

MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
Sunday March 9, 2025

Meeting Opened:

1. **Present/ Apologies:** Apologies received from 10 members; 44 members present.

2. **Minutes of the General Meeting held on 2 November, 2024.**

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

Moved: Brett Glanville **Seconded:** Lindal Byard **Carried**

3. Business Arising from Minutes

Item	Action	Responsibility
3.1	Consider suggestions for use of large screen TV. In progress	Committee
3.2	Arrange meeting with Shane Power to discuss possibilities. Done	Gary
3.3	Amend Life Membership Guidelines. Done	Craig
3.4	Investigate power generator solutions for the Hall. Done. See General Business 10.1	Committee
3.5	Discuss power options, including solar panels, with General Manager GTC. Done	Gary
3.6	Follow up on Back Creek bridge upgrade with GTC. GTC response to concerns re Back Creek bridge - recognised issue - realigning the approach and creating 2 lanes for the bridge is estimated to cost \$2,500,000 - to be progressed through upcoming budgets - 2026-2027	Gary
3.7	Follow up with Nursing homes to pre plan hall use. Jenny has approached several Nursing Homes. They questioned who would organise the visits and what the cost of Hall hire would be. Resolved to provide the Hall at no cost.	Jenny Stewart
3.8	Follow upon dog leash zoning with GTC. Done No response from GTC. Jason Orr reported that dog Zoning had been approved by GTC but could still be amended.	Gary
3.9	Follow up on Mobi Mat disability access to beach.	Stan/Lynn

	Dependent on TCP progress. Requires approval from Crown Land Property Services	
3.10	Write letter to GTC asking for additional free tip day. Gary said that tip fees had been discussed at a previous Association Chairs meeting with the Mayor and GM. Members were advised of this by email in 2024. Zich Woinarski advised that he will only pay \$14 for refuse disposal at Pipers River Transfer Station and that this has been accepted by GTC Tip attendants.	Gary

4. Treasurer's Report

Gary undertook to send a revised report to the Secretary for email distribution to members.

5. Correspondence:

In

- Emails regarding dates for GM and Mayor's meetings for 2025
- Emails from Louise Dickenson regarding Association Chairs meeting dates.
- Email from Abbey Allison (GTC) regarding 2025/2026 GTC Budget Submissions.
- Quote from FirstAidPro for CPR/AED Training.
- Emails from GTC regarding resealing of Major St etc.
- Email from Cheryl Hyde confirming Feb 4 meeting.
- Insurance invoice for Ride On Mower insurance.
- Email from Bridget Archer confirming Sandcastles.
- Email from John Williamson requesting contact with GTC regarding traffic calming in Major St. Referred to next Association Chair's meeting.
- Email from Emily Rose Wills confirming GTC Summer Series Concert on Feb 9.
- Email from Dept of Justice requesting Incorporation Annual Report.
- Remittance Advice from GTC for Anniversary Sponsorship.
- Confirmation reply from Tas Toilet Hire for Jan 26.
- Email from Cheryl Hyde regarding WCC - Feb 5.
- Reply from MAST to email from Brett Glanville re: channel markers

Out

- Letter to MAST regarding channel markers.
- Email to members through Better Impact regarding subs due.
- Portaloo booking for Sandcastles
- Email to FirstAidPro requesting quote for CPR/AED training
- Letter to Cheryl Hyde regarding lease/User Agreement of WCC. (See General Business 10.2)
- Email acceptance of Feb 4 meeting.
- NFP Self Review to ATO.

John Williamson commented on the changing nature of the channel. He suggested a pre-emptive analysis of the current channel as a proactive strategy for remediation.

Action: The Committee will consider this and draft a letter to MAST and GTC.

Nick Shaw suggested that UTAS had been involved in some previous research and Reports relating to the provision of groynes.

Kevin Watkins suggested that the groynes were always a bandaid approach dating back to the blue stone quarry. He advised that a blue stone wall was constructed to provide a deep channel and jetty. He suggested that remediation would not occur without a replacement wall.

Graeme also mentioned the flow reduction in the river as a consequence of the wineries drawing water from the Pipers River.

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

Moved: John Williamson Seconed: Zich Woinarski Carried

6. External committees updates

6.1 Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch. March Bulletin will be sent to members.

