



GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

Notice is hereby given
that the next Ordinary Council Meeting
will be held on
Tuesday 24 March 2026

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

commencing at **1:00 pm.**

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

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

Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

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Meeting Commencing at 1:00 pm

Acknowledgement of Country

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

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

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

AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Chairperson advised the meeting that:

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

1 PRESENT

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 24 FEBRUARY 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 24 February 2026 numbered 012/26 to 020/26 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings (attached).

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME PROCEDURE

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

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

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

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

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

5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

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5.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced at:

Concluded at:

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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.”)

Nil.

6 GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION

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

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



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 FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE: 12 March 2026
FILE NO: 14.10
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

SUMMARY

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

DATE AND PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP HELD

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026

- Planning and Building Update
- Capital Works Update
- Agenda Review
- Governance Issues
- Councillors/General Manager Discussions

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

Apologies: Cr Heather Barwick
Cr Tim Harris
General Manager

In Attendance: Director Corporate & Community
Director Infrastructure & Operations
Senior Executive Assistant & Governance Officer
Administrative Officer – Governance
Senior Town Planner
Coordinator Development Services
Manager Engineering & Projects

Guest: Nil.

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TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2026

- Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 24 February 2026
- Unconfirmed Minutes of the Closed Ordinary Council meeting held on the 24 February 2026
- Community Assistance Grants Round 2
- Asset and GIS Presentation
- EOI – YMCA
- Aquatic Centre Modelling
- Rating
- LGAT Motions
- Beechford Recreation Ground
- Governance
- Councillors/General Manager Discussions

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

Apologies: Cr Heather Barwick
Cr Jason Orr

In Attendance: General Manager
Director Corporate & Community
Director Infrastructure & Operations
Senior Executive Assistant & Governance Officer
Manager Engineering & Projects
Asset & Technical Services Officer

Guest: Consultant – Esk Services

TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2026

- Budget Workshop No. 1

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

Apologies: Mayor Greg Kieser
Cr Jason Orr

In Attendance: General Manager
Director Corporate & Community
Director Infrastructure & Operations
Director Strategy, Performance & Development
Senior Executive Support & Governance Officer

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Guest: Nil.

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Future Direction Four- Leadership and Accountable Governance

33. Fair and open planning regulatory processes

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

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications are considered low.

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.

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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the report on the Council Workshops held on the 24 February 2026, 10 March and 17 March 2026.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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8.2 LGAT GENERAL MEETING - 10 APRIL 2026 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	12 March 2026
FILE NO:	15.15
ATTACHMENTS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. City of Hobart Motion Second Generation Rodenticides [8.2.1 - 2 pages]2. West Tamar Council Motion - Changing Local Government's role in delivering immunisation programs [8.2.2 - 2 pages]

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with motions for which notice has been given for the upcoming Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting scheduled for the 10 April 2026 for consideration.

BACKGROUND

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

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

At the time of authoring this report the LGAT Agenda for the General Meeting being held 10 April 2025, is yet to be published. When published a copy will be publicly available via LGAT's website www.lgat.tas.gov.au.

Council has received notice of a motions being tabled by Hobart City Council and West Tamar Council for:

- Second General Rodenticides (Hobart City Council)
- Changing Local Government's Role in Delivering Immunisation Programs (West Tamar Council)

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Future Direction Four - Leadership and Accountable Governance

4. Positive and productive working relationship with all levels of government and their agencies

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- i. Ensuring the area's needs and priorities are understood.
- ii. Understanding the outcomes and directions sought by all levels of government.

Future Direction Four- Leadership and Accountable Governance

33. Fair and open planning regulatory processes

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

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

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

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

RULES REGARDING CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

13. WHO MAY ATTEND A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

14. PROXIES AT MEETINGS

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

15. QUORUM AT MEETINGS

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

16. VOTING AT MEETINGS

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

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

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

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- (i) *other than the table at Rule 16(a), Rules 16(a) to (d) will not apply to voting at those meetings;*
- (ii) *the General Management Committee will determine the method of voting in lieu of electronic voting buttons and placards; and*
- (iii) *for the avoidance of doubt, each Member must be permitted to exercise the number of votes determined according to the table at Rule 16(a).*

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

DIVERSITY, EQUITABLE ACCESS AND INCLUSION CONSIDERATIONS

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CONSULTATION

The motions were received from LGAT on the 3 March 2026 and is included for the 10 March 2026 Council Workshop for review and consideration.

