

MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, November 1, 2025

Meeting Opened: 10:00 am

1. **Present:** (14)
Apologies: (22)

Apologies for failure of the online connection.

2. **Minutes of the General Meeting held on 7 June, 2025.**

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting are accepted as an accurate record.

Moved: Sally von Bertouch

Seconded: Kevin Watkins

Carried

3. **Business Arising from Minutes**

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Item	Action	Responsibility
3.1	Request more detail in Tas Police NHW monthly reports. Done	Craig
3.2	Purchase WiFi Access point and new gazebo. Done	Craig
3.3	Post Cancellation of Winter Solstice on Social media. Done	Craig
3.4	Purchase nibbles and door prize for Xmas in July. Done	Craig
3.5	Advise members of First Aid Course and request EOIs. Done	Craig
3.6	Survey members regarding support for WCC upgrade. Done	Craig
3.7	Follow up with GTC regarding generator cabinet.	Gary
3.8	Draft letter to GTC regarding suggestions for future Roadshows. Done	Gary/Craig

4. Treasurer's Report

Latest Financial Report tabled.

Motion: That the Financial report be accepted.

Moved: Gary Byard

Seconded: Graeme **Bowkett**

Carried

5. Correspondence:

In

- Neighbourhood Watch June and July to September Crime Report from TasPol.

- Confirmation of receipt of correspondence from Phil Thompson
- TEC request to hire Hall for State Election
- Minutes of July Association Chairs' Meeting
- Invoice for First Aid Course
- Reply from Mayor Kieser re: Roadshows
- Event Approval: Christmas in July
- Remittance Advice from GTC: 2024 Anniversary Event Sponsorship
- Invoice from WE Fine Catering
- User Agreement from GTC
- Landcare Newsletter
- GTCCMG Agenda and Minutes
- Event Approval from GTC: Anniversary Event
- Letter of Authority from GTC: Anniversary Event
- TasPorts Community Grant information
- Acknowledgment of receipt of Grant Final Report from DVA.
- Email from MAST regarding channel markers etc.
- July-October Crime Reports from Tas Police.
- Neighbourhood Watch August Newsletter.
- Quote for WCC Pavilion from Widespan Sheds.
- Reply from Madeleine Ogilvie. ESC letter forwarded to Jane Howlett.
- GTC George Town Destination Tourist Strategy Consultation.
- Neighbourhood watch Tas Invoice.
- Email from Sarah Abbott: Landcare Tas
- Follow up from Widespan Sheds re: Cricket Ground.
- Tamar NRM: Boneseed Blitz
- Minutes of Association Chair meeting Sept 8.
- Info from GTC: Dog complaint form and wheelie bin clip.
- Request for Hall booking Dec 21.
- GTC Sponsorship Agreement and Letter (Anniversary)
- NADC Grant successful
- GTC Sponsorship Submission (Sand Castles)
- Response from Minister Pearce Re: cat management
- Messenger message regarding health of the river (see General Business 10.5)

Out

- Letter to Phil Thompson re: Havelock Street
- Event Applications: Anniversary Event
- Sponsorship Application to GTC: Anniversary Event
- Confirmation of live music for Anniversary Event
- Emails regarding First Aid Course
- Emails regarding Christmas in July
- Email to Rachel Williams - North Eastern Advertiser re: TCPs
- Email to Andrew Anstie re: WCC Compliance issues

- Email to Amanda Locatelli re: Pipers River Channel. Ian Sauer advised that MAST needs to be contacted regarding channel markers. This has been previously done.
- Letter to Mayor Kieser regarding future Roadshows
- Hire Agreement to TEC
- Final Report to DVA: Saluting Our Service Grant
- Follow up email to Phil Thompson
- Email to David Carswell regarding Weymouth Open.
- NHW Newsletter to members.
- Letter from ESC to Ministers Ogilvie and Duigan regarding Cat Management.
- Reply to Widespan Sheds re: Cricket Ground.
- Confirmation of Dec 21 Hall Booking request.
- Sponsorship Application to GTC (Sand Castles)
- ATO NFP Self review.

Motion: That the inwards correspondence is received and the outwards endorsed.

Moved: Craig Tyeson

Seconded: Ralph Berry

Carried

6. External committees updates

6.1 Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch. Bulletins sent to members.

7. GTC Service Requests

7.1 George Town Council:

- GTC: Outdoor lighting at Hall completed. Thanks to Ian Ware for attending to this.
- Clear blackberries at Trevor Street boat ramp, southern side. Requires Service Request to PWS.

