

MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, June 7, 2025

Meeting Opened: 10:00 am

1. **Present:** 25 members

Apologies: 8 members

2. **Minutes of the General Meeting held on 9 March, 2025.**

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

Moved: Kevin Watkins

Seconded: Sally von Bertouch

Carried

3. **Business Arising from Minutes**

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Item	Action	Responsibility
3.1	Committee to draft letter to MAST/GTC regarding analysis of Pipers River channel flows and possible remediation. Done Ian Sauer advised that Amanda Locatelli completed baseline data on the Pipers River in a previous report which may be useful.	Committee
3.2	Refer Havelock St boatramp to Committee. Graeme Bowkett spoke to Andrew McCarthy at the GTC Roadshow about works required.	Committee
3.3	Email Environment Sub Committee Report to Craig. Email to members. Done	Sue Woinarski Craig
3.4	Re-send Volunteer Register to members Done	Craig
3.5	Send NHW March Bulletin to members Done Members and residents encouraged to sign up to NHW and complete Secure Score https://securescore.crimsafe.com.au/ Done John Williamson asked whether additional information is provided in the Tas Police Report, including outcomes and resolution. Action: Craig will request more detail in future reports.	Craig Members
3.6	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

3.6	Send updated or changed email and contact details to Craig: admin@weymouth.org.au	Members
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4. Treasurer's Report

Latest Financial Report tabled. Positive comments were received from the floor regarding the new layout. Craig spoke briefly about the role of the Finance and Risk Management Subcommittee.

Motion: That the Financial report be accepted.

Moved: Gary Byard Seconded: Auriol von Bertouch Carried

5. Correspondence:

In

- Email from Nick Duigan's office accepting invitation to ANZAC Day
- Insurance Certificates of Currency and Invoices. LCIS and Landcare
- Emails from FARM regarding first sub committee meeting
- Emails to Emily Barron, Lynette Burt, Bridget Archer, Nick Duigan regarding ANZAC Day
- Landcare correspondence
- Neighbourhood watch April Bulletin
- Reply from Jim Chalmers re: Pipers River channel study
- NRE regarding Child safety Training for Volunteers
- Various Easter Market Stall Booking requests for 2026
- Tas Police: April Crime Report
- NWH April and May Bulletins
- TasNetworks Community Grants
- GTCMG Notice of Meeting: July 2
- Email from WE Fine Catering confirming menu for Xmas in July
- Remittance Advice from AEC for Federal Election Polling Place
- Letter from CBA regarding dispute transaction
- Letter from CBA confirming refund of disputed transaction
- Meeting Agenda form ESC
- Draft User Agreement from GTC for Hall and WCC
- Renewal Notice Ride On Mower registration
- DoJ acceptance of Annual Report

Out

- Emails to FARM regarding first sub committee meeting.
- AEC Hire Agreement for Hall
- Public Liability CoC to GTC
- Email to Anabel Shegog (Tas Police) regarding NWH
- Emails from Emily Barron, Lynette Burt, Bridget Archer, Nick Duigan regarding ANZAC Day

- Landcare correspondence
- Neighbourhood watch April Bulletin
- Updated VPP sent to Fiona Steel (NRE)
- Invitation to A/Inspector Grant Twining to attend a General Meeting
- Email to Think Big accepting overlay quote.
- Letter to Jim Caulfield at MAST regarding Pipers River Channel study
- Thanks emails to Easter Market Sponsors, volunteers and stall holders
- Get well card to Zich.
- Condolences email to Deb.
- Email to Murat Djakic regarding ADE/First Aid Training on June 22.
- Letter to Phil Thompson (PWS) regarding Havelock Street Recreation Area
- Email to Jess Teasdale inviting her to a General Meeting.
- DoJ Annual Report

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

Moved: Lindal Byard

Seconded: Sally Sauer

Carried

6. External committees updates

- 6.1 Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch. March, April and May Bulletins sent to members.
- 6.2 George Town Coastal Communities Management Group.

7. GTC Service Requests

- 7.1 George Town Council:
 - Repairs to ladies' public toilet seat.
 - No Standing signs for river beach.
 - Additional wheelie bins for annual events.
- 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 Easter Market feedback

Stall Holder feedback

- All stall holders provided very positive feedback with the general feeling that it was a great market, and they were all very happy.
- 4 stall holders said they had difficulties connecting to the WiFi, mainly because of being out of range. Investigate options.