A copy of the LGAT agenda when published will be made available via LGAT's website www.lgat.tas.gov.au.

OPTIONS

Council may choose:

1. That Council determines that the Mayor be authorised to vote at the LGAT General Meeting 10 April 2026, in accordance with Council's strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions with due consideration of any conference debate on items listed for decision at that meeting;

OR

2. That Council considers and provides voting preferences to the Mayor for the LGAT General Meeting 10 April 2026 as determined by the Chair (usually a show of hands or verbal confirmation) in respect to each individual item listed below and formally endorses that direction.

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OFFICER’S COMMENTS

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

George Town Council has not submitted any items for members’ decision for inclusion in the 10 April 2026 LGAT General Meeting agenda.

In relation to the Hobart City Council motion, Council currently uses second-generation rodenticides in four of its buildings, which are inspected every six months. The annual cost of using these products is approximately \$440. Should Council transition to an alternative treatment, it is estimated this would incur an additional cost of around \$100 per year based on current usage.

The alternative rodenticide is Selontra which has shown to have no signs of toxicosis in the cats, dogs or birds tested and must be administered by a professional supplier.

LGAT General Meeting Agenda 10 April 2026 Item No.	Items for Decision	Council Decision
TBA	<p>Second Generation Rodenticides – Hobart City Council</p> <p>Decision Sought</p> <p>That Tasmanian councils cease using second generation rodenticides at council facilities if they are still being used.</p> <p>That Tasmanian councils be encouraged to engage with their communities to encourage avoidance of second-generation rodenticides, identified by the word ‘poison’ on packaging as opposed to ‘caution’.</p>	
TBA	<p>Changing Local Government’s Role in Delivering Immunisation Programs – West Tamar Council</p> <p>Decision Sought</p> <p>That LGAT advocates for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Tasmanian Government remove or modify section 57 of the <i>Public Health Act 1997</i> which requires Councils to develop and 	

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	<p>implement an approved program for immunisation in its municipal area.</p> <p>2. That the Tasmanian Department of Health take primary responsibility for delivery of school-based immunisation programs in Tasmania.</p> <p>3. That Section 57(1) if not removed be replaced with:</p> <p><i>“A Council may develop and implement an approved program for immunisation in its municipal area by liaising with the Tasmanian Health Service who is required to carry out school-based immunisation programs statewide.”</i></p>	
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. That Council determines that the Mayor or Council representative be authorised to vote at the LGAT General Meeting 10 April 2026, in accordance with Council’s strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions with due consideration of any conference debate on items listed for decision at that meeting.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

9 INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

10.1 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS ROUND 2

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director Corporate & Community - Ms C. Hyde
REPORT DATE:	17 March 2026
FILE NO:	23.2
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an opportunity to discuss and review the applications that have been received for the Community Assistance Grants Round 2 2025/2026. The applications are required to be assessed on merit and how they will provide support to the broader community.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Council's Community Assistance Policy GTC-6, on the 2nd of February 2026, Council announced the opening of Round 2 of the 2025/2026 Community Assistance Grant Program, with application closing on Friday 27th of February 2026.

The Community Assistance Policy applies to applications for:

- Fee Remission
- Assistance to Individuals
- Community Grants

Total budget allocation of \$30,000.00.

A total of 6 Community Grant applications were received in Round 2 to the amount of \$9,695.90.

