

**Weymouth Progress
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Welcome to the fourth edition of the WPA Fast News. This will update you on the progress of all current WPA initiatives.

- Our Winter Solstice Lantern Walk was a huge success. The new location was terrific and we had at least 100 people attending. Thanks to Jason and Ruth Orr for providing Smores for the children, and to Graeme Bowkett and Kim Dean for providing the entertainment and setting up the cricket ground. Thanks also to Lynn van Emmerik for providing the mulled wine, Kim Holmyard, Kylie Clare, Kerri Tyeson, Ash Bowkett and other volunteers for helping with the BBQ.
- Planning is now underway for our WPA 75th Anniversary event. This will be held at the Weymouth Hall on Saturday, October 30 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm and will include:
 - Live Music
 - Raffle
 - Auction
 - Photo Gallery of old photos, maps and memorabilia
 - Barbecue

We would be grateful for any donations from members of prizes for the raffle. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please advise us by email. This event is strictly BYO.

- Following the development of our Fire Management and Community Recovery Plan, the Tas Fire Service has formally approved the Recreation Ground as our Nearby Safe Place in the event of a major fire emergency. The George Town Council has agreed to trim vegetation on the Walden Street entrance to improve access.
- We have submitted a representation to DPIPWE in relation to the application by Tas Water to draw an additional 90ML from the Pipers River. We have requested that an environmental impact study is completed to determine whether there will be any detrimental effects to the river, foreshore and local ecosystems as a consequence of reduced flow. We will keep you advised of the outcome.
- On advice from DPIPWE, we have withdrawn our application for the construction of an access ramp at the little beach in front of Clayton's house. This is mainly due to difficulties associated with Standards Compliance, public liability and access licencing with the Crown. We are currently investigating other options.
- Representatives of the **Foreshore Recreation Area Sub Committee** (formerly Caravan Park Sub Committee) met with Heath Clayton of Design Intent to

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discuss a staged Development Plan for the Foreshore Recreation Area. We are hopeful that we can convene a Community Information and Feedback meeting in November at which we can consider a range of options and seek your feedback. We are grateful to Heath Clayton who has agreed to donate his services.

- The **Environment Sub Committee** met on July 24. Some issues raised include:
 - Information on property boundaries. This is available at the following website: <https://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/the-list/listmap>
 - Georgetown Coastal Management Plan Review: Management priorities for the Weymouth Community are:
 1. Fire management (Protection and Prevention)
 2. Weed management/revegetation
 3. Waste management
 4. Encroachment onto CMA land
 5. Future management of public camping areas on coast
 6. Stabilisation of river mouth, Dunes and maintenance of groynes<https://www.tamarnrm.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/George-Town-Coastal-ACTION-Plan-All-Areas-2017-Spreadsheet-FINAL-Feb-2017.pdf>
 - Leaflets on seabirds have been distributed to the community. Leaflets on shore birds will be distributed at a later date.
 - Minutes of the meeting are available on request.
- The Weymouth Cricket Club is now a Sub Committee of the WPA. This will enable us to assist with all areas of management and administration of the Cricket Club.
- The General Meeting of the WPA was held on June 12 with 24 attendees. David Cleaver from the Tas Fire Service attended as guest and provided some valuable information regarding Bushfire planning and readiness. He also conducted some bushfire assessments of a number of local properties.
- The WPA now has internet access in the Weymouth Hall. This is not a public access site; however, it will allow us internet connectivity for WPA meetings and events. It also improves our communications with respect to emergency management.
- Our annual Sandcastle Competition will be held on Australia Day, Wednesday, January 26, 2022 commencing at 12:00 pm. Low tide on this day will be 12:46 pm. The theme for the 2022 Competition will be "Sand Castles: Grand Designs". More details will be available closer to the date.

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- Hall Bookings are now being managed through the WPA email address. Casual Hall hire bookings can be made by emailing the WPA. We will be including a calendar of Hall Bookings on our website in the near future.
- The WPA website is now active and waiting for you to visit. You can access the website using the following QR Code:



Dates to Remember:

- General Meeting: Saturday, October 30 commencing at 10:00 am
- 75th Anniversary of the WPA: Saturday, October 30 commencing at 5:00 pm
- Sandcastles Competition: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 12:00 pm.

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

weymouth.progress.association@gmail.com

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

Your committee members are:

Mark Symes (President)	Luke Miller
Craig Tyeson (Vice President)	Kylie Clare
Stan van Emmerick (Treasurer)	Maureen Berry
Leanne Purchase (Public Officer)	Mark Johnson
Steven Crooks	Brian Roe
Graeme Bowkett	Peter Jacobson
Sally Sauer	Eve Hayden

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