- One stall holder suggested that we advertise in Bridport prior to the market.
- One stall holder requested more room in 2026. He will be allocated a double site.
- One stall holder suggested we have a “wet area”.
- One stall holder commented that the coffee van was disorganised. It was pointed out to him that this was her very first gig.
- One stall holder, new to the market, requested a site closer to the BBQ for 2026.
- Two stall holders commented that there were issues with the ladies’ toilet – no paper and cracked seat. We will take this up with the George Town Council.

Done

- One stall holder asked for more egg and bacon rolls next year.
- Several stall holders requested sites for 2026. I advised them that all 2025 stall holders will be contacted in November by email.
- Increase number of bacon and egg rolls to 150.
- Consider a new bigger BBQ for egg and bacon.
- Drip pans for BBQs and non-stick mats. **Done**
- Trolley/hand truck for wheeling gazebos. **Done**
- New 3mx3m Gazebo. **Done**
- **Action: Craig to purchase**

Committee Debrief Feedback

- Improved WiFi coverage.

Motion: That we purchase external WiFi Access points to improve internet access.

Moved: Craig Tyeson Seconded: Ralph Berry Carried

Action: Craig to purchase.

- Rotating stall sites
- Reminding GT Council to provide additional Wheelie Bins (they forgot again this year!)
- Providing food and drinks for volunteers. Provide Volunteers with BBQ voucher.
- Exploring options for cake donations from local bakeries. Gary will remind Lindal to follow up.
- More volunteers on the raffle tables.

8.2 ANZAC Day feedback

- Approximately 70 attendees
- Flyover at 10:50 am
- Overwhelmingly positive feedback with everyone commenting that it was a lovely service. One attendee said it almost brought tears to her eyes. Retain same format for future services.
- Morning tea was very well received.
- Suggest a few sweet slices be added to morning tea for 2026.
- Propose that Port Dalrymple student leader delivers commemorative address at every second ANZAC Day, allowing for returned service person or community leader/figure to deliver address on alternate years.

- Wreaths were fantastic. Thanks, Kylie.
- Cover for the BBQ (Brett)

8.3 Winter Solstice Lantern Walk

- To be held at Weymouth Hall.
- Need some replacement solar lights.
- New lights needed for BBQ.
- Request installation of a power point inside the BBQ cabinet. **Done**
- Due to bad weather it was resolved to cancel this year's event.

Action: Craig to post cancellation on social media.

Done

8.4 Christmas in July.

- Tickets on sale online. Thirteen remaining. Members were shown where to access the booking website.

Motion: That we purchase nibbles and chocolate wheel prizes.

Moved: Craig Tyeson Seconded: Kevin Watkins Carried

Action: Craig to purchase

- Menu finalised.

8.5 TasNetworks Community Grants.

- Up to a value of \$10k. Consider options for 2026 submission.

8.6 Review of parking at River beach.

- Request installation of No Standing signs adjacent to rock barriers.
- Investigate parking markers. **Done**

8.7 GTC Roadshow.

- Note to GTC regarding poor scheduling.
- Feedback from Roadshow Gary reported that approximately 15 residents attended, which was double the attendance for other townships. He further reported that the Roadshow wasn't particularly edifying. He has requested a meeting with the Mayor and GM at their earliest convenience to discuss progress of the following:
 - TCPs
 - Disability access
 - WMBRA Development Plan
 - Grant opportunities.
- Ian Sauer suggested that the Roadshow should be scheduled for a weekend and may include a BBQ. He also suggested that GTC provide information prior to the meeting regarding expenditure and timelines
- One member questioned whether it was a legal requirement to provide disability access. Craig explained Disability and Discrimination Act 1992 The Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) outlines the legal duty to make reasonable adjustments to prevent discrimination against individuals with disabilities. These adjustments aim to remove barriers, enabling people with disabilities to access services, participate in employment, and access education on an equal basis with others.

- Sue Woinarski suggested that we conduct an emergency evacuation simulation to highlight the need for improved access. Lindal Byard advised that she had been informed of a possible mass stranding on the beach which further highlighted access issues.
- Kevin Watkins asked about the disability access at East Beach and to what extent GTC had contributed to its funding and completion.
- John Williamson reflected on the Mayor's previous Roadshow commitments with respect to open communication. He suggested that a communication barrier exists that prevents the WPA from passing on information to members.