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Future Direction One - Progressive well-resourced communities

1. Social infrastructure and services match growth and community needs
 - iv. Necessary community services and social infrastructure are funded

Future Direction One - Progressive well-resourced communities

4. Vibrant local communities
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- i. Progress and Community Associations plan and achieve their annual priorities

Future Direction Three - Community Pride

23. All communities take pride in their place

- ii. The plans, programs and achievements of groups that work to improve amenity and build pride in our communities are supported and celebrated

Future Direction Three - Community Pride

25. Community groups work together on common goals

- i. A cohesive community with capacity to work together and achieve common goals
- ii. Community projects and programs are communicated to duplication is avoided, and everyone knows what is going on

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires:

- (1) A council is to prepare an annual plan for the municipal area for each financial year.
- (2) An annual plan is to:
 - a. be consistent with the strategic plan; and
 - b. includes a statement of the manner in which the council is to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan; and
 - c. includes a summary of the estimates adopted under section 82; and
 - d. includes a summary of the major strategies to be used in relation to the council's public health goals and objectives.
- (3) As soon as practicable after a Council adopts an annual plan, the General Manager is to:
 - a. Make a copy available of the Annual Plan available for public inspection at the public office during ordinary business hours;
 - b. Provide the Director and the Director of Public Health a copy of the Annual Plan

Council has an established Policy Community Assistance Policy No. GTC-6 which offers community organisations and individuals the opportunity to apply to Council for funding to assist them in the operations and implementation of their activities within the community.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

No risks are identified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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The 2025/2026 budget allocation for Community Grants is \$30,000.00.

Funding allocation as of 5 March 2026:

- Fee Remissions: \$2,378.50
- Assistance to Individuals: \$2,500.00
- Community Assistance Grants Round 1: \$12330.51
- **TOTAL \$17,209.01**

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CONSULTATION

Council is provided with the Community Assistance Grants for their consideration on the 10th of March Workshop.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

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

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Please refer to the comments below.

01CAGP – George Town Cricket Club

Project Title: Purchase of new uniforms for 2026 season

Project Summary: The project involves the purchase of 24 (two teams worth) sets of uniforms for the George Town Cricket Club junior programs for the 2026 season. The uniforms will be used by our junior teams and will provide players with appropriate, consistent and safe playing attire.

This project supports the continued growth of junior cricket in George Town by ensuring all participants have access to suitable uniforms, helping to create a positive and inclusive team environment while representing the club and municipality with pride.

Certificate of Currency, Certificate of Incorporation and quote supplied.

Request:

Junior Uniform \$1,980.00

TOTAL \$1,980.00 Requesting: \$1,980.00

Funding Previously Received

Community Assistance Grants	Nil
Fee Remissions	Nil
Sponsorship	Nil

This application is supported.

02CAGP – George Town Community Bowls Club

Project Title: Purchase of 4 Bowling Arms

Project Summary: The purchase of 4 DHB Bowling Arms of various sizes, ie XS, S, L & XL so a member can determine the correct size before they purchase one for their use.

Certificate of Currency, Certificate of Incorporation and quote supplied.

Request:

\$1,484.00

TOTAL **\$1,484.00** **Requesting: \$1,484.00**

Funding Previously Received

Community Assistance Grants	2022/2023 - \$2,000
Fee Remissions	Nil
Sponsorship	Nil

This application is supported.

03CAGP – Weymouth Progress Association

Project Title: Chipper/Mulcher

Project Summary: The WPA intends to purchase a chipper/mulcher to assist with maintenance and control of vegetation in the WMBRA and walking tracks around Weymouth.

Public Liability, Certificate of Incorporation and quote supplied.

Request:

Chipper \$4,995.00

TOTAL \$4,995.00 Requesting: \$2,000.00

Funding Previously Received

Community Assistance Grants	Nil – past two rounds
Fee Remission	Nil
Sponsorship	Weymouth Progress Association Anniversary 2025/2026 - \$400 Weymouth Progress Association Anniversary 2024/2025 - \$400

This application is not supported.

Council officers are of the understanding that WPA does not have approval from Parks or George Town Council in relation to vegetation control at the Weymouth Recreation Ground (referred to by Weymouth Progress Association as WMBRA) or walking trails throughout Weymouth.

05CAGP – Bellingham Progress Association

Project Title: Working Bee

Project Summary: This project will enable the older working bee participants to carry out work much easier. The cart will enable tools etc. to be wheeled rather than carried. The battery-operated pruner will enable much easier trimming of tracks etc.

Certificate of Currency, Certificate of Incorporation and quote supplied.

Request:

Cart	\$129.00
Pruning Secateurs	\$129.00 (quote is \$229.00)
Battery Pack	\$79.00

TOTAL **\$337.00** **Requesting: \$337.00**

Funding Previously Received

Community Assistance Grants	2025/2026 Round 1 - \$288.00 2024/2025 Round 2 - \$611.00
Fee Remissions	Nil
Sponsorship	Nil

Not eligible for grant, recipient of grant in round 1.

