

Fast News

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Dog Management

Occasionally we hear of incidents in and around Weymouth involving dogs, particularly off leash. We would remind residents and visitors of their responsibilities under the Law with respect to dog management. The George Town Council has a Dog Management Policy that can be accessed at their website. [Click here](#). This is aligned with the State Government Dog Control Act 2000. To access the link, [click here](#).

Optimo and ProMed Donation/First Aid Course

Optimo Awnings and ProMed have generously offered to provide a free First Aid/CPR for all interested community members on Sunday July 12 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the Weymouth Hall. This is combined with the donation of a First Aid Kit and AED for the WPA.

This is an extremely generous donation from Optimo and ProMed and we sincerely thank Pat Hanson of Optimo Awnings and Paul Smith of proMed for their generosity and support of the WPA. To register for the course [click here](#):

Weymouth Local History Project

Members of the Committee met with Dr Sarah Randles from UTAS to discuss possibilities with respect to our local history proposal. Dr Randles has provided us with a Project Brief and indicative costings which will be discussed at our next Committee meeting. Thanks to Prof. John Williamson for facilitating the meeting.

Christmas in July

Tickets for this year's Christmas in July are now sold out. This is a BYO only event. If you are attending, we encourage you to bring gold coins for the Chocolate Wheel. There will be some great prizes on offer. The doors will open at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm start. The menu will consist of:

- Main Course: three meat medley (turkey, ham, beef) with roasted potatoes, dutch honey carrots, baked pumpkin, baked cauliflower and minted peas.
- Dessert: Choice of plum pudding or cheesecake

GTC/Association Chair's Meeting

The following issues were discussed at the last Meeting of Association Chairs and the Mayor of the George Town Council held on June 25.

Budget Update

The annual Budget will go to Council for approval at the June meeting.

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Township Character Plan Update

- Bellbuoy beach: town entrance sign.
- Beechford: Playground designed. Crown requires aboriginal assessment at the site.
- Weymouth: Concept plan adopted for WMBRA. Design for beach access designed and in process for finalised costing.
- Pipers River: Town ID signs erected.
- Lulworth: carpark at Rec Ground. Working with landowner to transfer beach access points to GTC.
- Hillwood: Fence at Rec Ground. Bollards for ticket box. Carpark at Jetty. Grant submitted for Hillwood multi-purpose court.

Weymouth Main Beach Recreation Area

- The Tas Fire Service District Officer has advised that the TFS will either install a firefighting fitting to the new water tank next to the toilet block in the Weymouth Main Beach recreation Area or provide the local brigade with an adapter.
- WPA has requested GTC approval for burning of vegetation piles in WMBRA. Weymouth brigade will undertake the controlled burn. GTC, as lease holders, first need to seek approval from the Crown Property Services as owners of the land. We will be advised of the outcome.

Traffic Management

Andrew McCarthy will follow up on our previous request for a Traffic Study of traffic movements on Ralph, Campbell and Smith Streets. This traffic data will specifically highlight any changes to traffic volume since the completion of the Trevor St extension and will provide data on any additional works required for these three streets, including possible widening.

Liberty Bell Bay

GTC have completed modelling with respect to the possible liquidation of Liberty Bell Bay. There could be a sizeable loss in rates revenue which is tied to the facility. Depending on the outcome, the GTC cost base will need to be reduced. However, Mayor Kieser indicated that, consequently, there would be no increase in rates. Any cost reductions will be in operational areas only with no noticeable reduction in services.

Tennis Court Re-surfacing

GTC advises that the tennis court will require re-surfacing within the next 3 years. There are problems with the root system of the adjacent eucalypt infiltrating the surface. Estimated cost is \$30k. This is included in the GTC Sports master plan for the

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municipality.

Capital Works and Infrastructure

Dalrymple Road

Works to improve Dalrymple Rd near the Industry Rd intersection are in progress, supported by Grant funding. There have been some issues associated with the re-sealing of some regional and coastal community roads, including adhesion of aggregate, resulting in multiple sweeping required and difficulties in line marking.

Weymouth Road

The sink hole on Weymouth Rd south of the bridge has been an ongoing issue, despite attempts to remediate the problem. There is some concern that the culverts may have failed. It may be difficult to close the road to repair culverts as this is the only road in and out of Weymouth/Lulworth. Access would therefore be compromised. Investigations are continuing.

George Town Aquatic, Health and Wellbeing Centre Update

The pools are now 95% complete with a stainless steel pool installed instead of a concrete pool. Fairbrother report that this is a much better option than concrete. This is the Olympic standard.

The main gym slab has been poured. Structural steel is in progress. The project is seven days behind schedule currently with handover due on Sept 30 after which compliance will be addressed prior to opening.

Due to depreciation, the next reportable budget will be in deficit for one year only. Updates are available on the GTC website: <https://georgetown.tas.gov.au/george-town-swimming-pool>

Community Meeting/Roadshow

The next Community Meeting/Roadshow for Weymouth/Lulworth will be held on Saturday, July 18 – 2:30pm – 4:30 pm at the Weymouth Hall. The agenda will include discussion around the future of Waste Transfer Stations.

Contents Insurance

The Bellingham Progress Association raised the issue of contents insurance for Community sheds.

GTC will investigate whether other councils have contents insurance on Council owned community sheds. This will be updated at Community Roadshows.

80th Anniversary

This year's anniversary event will be our **80th Anniversary** so we will be planning to make it a special one. Good Company will again provide the live music, and we will

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be offering our BBQ, cheese platters and raffle.
More details will be available closer to the date.

We would welcome any further feedback or suggestions for improvement from members. Please email your feedback to us at market@weymouth.org.au

Dates to Remember:

- Christmas in July: Saturday July 11, 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
- ProMed Free First Aid/CPR Course: Sunday, July 12, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
- Community Engagement Session: Weymouth Hall, Saturday July 18, 2:30 - 4:00 pm
- General Meeting: Weymouth Hall, Saturday, October 31, 10:00 am
- 80th Anniversary Event: Saturday, October 31: 5:00 pm
- Christmas Drinks: Tuesday, December 29, 5:00 pm