Action: Gary to submit Service Request.

- Clear Watsonia in Major Street. Due to be sprayed in the next couple of weeks.

7.2 Property Services: No response (carried over from 2024)

- Dangerous tree near Bonnily Park
- Clearing of fire trails along the Esplanade.
- Clearing of dead trees in the WMBRA.
- Clearing the oaks between the WMBRA and Major Street
- Clearing of vegetation at Havelock Street boat ramp
- Directional signage to the beach on the Esplanade.
- No Standing signs at the river beach.

Action: Gary to follow up with Dravid Rao's replacement (GTC)

As there has been no response from Property Services regarding Service Requests, it was resolved to write to the relevant Minister highlighting the following issues:

- Maintenance of fire trails
- No responses to Service Requests
- Channel markers in the Pipers River
- Health of the river and possibility that runoff from vineyards is causing the emergence of some green algae.

Action: Craig to write to the relevant Minister.

8. Update from WPA Committee

8.1 Winter Solstice review and alternatives. Gary explained the options of children's twilight film in the Hall, lantern walk weather permitting, Trivia Night Members were encouraged to complete the online Feedback Survey which included the option of a Trivia Night.

8.2 Anniversary Event planning:

- Completed

8.3 Hooks for hanging storage in shed and shelving in store room. **Thanks to Graeme and Carmen Bowkett for completing these.**

8.4 Sunday Committee meetings and General Meetings. Resolved that Committee meeting remain on Saturdays with the AGM on the Sunday of the March Long Weekend.

8.5 Finalise planning for Sandcastles:

- Age groups: Under 12, Open/Families
- Start time (Low tide at 12:13 pm)
- Devil's Own Ice creamery
- Prizes and raffle
- BBQ
- Portaloos (2) booked @\$120 each, delivered and picked up (Barwick's portaloos).
- Setup from 9:30 am
- Competition start at 11:30 am
- Provide Zooper Doopers for contestants at the end of the competition.
- Bridget Archer has accepted an invitation to judge. Jess Teasdale unavailable.
- Ralph Berry will provide his ute for cartage.

8.6 Sponsorship for Sandcastles (Portaloo):

- NADC Grant Submission completed and successful: \$2,000.

8.7 Tassie Photographer partnership (Rodney Houghton).

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553138673667>

Rodney has agreed to provide a couple of prints for the Easter Market. In return, the WPA will promote his work on social media.

8.8 Calendar dates 2026 and GTC Calendar website.

AGM be held on Sunday, March 8

8.9 AGM Executive and Committee vacancies: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee.

- Nominations for members required for Executive and Committee vacancies.
- Gary urged members to consider nominating for positions. He advised that he will not be seeking re-election as President or Treasurer.

8.10 Tas Gas Pipelines Community Grants.

<https://www.tasmaniangaspipeline.com.au/community-sponsorships>

Investigate a submission in 2026 possibly for upgrade of Havelock Street Recreation Area.

8.11 New vacuum cleaner for Hall has been purchased.

8.12 Red Cross Emergency Redi Workshops.

Resolved to proceed with registration of interest.

Ralph Berry suggested that we proceed with a register of community members with mobility issues. Maintenance of the register and Privacy issues need to be considered.

Action: Committee to investigate further.

9. Update from Sub Committees

9.1 Weymouth Main Beach Recreation Area (WMBRA) Sub Committee. Update from August 19 and September 8 meetings with GTC. Nothing from Domescales. WMBRA is priority for TCPs. Draft Concept Plan received. Sent to Committee members 19 Aug. GTC Draft Plan is available on the WPA website. Gary talked about the Draft Concept Plan. He will raise this at the next Association Chairs' meeting.

Gary has been in contact with Roger Brown (Weymouth Brigade) to assist with burn off of piles of vegetation in the WMBRA. This will be scheduled for a Weymouth Brigade Training Day.