06CAGP – TamarFM

Project Title: Replacement of Failed Outside Broadcast Van Equipment

Project Summary: This project is to replace a crucial piece of equipment in Tamar FM's Outside Broadcast Unit, which failed during our music broadcast at the George Town Christmas Parade. It is not considered viable to repair, and so it is proposed to replace it. The West Tamar Council has provided a partial grant for this project, this application is to "top up" those funds.

Certificate of Currency, Charity Status and quote supplied.

Request:

	\$1,210.00	
	\$2,088.90	
	\$132.00	
Vendor Setup	\$264.00	
TOTAL	\$3,694.90	Requesting: \$1,894.90

Funding Previously Received

Community Assistance Grants	Nil
Fee Remissions	Nil
Sponsorship	Nil

This application is supported.

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07CAGP – CWA

Project Title: Fund Raising - Portable Ultrasound machine

Project Summary: To help towards obtaining a Portable Ultrasound machine for the George Town Hospital.

Certificate of Currency, Certificate of Incorporation and letter of support provided.

Request:

Portable Ultrasound \$6,000.00

TOTAL \$6,000.00 Requesting: \$2,000.00

Funding Previously Received

Community Assistance Grants	Nil
Fee Remissions	Nil
Sponsorship	Nil

This application has the support of Local Doctors surgery. CWA have indicated that they will work with the Hospital auxiliary to fund raising the residual amount.

Recommend support.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. George Town Cricket Club – approve the Community Assistance Grant Application of \$1,980.00.
2. George Town Community Bowls Club – approve the Community Assistance Application of \$1,484.00.
3. Weymouth Progress Association – Not support this application.
4. Bellingham Progress Association – Not support this application.
5. Tamar FM – approve the Community Assistance Grant Application of \$1,894.90.
6. Country Women's Association - approve the Community Assistance Grant Application of \$2,000.00 pending the successful fundraising for the balance by the CWA.

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DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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10.2 LOAN COUNCIL ALLOCATION FOR 2026/2027

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

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a review of loan borrowings for 2026 / 2027.

BACKGROUND

Each year the Council is required to seek Treasury approval for its borrowing intentions. Council is restricted in its capacity to borrow funds by sections 78 and 80 of the Local Government Act 1993.

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Future Direction Four - Leadership and Accountable Governance

31. Positive and productive working relationship with all levels of government and their agencies
 - ii. The outcomes and directions sought by all level of government are understood

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

The following sections of the Local Government Act 1993, regulate Council's borrowing activities.

78. Borrowings

(1) A council, for the purpose of raising a loan or obtaining any form of financial accommodation, may decide by an absolute majority to provide any of the following forms of security:

(a) debentures;

(b) bills of sale, mortgages or other charges;

(c) inscribed stock;

(d) guarantees;

(e) any other document evidencing indebtedness other than bearer instruments.

(2) A council may not raise a loan in any financial year exceeding any amount the Treasurer determines for that financial year.

*(3) In this section, **loan** includes any financing arrangement as determined by the Treasurer.*

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80.Limit on borrowing

(1) Except with the approval of the Minister, a council may not borrow additional money for any purpose if the annual payments required to service the total borrowings would exceed 30% of its revenue of the preceding financial year.

(2) Grants made to a council for specific purposes are to be excluded in calculating 30% of revenue of the council.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

In considering Councils debt position the following should be considered.

Net financial liabilities are an indicator of the level of debt being managed. If the net financial liabilities ratio is positive, the Council has no “net debt”. If it is negative, then the council will be managing some level of debt.

	Description	Indicator Results
Net financial liabilities	Liquid assets less total liabilities	Net financial liabilities equals total liabilities less financial assets.
Net financial liabilities ratio	Liquid assets less total liabilities/Total operating revenue	Where the value is falling over time Council’s capacity to meet its financial obligations from operating income is improving.

