received numerous supportive comments on the social media post, along with some formal positive feedback, which is included in the attachments.

If Council wishes to proceed with the naming of the park, the proposal will be lodged with Placenames Tasmania that will conduct its own consultation before the advisory panel considers it.

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

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Approving this proposal allows Council to formally acknowledge and express their gratitude to a long-serving community member who has made a positive and lasting impact on the community.

Given the site is used as a park containing play equipment, Council officers support the name 'Winston Little Park'.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the naming of public open space located at 18 White Street, George Town to Winston Little Park;
2. Approves the Coordinator Development Services to make application to Placenames Tasmania.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

12.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT - MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

REPORT DATE: 19 November 2025

FILE NO: 14.11, 14.15

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser		
October	23	Attended George Town Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards
	29	Attended TasWater General Meeting
	29	Tamar FM Interview
	30	Met with Equis representatives and General Manager re Bell Bay Wind Farm
	30	Met with local business owner
November	6	Office of Local Government – Councillor Information Session – Targeted Amendment draft Bill
	6	Attended NTDC MRG Meeting and AGM
	7	Attended Bass and Flinders Maritime Museum Miniature Mariners Exhibition Opening
	10	Participated in George Town Aquatic Health and Wellbeing Centre Media Event with the Hon. Catherine King MP, Federal Minister for Bass Jess Teesdale and the Hon. Michael Ferson.
	10	Chaired the Emergency Management Committee meeting.
	10	Attended NTDC Board Meeting
	11	Chaired Council Workshop
	11	Placed wreath on behalf of George Town Council for George Town RSL Sub Branch – Remembrance Day Service
	13	Chaired George Town Council's Annual General Meeting
	14	Attended Bell Bay Response Team
	18	ABC Interview
Deputy Mayor Cr Greg Dawson		
November	10	Attended George Town Aquatic Health and Wellbeing Centre – Media Event
	13	Attended George Town Council's Annual General Meeting
Cr Jason Orr		
October	23	George Town Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards
November	7	Bass and Flinders Maritime Museum Miniature Mariners Exhibition Opening
	10	Aquatic Health and Wellbeing Centre – Media Event
	11	Attended Council Workshop
	11	RSL George Town Sub Branch – Remembrance Day Service
	18	VNT Local Tourism Forum

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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

13 PETITIONS

Nil.

14 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

14.1 RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2009 EXTERNAL REVIEW – GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL - CR BARWICK

Moved: Cr Barwick

That Council:

1. Note the correspondence from the Ombudsman (attached) with regard to a Right to Information Act Review

Reason:

EXTERNAL REVIEW R.T.I.

Ombudsman Case Reference R2411 - 004.

Reason for decision s48 (3)

Provisions considered s35.

for council noting.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

15 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Barwick
(Ordinary Council meeting 28 October 2025)

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ABN 68 300 116 092

29 October 2025

Councillor Barwick

Dear Councillor Barwick ,

RE: RESPONSE TO QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

In response to your further question on the Solstice event financials at the Ordinary meeting of Council 28 October 2025:

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.

Council allocated a budget of \$70,000 to the Events budget in 2024/2025 for the solstice. The table below outlines the costs and funding associated with the events requested:

Solstice 2025 Financials	
Expenditure	
Wages – Council Staff	\$14,015.49
On-Costs	\$2,464.73
Plant usage	\$3,200.60
Infrastructure items	\$3,831.01
Staging, sound and lighting	\$34,772.41
Musicians	\$9,041.25
Projection	\$2,000.00
Other performers/activities	\$4,815.91
Marketing	\$9,624.08
Security/first aid/toilet hire	\$6,165.93
Marquee/stretchy tent hire	\$3,750.00
Miscellaneous	\$7,255.59
Total costs	\$100,937.00

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Funding	
Sponsorship	\$8,500.00
Vendor Stall Fees	\$1,150.00
Ticket sales	\$28,119.00
Grants – Events Tasmania	\$5,000.00
Grants – Projection installation artist fees	\$2,000.00
George Town Council Events, Arts and Culture budget	\$56,168.00
Total funding	\$100,937.00
Profit/Loss	
Council allocated budget	\$70,000.00
Council funds utilized	\$56,168.00
Underspend (Profit) on budget allocation	\$13,832.00

Yours sincerely,



**Shane Power
General Manager**

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 28 October 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)(i)(ii)(iii), (e), (f)(i)(ii), (g), (h), (k), (l) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed atpm.

**Cr Greg Kieser
MAYOR**