9.2 Environment Sub Committee:

- Lindal Byard presented a report on behalf of Sue Woinarski. Two cats have been trapped and euthanised: a small, abandoned cat, unable to be re-homed, and a 5kg ginger feral cat.
- The ESC met at Sauer's home to discuss cultural burning. A special Fast News report was sent to members.
- Lindal provided advice on how to check pouches of roadkill. She also talked about the importance of cleaning up around properties. A free Green waste Day has been provide by the GTC for Sunday, November 2.
- Sally von Bertouch talked about a CSIRO project into management of Sea Spurge. Resolved that the ESC will proceed and register interest in participating in the project.
- Letter sent to Minister Howlett regarding cat management. Response received from Minister Pearce. No commitment to action.
- George Town Coastal Communities Management Group: Nil Report

9.3 Fire Management and Community Recovery Sub Committee – No further update

9.4 Weymouth Cricket Club. Update from August 19 meeting with GTC. Building alternatives and Pavilion quotations. GTC not ruling out upgrades or building replacement, however, priority is WMBRA. GTC assurance that there are no other plans for this area. We will continue to investigate alternatives and Grant opportunities.

9.5 Maintenance Sub Committee. Gary spoke briefly to maintenance issues. An external power point has been installed on the Hall BBQ. Thank you to Ian Ware for organising. Working Bee organised by Kevin Watkins for Havelock Street boatramp on Monday, November 3.

9.6 Neighbourhood Watch – Nil reports.

9.7 Finance and Risk Management Sub Committee. Payment Authorisations. FARM will review payment authorisations and report back to Committee with recommendations for the AGM.

10. General Business

10.1 Coffee Machine: Gary explained the rationale. Members urged to complete the

online Feedback Survey which included a question about a coffee machine for the Hall.

10.2 Weymouth Open: included in Members online survey.

Action: Craig will contact David, Matthew or Hayley Carswell of input and advice.

10.3 Members Online Feedback Survey

- https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5CyEF8gCkiDu_kLg5YkTzO1jsvTQ4NNgl3Sp4kBmqIUNjVMVlpPVUVNSVhPTUxDUK1PRUhQMjRRTS4u
- Remains live until Friday, November 14

10.5 Concerns regarding river channel and health of the river. See 7.2.

Lindal advised that sand in front of the sand bags needs to be scraped back.

Action: Craig to request that WPA be given permission to by Crown land services to arrange sandbag maintenance.

11. Other General Business

11.1 Lindal advised that Ian Norton may be available to present a snake awareness session. Gary suggested that this could occur prior to the Sand Castles Competition on Jan 26.

Action: Resolved that the ESC will follow up.

11.2 Heather Barwick asked whether we have access to the North Eastern Advertiser. Craig explained that he had provided Rachel Williams with a link to the GTC Township Character Plans which are publicly available on the GTC website.

Heather talked further about possible changes to the rating system and suggested that GTC Roadshows should be about addressing issues raised by ratepayers rather than a GTC show and tell.

11.3 Maureen Berry talked about the overgrown vegetation near the telephone exchange and the need for it to be cleared.

Action: Gary to follow up with Maureen and GTC.

11.4 Heather Barwick advised that GTC "Solstice in the Square" costs \$100k. She talked briefly about the performance review of the General Manager.

11.5 Lindal advised that she had requested that GTC consider providing a bus for transport to and from Solstice in the Square. She added that the GTC response was not their responsibility.

11.6 Gary acknowledge that we had received sponsorship of \$400 for the Anniversary event.

11.7 The 2026 Christmas Meet and Greet will be held on December 28.

Meeting Closed 11:22 am

12. Next meeting:

General Meetings 2026

- Sunday March 8: AGM
- Saturday June 6: GM
- Saturday, November 1: GM

Committee Meetings 2026

- Saturday, March 7
- Saturday, April 4

- Saturday, May 3
- Saturday, August 1
- Saturday, October 3
- Saturday, December 5

Events: 2026

- Sand Castles Competition: Monday, January 26, 11:30 am
- Easter Market: Saturday, April 4
- ANZAC Day: Saturday, April 25
- Winter Solstice: Saturday, June 6
- Christmas in July: Saturday July 11, 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
- Anniversary Event: Saturday, October 31: 5:00 pm
- Christmas Drinks: TBA

12. Meeting closure:

Action Items:

Item	Action	Responsibility
7.1	Submit Service Request for clearing of blackberries at Trevor St boat ramp.	Gary
7.2.1	Follow up on No Standing signs at the river with Dravid Rao's replacement (GTC)	Gary
7.2.2	Write to Minister regarding river concerns.	Craig
8.12	Investigate viability of establishing a Mobility Register	Committee
10.2	Follow up with Carswells regarding Weymouth Open Done	Craig
10.5	Request that WPA be given permission to by Crown land services to arrange sandbag maintenance.	Craig
11.1	Request snake awareness session.	ESC
11.3	Submit Service Request for clearing of vegetation near Telstra Exchange.	Gary/Maureen