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## **New Mayor and Councillor for George Town**



Mayor Kieser and Councillor Parkes being sworn into office in July

George Town residents have elected a new Mayor and Councillor after the by-election forced by departure of Bridget Archer from council after being successfully elected as the Federal Member for Bass.

Greg Kieser was successfully elected as the town's new mayor with Peter Parkes elected for the position as councillor.

5,551 electors in total are enrolled in the George Town municipal

area, 2,862 votes were returned with a total ballot response rate of 51.56%.

Three candidates put themselves forward for the position of Mayor being Chris Barraclough (853 votes), Tim Harris (877 votes) and Greg Kieser (1,071).

Eleven people were candidates for the councillor position Trudi Cross (467 votes), Dean Gibbons (345 votes), Wendy Harrap (104 votes), Kirsten McCreghan (202 votes),

Jason Orr (278 votes), Tim Parish (479 votes), Peter Parkes (479 votes), Bob Pooley (252 votes), Nicole Scott (136 votes), Sean Tiernan (67 votes) and Sven Wiener (47 votes).

The campaign period was very short as only a handful of candidates making use of signage and letter box drops. Successful candidates will remain in their positions until Tasmanian statewide local government elections in 2022.

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### Know Your Odds Presents: Tasmanian Skate Park Leagues!

Get down to George Town Skate Park on Saturday 31st August and compete in skate, scoot, Inline or BMX.

The Skate Park League competitions are community based grass-roots events focused on embracing skate park culture and bringing the community together.

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Registrations are now open:  
<http://skateparkleagues.com/enroll/>

Heat Times:

Scooter 11:00am (14 & Under, 15 & Over)

BMX: 12:30pm (14 & Under, 15 & Over)

Aggressive Inline Skate: 12:30pm (Opens)

Skate 1:30pm (12 & Under, 16 & Under, Open Male, Open Female)

Event Partners: George Town Council, Skate Australia, YMCA Victoria, Bad Boy Australia, Element, Know Your Odds, OCD Skate Shop, Goliath Skate, Harsh Protective Gear, Skater Maps, Scooter Hut & Root Industries & Bayside Blades Skates

All competitors must wear helmets during heats, YMCA can provide.

Event Guidelines, Scoring Criteria and Policies: <http://skateparkleagues.com/guidelines/>

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If you are concerned about gambling you can free call Gamblers Help on 1800 858 858 or get online help at [www.gamblinghelp-online.org.au](http://www.gamblinghelp-online.org.au).



### Northern Tasmanian non-profit and community organisations are encouraged to apply for funding available under the Morrison Government's Stronger Communities Programme.

Federal Member for Bass Bridget Archer said \$150,000 has been committed to the Bass electorate to fund up to 20 small capital work projects by community groups

The programme can fund anything from upgrading the local community hall or sporting facility, building new bike paths, or providing essential equipment for the local State Emergency Service," Mrs Archer said.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the Stronger Communities Programme was aimed at funding projects that deliver social benefits as part

of the Government's continuing commitment to strengthen communities across Australia.

"Our local communities are the heart of this great country and this investment in local projects under the Stronger Communities Programme is about invigorating these communities and ensuring their continued success," Mr McCormack said.

Each electorate nationwide has received \$150,000 to allocate towards successful projects, with a maximum of 20 projects to be funded per electorate. Grant values range from \$2,500 to \$20,000.

Expressions of Interest open tomorrow and close on Friday, 6 September. Further information and guidelines can be found by contacting Bridget Archer's office on 6334 7033 or visit [www.business.gov.au/assistance/stronger-communities-programme](http://www.business.gov.au/assistance/stronger-communities-programme)

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### Community Health Sessions

Wellways are holding health sessions in George Town from 7th August to 21st of August 2019. Sometimes life throws us challenges we don't know how to deal with. Wellways to Health is a self-management program that aims to improve wellbeing and build your strengths and values. It will help you understand what may affect your mental health and assist you to develop the tools needed to achieve and maintain a balance of physical, psychological and social health wellbeing. If you would like to know more about the program or believe it would benefit you, please contact the Aboriginal Program Worker, Brigitte Wolfe at Wellways on 63333111 or email [bwolfe1@wellways.org](mailto:bwolfe1@wellways.org)



### Breast Screen Tasmania

The BreastScreen FREE mammogram service is back in George Town during the period 19 August - 30 August.