6.2 George Town Coastal Communities Management Group. Email received from Jason Orr.

7. GTC Service Requests

7.1 George Town Council: None pending

7.2 Property Services: Pending (carried over from 2024)

- Dangerous tree near Bonnily Park
- Clearing of fire trails along the Esplanade.
- Clearing of dead trees in the WMBRA.
- Clearing she 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.

8. Update from WPA Committee

8.1 Free BBQ for Winter Solstice

8.2 Public WiFi for public holidays: login details and dates provided.

Public Access

March LWE: March 9-11

June LWE: June 7-9

November LWE: Nov 1-3

Easter: Apr 18-21

Christmas: Dec 24-Jan 4 (inc Meet and Greet)

8.3 Sandcastles feedback: Revised age groups: Under 12s and Families. Allows greater recognition of children constructing their own sandcastles without adult intervention or help.

- 8.4 Meet and Greet feedback. Great success. Will be scheduled between Christmas and New Year, possibly 27th or 28th December.
- 8.5 Easter Market Planning. Well underway. Mark Johnson and Sally Sauer are Market Convenors. They have a dedicated email address: market @weymouth.org.au
- 8.6 First Aid and AED Training: Committee proposes to conduct AED/CPR training in the Hall provided by Murat Djakic. Invite participants from Bellingham and Lulworth.
- 8.7 Bridport Road – Freight Efficiency and Safety Improvements: Submission to the Public Works Committee to provide new slip lanes at Industry Rd and Weymouth Rd.

Kevin Watkins mentioned the poor condition of the Havelock St boat tramp which presents a safety hazard for swimmers and kayakers. This part of our Strategic Plan and will be referred to the Committee.

Action: Refer to Committee

John Williamson alluded to the broad range of activities undertaken by the WPA and commended the Committee on the publishing of Fast News.

9. Update from Sub Committees

- 9.1 Weymouth Main Beach Recreation Area (WMBRA) Sub Committee.
- Lease remains in question. Gary working with Andrew McCarthy regarding updating toilets (painting, new water source), clean floor of old shelter shed, Use cement water tank.
- 9.2 Environment Sub Committee: Sue Woinarski presented her Report which will be emailed to members.
- Action: Sue to email report to Craig**
- 9.3 Fire Management and Community Recovery Sub Committee. Zich Woinarski asked about the Blamey St gate (See 10.3)
- 9.4 Weymouth Cricket Club: **See General Business 10.3**
- 9.5 Maintenance Sub Committee.

10. General Business

- 10.1 Updated Strategic Plan

Motion: That the updated Strategic Plan is endorsed.

Moved: Zich Woinarski Seconded: John Williamson Carried

- 10.2 GTC Budget Submission 2025/26: Solar panels, disability access and items carried forward from the 2024/25 Budget Submission.

- 10.3 Weymouth Cricket Ground Feb 3 meeting:

Results of the investigation into the condition of the building.

- Andrew reported that the building has been declared not compliant for access by the public. Council has received high level cost estimates of over \$250k to bring the building into a compliant state. The building and ground have a low level of use and the low priority the Cricket Ground has on the Township Character plans (TCPs), accordingly currently that level of expenditure would not be supported on the building.

Use of the building by the WPA

- Can it be used just for storage accessible only by the WPA. Cheryl undertook to look into the insurance and other implications of this.

Installing a shed for storage

- Cheryl advised that pending grant funding this could be a possibility however it would be only for storage as such sheds have restricted permitted use.

User agreements

- Council is in the process of updating existing user agreements and will add the ground (excluding the building) to the existing agreement with the WPA. Clear responsibilities on the upkeep of the ground to be included.

Widening of Blamey St gate

- Andrew undertook to discuss with the TFS.

Old camping ground lease

- Cheryl undertook to follow up with Tamara on the current status of the lease on the old camping ground (recreation ground)

Master plan progress and TCP progress for the recreation ground

- Gary and Craig would like an update on any progress. Cheryl advised that council was working on the plan and we would provide an update.

DomesCAPes

- Craig and Gary requested an update if there is any on the current status of this proposal. Cheryl undertook to discuss with Shane, but informed that to my knowledge there was no current change.

Budget

- Gary advised they had put one proposal in and asked if they could put more, I advised that they could. Also discussed sponsorship applications for future events like the Sandcastle event.

Other

- Solstice in the Square and lantern walk, how we can support each event and advertise.
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10.4 Association Chairs' Meeting on March 4 with GM and Mayor.