Aims and Targets (from Council’s Financial Strategy)

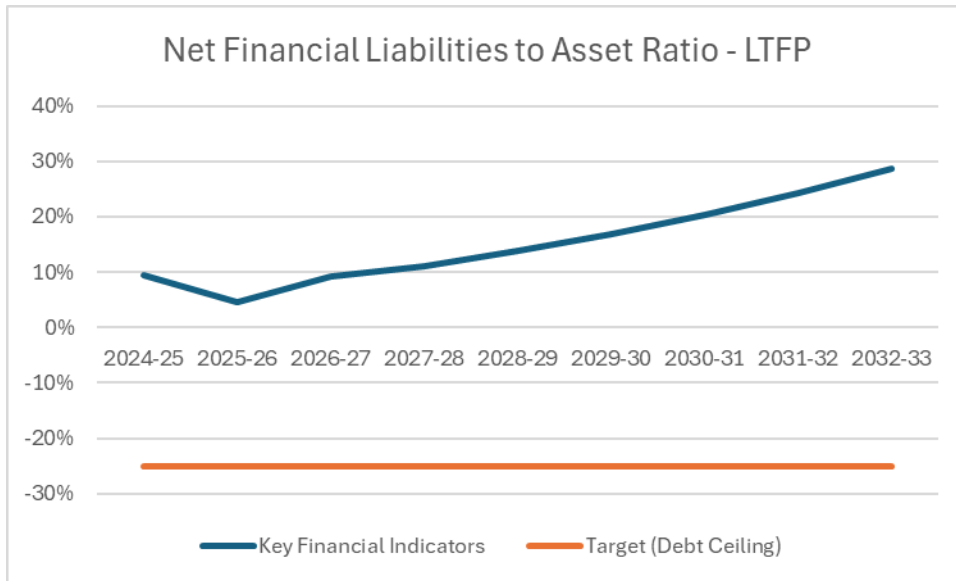
Performance measure	Net financial liabilities ratio
Performance calculation	Liquid assets less total liabilities/Total operating revenue
Aim	Between 0 and negative 50%
Target	Negative 25% (assumes a level of modest debt).

Council’s net financial liabilities ratio as estimated based on the assumptions made in the Long-Term Financial Plan are included in the graph below.

Comment from the current Long Term Financial Plan

The net financial liabilities ratio remains within the target set (0% to negative 25%) in the financial strategy. From 2026, the target is exceeded as cash balances increase and loans are paid down. Any new borrowings within the timeframe of the long-term financial plan will impact the ratio going forward.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Any new borrowings will impact the financial position of Council in line with repayments and interest charges.

DIVERSITY, EQUITABLE ACCESS AND INCLUSION CONSIDERATIONS

The Diversity, Equitable Access and Inclusion Policy align 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

Consultation is limited to Council Budget Workshop only.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

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

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

On reviewing the long-term financial plan and considering the timing of current and proposed capital works projects for 2026/2027, there does not seem to be any indication that new

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borrowings over and above those already existing will be required for the 2026/2027 financial year.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Authorises the General Manager to advise Treasury that no further borrowings are required by George Town Council for the 2026/2027 financial year.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

11 STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

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12 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

12.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT - MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

REPORT DATE: 19 March 2026

FILE NO: 14.11, 14.15

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser		
<i>February</i>	24	Chaired Council Workshop
	24	Chaired Ordinary Council meeting
<i>March</i>	4	Tamar FM Interview
	10	Chaired Council Workshop
	14	Attended Gallery Opening
Deputy Mayor Cr Greg Dawson		
<i>February</i>	24	Attended Council Workshop
	24	Attended Ordinary Council meeting
<i>March</i>	4	Attended Youth Impact Council meeting
	10	Attended Council Workshop
	16	Chaired Progress/Community Association's quarterly meeting
	17	Chaired Council Budget Workshop
	17	ABC Interview re Equis Wind Farm
	19	Participated in Mayoral Croquet event
	19	Attended site visit of Firmus Technology with Federal member for Bass Jess Teesdale

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

13 PETITIONS

Nil.

14 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

15 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

16 CLOSED MEETING

16.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

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

Agenda Item 16.2 Minutes of the Closed Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 February 2026

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

Agenda Item 16.3 2025/2026 Gravel Resheeting Tender Report

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

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed atpm.

**Cr Greg Dawson
ACTING MAYOR**