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# Beauty Point Service Station Closed



The Beauty Point Service Station closed in early July. The business owners advised the public of the closure on social media citing concerns that the property which the service station is located was purchased by a property group which made a demand of a non-negotiable increase in rent of \$1000 per week. The business ownership quickly understood this made the business unviable and were advised via text message to vacate the premises immediately. The respected local business received hundreds of comments on social media channels thanking them of ongoing community spirit. The Beauty Point Service Station recently played a central role in fundraising for local Ron Spiteri who unfortunately lost his home by house fire. The site has recently been placed on commercial real estate websites looking for new business owners. The closest petrol station can now be found at Beaconsfield.



## Waste Management Vouchers Now Redeemable at Launceston Waste Centre

West Tamar Council are pleased to advise that the complementary 2019/2020 Waste Management Vouchers for ratepayers can be redeemed at the Launceston Waste Centre in Remount Road, Mowbray.

This will be of particular benefit to households in the southern end of the Municipality where the distance from Trevallyn or Riverside, to the Remount Road Waste Centre, is less than travelling to the Exeter Waste Transfer Station. City of Launceston's facility is open Monday - Sunday, 8am - 4.45pm, and all vehicles must pass through the Recycle Centre before going on to the weigh bridge.

For more information, visit the 'Latest News' section of our website [www.wtc.tas.gov.au/home/latest-news](http://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/home/latest-news)

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### New Bridge For Weymouth Farm Road

Due to another successful grant application there is will be a new bridge for Weymouth Farm Road. The current bridge structure has been steadily approaching the need for upgrading and now it will be replaced with a new concrete structure in the latter months of this year.



### The George Town Baptist Church

will be holding a special Induction Service to receive Bob Goolsby as pastor of the church on Sunday, August 11 at 2:30 pm. The service will be officiated by Reverend David Roffe. Pastor Roffe has been a pastor in Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania, and is currently serving as the North West Regional Minister for the Tasmanian Baptist Union. Pastor Goolsby comes to George Town from New South Wales, where he and his wife, Sylvie were active in Baptist churches. All friends both old and new are invited to the service and celebration. George Town Baptist Church is located at 48 Goulburn Street in George Town, phone 0434028179.



### Northern Tasmanian schools are encouraged to access funds for projects to benefit students and school communities.

Federal Member for Bass Bridget Archer MP said up to \$200,000 is available for schools in Bass through the Morrison Government's \$30.2 million Local Schools Community Fund.

"All schools in northern Tasmania will be eligible to apply for funding ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$20,000 with the money going towards a school project," Ms Archer said.

"School leaders know what is best for their schools, and the Local Schools Community Fund allows them to pursue a project that will make the biggest difference to their students' education. Funding for small-scale extensions or classroom refurbishments, new computer facilities, mental health and counselling services, playground equipment, library resources, or sports facilities are all covered through this Fund."

Federal Minister for Education Dan Tehan said projects would

be assessed on the benefit they would bring to the school community. "The Morrison Government is providing record funding for Australian schools," Mr Tehan said. "We will increase funding for all primary and secondary schools across all sectors by an average of 62 per cent per student.

"The Local Schools Community Fund is additional funding that builds on our investment by allowing individual schools to nominate their own projects that will make the biggest difference to their school community."

Schools can lodge one application for each of their campuses and use SchoolsHUB – <https://schools.education.gov.au/> to apply. Applications open today, 25 July 2019, and close on 30 September 2019. Projects must be completed by the end of 2020. Committees will be established by local Members of Parliament in every electorate in Australia to independently assess each application from schools within their electorate. The Local Schools Community Fund is open to all schools but eligibility conditions will apply.

### Riverside Community Garden

West Tamar Council is excited to announce that additional plots are now available within Windsor Community Garden. Membership is open to residents of the West Tamar, as a passive recreational activity. Established in 2014, the Windsor Community Garden hosts a committed group of friendly gardeners and is always looking for new members. The garden is made up of a collection of 'Personal' and 'Communal' garden beds, boasting a variety of crops and plants. During the last Saturday of each month, members meet for an informal catch up and working bee. This is a great opportunity to socialise, share and learn from other gardeners.