8.8 First Aid and AED/CPR Course

- First Aid and AED/CPR training scheduled for Sunday, June 22. Delivered by Murat Djakic.
- Minimum number is 10 participants; Maximum is 20.
- Cost is \$90 per person for full day first aid course or \$50 per participant for 3 hour AED/CPR Course (included in First Aid Course.)
- Course commences at 9:00 am and finishes by 4:00 pm. AED component starts at 10:00 am and concludes at 1:00 pm.
- Bellingham PA, Lulworth CA and Pipers River NHW have been invited to send 2 participants each at their cost.

Motion: That the WPA fully funds places for up to 14 WPA members to attend the Course.

Moved: Craig Tyeson Seconded Ian Sauer Carried

Action: Craig to advise members by email. Members to reply with their EOI.

A show of hands was requested regarding interest in attending.

Auriol von Bertouch, Lindal Byar, Sally von Bertouch confirmed their interest.

9. Update from Sub Committees

9.1 Weymouth Main Beach Recreation Area (WMBRA) Sub Committee.

9.2 Environment Sub Committee:

- Request to proceed with Stage 2 of Noland Bay Energy Cooperative project. Resolved.
- Boneseed working bee successfully removed 7 bags.
- Spanish Heath remains present in Davies Street.
- Reports have been received of quail in Weymouth, possibly because there have been no reports of feral cats.
- GTCMG meeting next month.
- Lindal Byard reported on the recent Landcare meeting at Lilydale. There will be Cat Management meeting in three weeks, modelled on the WPA program. A paper on Pipers River Water Usage is available. Lindal encourage members to visit the Pipers River reserve on Baxter Road. She will forward any future meeting details to Gary.

9.3 Fire Management and Community Recovery Sub Committee.

9.4 Weymouth Cricket Club: (See 10.1)

9.5 Maintenance Sub Committee.

- Track maintenance is ongoing. Some vegetation has been cleared in the WMBRA. GTC has removed some of the piles of vegetation.

9.6 Neighbourhood Watch Area Report: Nil Crime Report April and May.
Newsletters emailed to members.

10. General Business

10.1 Draft User Agreements:

- Hall and WCC has been received which defines our access and responsibilities with respect to the Hall and WCC. Gary advised that GTC has approved a shipping container for the WCC for storage purposes.
- Craig put forward his view that we should not blindly accept that any possible future upgrading of the WCC facility is not possible. GTC have suggested costing of approximately \$240k to achieve compliance. He suggested that we obtain our own advice regarding upgrade and compliance issues and that we seek pro bono architectural or building advice.
- Ian Sauer suggested that firstly investigate the level to which residents are committed to maintaining and improving the facility. He also suggested that we request a copy of the GTC Report into the non-compliance issues.

Action: Craig will survey members to determine the extent of support for maintaining and improving the facility.

- Kevin Watkins spoke about the history of the facility, including the contribution of local residents including Peter Wilson.

It was resolved that we acknowledge the recent passing of Peter Wilson, particularly with respect to his long term support of and contribution to the WPA and Weymouth Community.

11. Other General Business

11.1 John Williamson reported that he encountered some scrap steel (RHS) on the Weymouth Road, posing a hazard to motorists. Gary advised that vineyard workers had removed the hazard.

11.2 Gary advised that the diesel generator had been delivered by the GTC as part of their strategy to mitigate the effects of power outages. GTC will deliver diesel fuel when required. Volunteers are required to be trained in operation of the generator. Gary thanked Graeme and Brett for volunteering. Graeme suggested that the generator could be housed in a secure cabinet adjacent to the Hall meter box.

Action: Gary to follow up with GTC.

11.3 Ian Sauer suggested that correspondence be sent to GTC regarding then issues discussed in 8.7:

- Scheduling of future Roadshows on a weekend.
- Strategic discussion regarding GTC support for WPA priorities including GTC expenditure and implementation timelines.

Action: Craig/Gary to draft letter.

Meeting Closed: 11:25 am

12. Next meeting:

- General Meeting: Saturday, November 1

Committee Meetings 2025:

- Saturday, August 2
- Saturday, October 4
- Saturday, December 6

Other Events: 2025

- 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
3.5	Request more detail in Tas Police NHW monthly reports.	Craig
8.1	Purchase WiFi Access point and new gazebo.	Craig
8.3	Post Cancellation of Winter Solstice on Social media. Done	Craig
8.4	Purchase nibbles and door prize for Xmas in July.	Craig
8.8	Advise members of First Aid Course and request EOLs. Done	Craig
10.1	Survey members regarding support fo WCC upgrade.	Craig
11.2	Follow up with GTC regarding generator cabinet.	Gary
11.3	Draft letter to GTC regarding suggestions for future Roadshows.	Gary/Craig