Telstra

- Representatives from Telstra addressed the meeting. Opportunity exists to invest in the area. Low Head will be included in the next round of Black Spot funding.
- Lulworth is a macro site (tower) with 12 hour battery backup.
- Weymouth is a small cell site with limited line of site coverage. There is future opportunity to invest in Weymouth by upgrading to a macro site, either at a new tower or using existing Optus infrastructure, possibly 2027.
- Until then, Starlink is an option for residents.
- By 2027 there should be direct to cell coverage allowing calls to be made direct to the satellite. However, this requires iPhone 14 or later or similar android technology.

Budget Processes

- Submissions will be considered at the March Council Workshop. Budget approval will occur in June. Outcomes of budget submissions will be sent to Progress Associations after that.

Roadshow Dates

Prior to Easter and preferably on a weekend. GTC will advise of preferred dates.

Generator Training

- The generators funded by a Federal grant have been received. Progress Associations will be contacted by Ian Ware to arrange installation.
- This requires a minimum of 2 people to be trained in the operation of the generators. Training includes a maintenance schedule.
- Progress Associations will be advised of training dates.

General Business

- Request to GTC to update our email address to admin@weymouth.org.au
- Update requested on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. It was noted that some of the elements from the previous Safety Committee have not been included in the HWB Strategy, specifically relating to criminal and illegal activity. It was noted that such activity may have a well-being impact on residents, particularly with respect to feeling safe and mental health. Jenny Baxter advised that Police Reports are available from Tas Police through Neighbourhood Watch. Jenny suggested developing a What's App group for Weymouth residents. There is already a Weymouth Community Messenger group.
- Invitations to contribute to or be part of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be sent to Progress Associations.

Township Character Plans

- The WMBRA Master Plan is currently being costed. GTC will continue to proceed with development of the Master Plan. Domescales has advised that they currently have other priorities.
- It was suggested that GTC could keep Associations informed about progress TCPs by email. This will occur when there is updated information to available.
- User Agreements for the WCC and WMBRA will go to Council workshop. Leases have been finalised for both areas.
- Disability access to the main beach requires Crown Land Approval.
- Then new Customer Service System is almost complete and ready to be activated.
- Drainage Reports will be presented at the next Council Roadshow.
- WCC to advise GTC of any access required to WCC building.

10.5 ANZAC Day guest speaker-

Port Dalrymple student leaders invited to deliver commemorative address.

10.6 Volunteer Register: members are encouraged to complete the Volunteer register Form and return it to the WPA by email.

Action: Craig to re-send to members

10.7 Neighbourhood Watch Group request approved. WPA is now partnering with NHW as a Local Group. Weymouth residents can join NHW for free and link to the WPA and the local group.

11. Other General Business

11.1 Zich Woinarski reported on a fire that was lit on the river beach that, fanned by an easterly wind, nearly took hold in the marram grass.

Action: Remind members by email and social media of fire restrictions, including BBQs and firepits, and not to light fires on the beach. May include a TFS publication.

11.2 Craig asked members to send updated email and contact details if they have changed their email address recently.

11.3 Gary asked whether attendees preferred Saturday or Sunday for general meetings. There was a mixed response.

Action: Refer to the next Committee meeting.

12. Next meeting:

- General Meeting: Saturday, June 7
- General Meeting: Saturday, November 1

Committee Meetings 2025:

- Saturday, April 5
- Saturday, May 3
- Saturday, August 2
- Saturday, October 4
- Saturday, December 6

Other Events: 2025

- Easter Market: Saturday, April 19
- ANZAC Day: Friday, April 25
- Winter Solstice: Saturday, June 7
- Christmas in July: Saturday July 5, 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
- Anniversary Event: Saturday, November 1
- Christmas Drinks TBA

12. Meeting closure:

Action Items:

Item	Action	Responsibility
5.0	Committee to draft letter to MAST/GTC regarding analysis of Pipers River channel flows and possible remediation.	Committee
8.7	Refer Havelock St boatramp to Committee	Committee
9.2	Email Environment Sub Committee Report to Craig. Email to members. Done	Sue Woinarski Craig
10.6	Re-send Volunteer Register to members Done	Craig
10.7	Send NHW March Bulletin to members	Craig



	Done Members and residents encouraged to sign up to NHW and complete Secure Score Done	Members
11.1	Remind members by email and social media or fire restrictions, including BBQs and firepits, and not to light fires on the beach. May include a TFS publication. Done	Craig
11.2	Send updated or changed email and contact details to Craig: admin@weymouth.org.au	Members