The community garden is an important resource as it contributes to social inclusion, health and wellbeing. The area is constantly changing and developing, with a new range of planter boxes currently being installed to encourage the growth of vines and creepers. If you are interested in finding out more information about the community garden, the memberships available, or would simply like to come along to a meeting to see how it all works, please call West Tamar Council's Community Development Officer on (03) 6323 9200 or email [wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au](mailto:wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au)

### Rowella Community Hall - Social Night

Rowella community hall will hold their "First Friday" social night on Friday the 6th of September. Guests are asked to bring their favourite asian inspired food to share with fellow residents. Rice or noodle dish, dumplings, spring rolls, stir fry, sushi or a curry. BYO drinks, gold coin entry raffle.

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# West Tamar Destination Action Plan Launched

Following the Premier & Minister for Tourism, The Hon Will Hodgman's promise to deliver 32 action plans for key destination across Tasmania, The West Tamar Destination Action Plan (DAP) Group, a collective group of individuals representing the West Tamar Region in partnership with Tourism Northern Tasmania is proud to launch the highly anticipated West Tamar Destination Action Plan.

They created the plan by identifying how to overcome challenges and setting priority actions that can make a difference to the West Tamar's Visitor Economy. The DAP focuses on priorities around:

1. Unifying the brand and marketing approach
2. Targeting seasonal audiences
3. Making the river the icon
4. Better collaboration for experience development and delivery
5. A community that hosts

The DAP has a strong focus on aligned marketing and communication and building packages and itineraries to promote the region. Damien Pinkerton, Chair of the West Tamar DAP "After consul-



tation with local stakeholders, we are pleased to be able to launch the final version of the West Tamar DAP. One project we are partic-

ularly excited about is the Beauty Point Foreshore Master Plan which has already had a commitment of \$3

Million dollars from the federal government."



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# West Tamar Rotary Club Changeover



The Rotary Club of West Tamar held its Changeover luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club on Sunday 7th July. It was an excellent event with nearly sixty people attending including the District Governor, Michael Cooke and partner Corrina, Rotarians and friends of the club.

Outgoing president Craig Groom talked about what the club had achieved in the past year with the big ticket item being commissioning a new barbecue trailer with the help of a \$5000 grant from West Tamar Council. The club also sponsored 4 young people to go on the Windward Bound Youth Leadership Challenge, assisted with the Rotary Youth

Driver Awareness program at Symmons Plains and several members spent the week at Camps Tasmania helping to prepare and serve food to the young participants and supervisors. The supervisors are a wonderful team who provide a wide variety of games, activities and challenges all week long. The club also ran BBQs for Australia Day, the Beaconsfield Youth and Community Festival and Christmas in the West Tamar. Incoming President James Tyson outlined the club's plan for the year to come with particular emphasis on continuing to work with local youth both through the schools and helping out at events

run by the West Tamar Council youth workers.

Highlight of the day was the District Governor presenting David Annear with a Paul Harris Fellowship award for outstanding service to the club and Rotary in Tasmania. "Rocky" Findlater from the Rotary Club of Ulverstone was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for all the times he has helped our club especially setting up the PA system for our larger meetings. Like all service clubs we are always looking for new members and details can be found on our Facebook page.

## Review of Tasmania's Local Government Legislation Framework

The Tasmanian Government is conducting a major review of Tasmania's Local Government Legislation Framework.

On 3 July 2019, the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Mark Shelton MP, released the Tasmanian Government's Reform Directions Paper, outlining the proposed reforms to Tasmania's local government legislation framework.

A multiple-choice survey has been developed to rate the level of support for each Reform Direction. The survey can be taken online at the link below, or downloaded and submitted via email or post. Submissions will be accepted until 5pm on the 30th of September 2019.

