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***Welcome to the seventh and final edition of the WPA Fast News for 2022. This will update you on the progress of current WPA initiatives.***

**Emergency Evacuation Exercise: Recommendations**

Based on recommendations from participants at our Emergency Evacuation Exercise and Family Fun Day held on Sunday, November 6, we have been able to update our Fire Management and Community Recovery Plan.

The recommendations include the following:

- Provide core flute directional signage to the Nearby Safe Place, and update the Weymouth town map signboard with the location of the NSP.
- Install road base and a 5m gate at the Blamey Street entrance to the Cricket Ground to enable large fire trucks to gain access. A request has gone to George Town Council.
- Provide a new water tank for reliable water supply at NSP. A request has gone to George Town Council.
- Provide a portable fire pump to be kept at NSP. Thanks to Hugh and Maggie Ross for their generous donation of a portable fire pump.
- Provision of hose for portable pump. David Cleaver from the Tas Fire Service has offered to provide some lengths of hose. The WPA will provide fittings.
- Develop a Site plan with designated resident parking and TFS Reserved parking. No parking over septic tank area.
- New Fire Risk Rating system. Investigate Warning sign for Weymouth. This could be mounted at the Hall. David Cleaver from Tas Fire Service will investigate provision of an A1 sign.
- Maintain vegetation growth around the Cricket Ground. We are working with George Town Council with respect to lease arrangements and a User Agreement which will clarify responsibility for maintenance.
- Provide residents with a copy of the latest Bushfire Safety Guide 2022. TFS will provide us with copies for each residence.
- Investigate provision of signage on Meter Boxes for residences with Solar Panels and batteries: "Solar Panels and Battery are installed at this premises". This will alert the Emergency Services of the alternative power sources at the premises.
- In collaboration with the TFS, replicate the Evacuation Exercise every 2 years. This is suggested for the period from the middle of October to the end of November, depending on the fire season.

A copy of the updated Fire Management Plan will be sent to members and will be available on our website soon.



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### **Australia Day Sandcastles Competition**

Our annual Australia Day sandcastle competition will be held at the river beach on Wednesday, January 26 commencing at 9:30 am. The theme for this year's competition will be "***Coastal Innovation***". We will be looking for innovative sand constructions that reflect coastal living. In addition to first, second and third prizes, we will be providing some lucky draw prizes for children.

Bridget Archer MHR has accepted our invitation to attend and will be again judging the competition. Teams entering the sand castle competition will be asked to register their team's name and construction prior to commencement of the competition. This will make the job of judging much easier.

The WPA will provide a BBQ, where you will be able to buy a bacon and egg roll, sausages and hamburgers. Soft drinks and bottled water will also be available to purchase.

The Indulgence Coffee Van will also be at the river beach.

### **Weymouth Flag**

We have received our new Weymouth flag which we plan to use for WPA events. Watch out for it flying at the Hall!

### **Cricket Club Kitchen Upgrade**

We are waiting for the development of a User Agreement with the George Town Council before we proceed with the upgrade of the Cricket Club kitchen.

### **Christmas In July**

Next year we will be re-introducing Christmas in July as a WPA Community event. This will be held in the Weymouth Hall on Saturday, July 15 commencing at 6:00 pm. We have recently confirmed WE Fine Catering from the Tam o' Shanter Golf Club as caterer. This will be a ticketed event with a limited number of tickets available. More details will be available early next year.

### **From the George Town Council**

At this week's Council meeting, Councillors voted to renew the lease with the Crown on the Weymouth Cricket Ground and Weymouth Main Beach Recreation Area (formerly known as the old caravan park.)

We are delighted to advise that George Town Council has commenced works on the Trevor Street extension. This will initially allow heavy vehicle access to the boat ramp for completion of remediation work on the breakwater, followed by the completion of the access road for boat trailer traffic.

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**Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM will be held on Saturday, March 11 at the Weymouth Hall commencing at 10:00 am. A number of Committee and Executive positions will be vacant so we urge you all to consider nominating either for a position on the Committee or for the Executive. Nomination is open to any financial member. We would remind you that subs of \$5.00 per member are now due and can be paid online by Direct Debit or at the AGM:

BSB 067-600 Acc No. 11109660,

Acc Name: Weymouth Progress Association.

The reference is "Your Surname".

New members are most welcome. An Application Form for membership is included with this edition of Fast News. We would remind new members that applicants must be nominated and seconded by a current financial member of the WPA.

**Merry Christmas**

We wish all of our members, residents and visitors to Weymouth a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.



- If you have any issues regarding safety issues in Weymouth, please email details to us so that our WPA representative can formally raise them at the monthly George Town Council Safety Committee. If you wish the George Town Council to undertake any maintenance work within the Weymouth

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community, please submit a Service Request online at  
<https://georgetown.tas.gov.au/service-request/>

**Dates to Remember:**

- Australia Day Sand Castles Competition: Thursday, January 26, 2023 from 9:30 am.
- Annual General Meeting: Saturday, March 11, 2023
- Weymouth Easter Market: Saturday April 8, 2023
- General Meeting and Winter Solstice Lantern Walk: Saturday, June 10.
- Christmas in July: Saturday, July 15, 2023 commencing at 6:00 pm
- General Meeting and Anniversary Event: Saturday, November 4, 2023

If anyone has news, information, or pictures they would like to share with Weymouth residents, please forward them to:

[weymouth.progress.association@gmail.com](mailto:weymouth.progress.association@gmail.com)

We can then either post them to Facebook or include them in the next Fast News Update.

Please do not hesitate to contact a Committee member if you have any issues you believe we should address.