[http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/local\\_government](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/local_government)



## George Town Chamber of Commerce - Networking Function

The George Town Chamber of Commerce present an opportunity to hear from the Co-Chairs of Reconciliation Tasmania speaking about what reconciliation means for local organisations from the public, private and community sectors. All Welcome - 5.30pm for a 6pm start - Drinks available at the bar, light finger food provided. Please RSVP by August 15th via [secretary@georgetownchamber.com.au](mailto:secretary@georgetownchamber.com.au) or call 0400 561 078

## 2019 Residents' Opinion Survey

The 2019 Residents' Opinion Survey was received by Council at our July Council Meeting. We would like to thank everyone who completed the survey and provided feedback. Please note that these surveys are submitted anonymously, and people who asked a question will need to lodge it via our Customer Service system in order to receive a response on (03) 6323 9300, [wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au](mailto:wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au), or via the "Contact Us" section of our website [www.wtc.tas.gov.au/home/contact-us](http://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/home/contact-us)

At the July meeting of the George Town Sub Section of the Naval Association of Australia, we were pleased and proud to be able to present a cheque for \$500.00 to the George Town Hospital Auxiliary. The money will be used as part of an ongoing upgrading of the hospital wards.

The photo, taken at the TS York Navy Cadets building, shows the Sub Section Treasurer, Brian Shepherd presenting the cheque to Karen Hall from the Hospital Auxiliary.

From the left in the photo are: Tony Gerding, Chris Spalding, Karen Hall, Brian Shepherd, Brian McDonnell and Daryl Camino. The next meeting of the Sub Section will be on Friday 9th August at the TS York building starting at 1100.

If you are interested in attending please contact President, Chris Spalding on 0448 455 611.

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ing luggage, airport transfers or check ins, this is all taken care of and this results in a very seamless holiday experience for our clients. The Travel Club offers regular day tours and short break tours including mystery tours where we visit popular iconic locations within Tasmania." Their upcoming extended touring program includes a 3-day getaway to Melbourne to witness KURIOS "the most enthralling, consistently over-the-top magical show Cirque du Soleil has sent our way in a long time". We will experience the various events that the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival has to offer - such as the regional World's Longest Lunch set in a picturesque location of regional Victoria. We will also visit the Waterfront City at Docklands for a group lunch, and visit Artvo-an interactive art museum where photos are allowed to be taken. Norfolk Island Experience - Back by popular demand - come and experience what it is that makes

this tour so popular. Is it the weather that sits with a temperature between 19-25 degrees? Is it the history of the island; the 'Bounty', historic buildings? Is it the tranquillity of the island life, the local cuisine and culture. Thier 2020-2021 international Travel Club program will feature destinations such as New Zealand, the Cook Islands, Canada, Alaska, Vietnam and India. "Our clients love the fact that invariably they will be travelling with other Travel Club friends along with familiar coach drivers and tour leaders" Simon said. "This provides many members with a sense of comfort and confidence to travel." For more information on McDermott's full range of tours, their new travel brochure released in October and to experience their first-class service for yourself, give them a call on 6330 3717 or visit them online at [mcdermotts.com.au](http://mcdermotts.com.au) or via Facebook at McDermott's Travel Club

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### Hospitality Rebrand

The Signal Station Tavern at Mount Direction is getting ready to launch a new hospitality experience from 23rd of August. The business located on the West Tamar Highway promises patrons an affordable dine-in experience targeting both locals and tourists including a takeaway pizza and burger menu. Rebranding the hospitality side of the business Signals Bistro and Pizzeria. For more information find their Facebook page or call 03 6394 8228



## George Town RSL Update

The George Town RSL Sub Branch Board of Management, continues to invest time into seeking ways to best assist veterans and families to meet their needs. Towards that end RSL NE Vice President was invited to lead our board and relevant stakeholders through a workshop to develop ideas for priority based on identified needs. The Sub Branch sought involvement from members and families to offer views and perspective to get a truly collaborative development process for our strategic plan. The main aim of this process was to identify those points that were raised and plan projects to best meet, real needs and issues faced by service personnel and families. There were two opportunities to be part of this process. A SWOT Analysis was a process used to gather information. These sessions were held on Saturday 13th Monday 20th July. Thanks to some 30 people who attended these sessions and brought to the table excellent contributions. The next step is for the Board of Management to collate,

prioritise and develop, these ideas for projects, in immediate weeks, as we move forward. Veteran Views With the Tamar Valley Veteran Support Centre based in the Sub Branch at 44 Macquarie street, we encourage individuals and families to enquire or seek information about claims, benefits, DVA queries, and other agencies. This service is offered to the community of the North East including Beaconsfield, Lilydale, Scottsdale, Exeter, Bridport and George Town and encompasses rural areas in between. The assistance that people can access in relation to Pensions, Welfare and Advocacy is wide and varied. If you have had some difficulty with claims or understanding processes please make contact with Greg Rush Pensions and Advocacy officer at the Sub Branch. Greg works both at the TVVSC at 44 Macquarie Street George Town on Tuesday as well as Launceston on Thursday. Data Information Project One of the key roles of the RSL Sub Branch is to connect with those who have served. Our team, is about to embark on

bringing our Sub Branch records, of service personnel, from our community, up to date. There is a need for a willingness of individuals to help with this data collection. Please make contact, with the Sub Branch with any queries or for clarity of understanding about this collection. This information cannot be gained through Government agencies and would rely on the willingness of those who serve and /or their families to share details. The value of such a collection is for posterity and understanding for future generations as was done in the past. We would like to update Honour Boards and unless individuals come forward with accurate details we cannot guess such information. If you know of anyone who has served or is currently serving with the ADF would you please consider, making contact with the Sub Branch office 65822745. A survey form will be available from the George Town RSL Sub Branch from late September.

The Low Head Lighthouse - By  
Waldo Bayley (copywrite)

The lighthouse at Low Head flashes

From dusk to daylight time  
To keep the sailors out at sea  
Safe and sound all night

There are many wrecks around  
our shores

King Island, Bass Strait too  
The beams of light shine across  
the sea

Through storms 'n clouds 'n dew

The shipwrecks lie beneath the  
ocean bed

What stories they may tell  
With twisted iron and rotting  
wood

It must have felt like hell

These sailors sailed our oceans  
Carrying wheat 'n wood 'n stores

To help build cities, towns and  
famlands

Across Tasmania's shores

These wrecks are laying dormant  
Out from the rugged coast

Amongst sand, stocks and sea-  
weed

They are King Neptune's ghosts

Wooden poop decks, masts and  
sails

Steering wheels and ships bells  
too

The fish, eels and crustaceans  
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# George Town Community Assistance

The George Town Council is committed to supporting community organisations whose activities contribute to building a vibrant and active community, and individuals under the age of 25 who represent Tasmania or Australia in national or international events, by providing financial assistance. Council's Community Assistance Program is comprised of an annual allocation of funds which provides a strategic opportunity to work in partnership with community groups, organisations, and individuals to strengthen community capacity and support an active, vibrant and culturally diverse community life".

Council provides financial support through the Community Assistance Program in three ways:

Assistance to Individuals  
Council Fee Remissions  
Community Grants - Available up to the amount of \$2,000.

The amount of funding available in any one year is determined by Council in its budget estimates in June/July each year.

The guidelines explain who can apply, the types of grants available and the Community Assistance application process.



All applicants must advise Council immediately of any changes to application details.

Funds must be expended only for the purpose approved. Any unspent part of the Community Assistance funds must be returned to Council.

Recipient organisations must follow sound governance practices, comply with all laws and regulations, adequately support and supervise volunteers and work to ensure public safety in conducting the project.

Recipient organisations must acknowledge Council contribution

in all public documents, signage or announcements about the project.

Council may provide financial support up to the amount requested.

Note: Fee Remission is applicable to the remission of facility hire fees only. Hire of assets - eg, audio, crockery, glasses, and cleaning costs, will be the responsibility of the hirer.

Council's Community Development Officer can assist with the application process. If you would like assistance or need clarification about the process please contact Council.

## West Tamar Diabetes Support Group Meeting

Caroline Wells, CEO of Diabetes Tasmania will be the guest speaker at the next West Tamar Diabetes Support Group Meeting held Wednesday 21st of August at 12pm. Lunch is included and gold coin donations are appreciated. Contact Sandra if you are interested in attending 0429 777 870 - open to all community members. Find more information at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/157676831609932/>



## Rowella History Day

Rowella Community Hall & West Tamar Historical Society invite the public to Rowella History Day, led by historian John Dent. Attendees will visit Willmores Bluff, Point Rapid, Wateron Hall & Delamere on Sunday 8th of September 8.45am to 4.45pm. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea is provided. Tickets are limited at \$25 per person. If you are interested in joining this co-hosted event please email [john.dent@pda.com.au](mailto:john.dent@pda.com.au) or phone 0408 133 656.



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In this issue, we feel it's important to talk to you about two factor authentication and passwords. Two factor authentication is the process of ensuring that the person logging into your accounts, is

really you. This is a simple method of ensuring the security of your accounts, and the good news is that most tech giants offer this service.

For example, if you use Gmail for your emails, you can set it up so that upon logging in to your account, a text message is sent to your phone containing a code. The only way that you can log in to your account, is by entering that code. This is extremely helpful, because even if somebody were to correctly guess your password, they still can't gain access to your account without physically having your phone as well. When it comes to your online

safety, it's important to take your passwords seriously. You want to be sure to use a different password for each account you have, and don't share these with other people. Google offer a very helpful service to help you do this easily, utilising cutting edge technology and encryption. Visit [passwords.google.com](http://passwords.google.com) to learn more.

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## Wheels4Work

Northern Tasmanian organisation Wheels4Work is seeking more volunteers to continue their activities in West Tamar and George Town. Driver mentors are required to partner with learner drivers, hours accumulated by volunteers can be used to fulfil required centrelink hours. Wheels4Work enables Tasmanians to achieve the hours required to receive a Tasmanian issue drivers license. Priority is given to learners who require a license for pending or current work requirements. If you are interested in supporting to program as a volunteer or joining as a learner driver. Contact Sally on 0409 183 322.

## LEGANA HOT PROPERTY

By Steve Crawford of Agency 36 Launceston

The Legana property market is become one of the property hotspots in Northern Tasmania with the population rapidly rising to 3678 residents with an average income of \$722. The median house price has significantly risen by over 16% in the past 24 months bringing the median price for Legana to \$417,145, (a 3 bedroom house being \$370,000 & a 4 bedroom house totaling

\$449,000.) Throughout 2018 there has been a huge 54 houses sold in Legana and 11 units with an average time to sell of 70 days.

The rental market has seen some stable growth over the past 12 months with the average house in Legana being rented for \$400 per week with an average rental return of 5.24% with Legana unit's median weekly rental price of \$350 per week with a rental return of 6.82%.

If you are looking to sell your property in Legana chances are your property value will be significantly higher than 24 months ago with the search word 'Legana' in the top 3% of search results for Tasmania according to realestate.com.au with an average on 669 property views per property. Director of Agency 36 Launceston Steve Crawford who has been selling a significant amount of properties in Legana says If you are looking to sell your property

now is your time before the spring rush and currently with peak demand for property in the area. Legana currently has a issue of too many buyers in the area with a significantly reduced number of properties on the market resulting in more competition per property creating a substantial sale price. If you are considering selling and would like a free appraisal of your property Steve can be contacted on 0447 277 825. (stats according to homesales.

## 2019'S TOP 9 TAX DEDUCTIONS AND HOW TO CLAIM THEM

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### 1. Education and Professional Development

Have you needed to do a workshop, or some training in relation to your job? You can claim a deduction for any part your employer did not pay for. Networking events? Seminars Conferences? If you paid for them and they are necessary for your job – bring those receipts!

### 2. Travel

How did you get to all those work-related workshops and conferences? Taxis/Uber, flights and accommodation are all tax deductible. A word of caution though – if you flew to Sydney to do a workshop, and also visited those in-laws you have not seen for five years while you were there, not all your travel expenses are likely to be work-related. We will probably have to apportion a percentage as non-work related.

### 3. Uniforms and Work-Wear

Can you claim your work uniform? In many cases - unfortunately not! So, when can you? The most common successful uniform claims fall into three categories  
(1) Uniforms with logos: if you purchase an item of uniform with a registered logo design attached it – you can claim the amount for this purchase.  
(2) Protective wear: if an item of your uniform is protective in some way – for example safety glasses or steel capped boots – you can claim the amount for this purchase.  
(3) Occupational specific uniforms: uniform items like a chef's checked apron or a swimming instructor's bathing trunks can all be claimed as occupational specific uniform.

### 4. Union Fees

Are you in a union? Often, the total monthly fees you pay for this are added up and reported on your payment summary – but don't rely on this.

### 5. Registrations, Memberships & Subscriptions

Are you a part of a work related professional body? If so, chances are you have some of these invoices to chase up.

### 6. Tools

Receipts for these guys are the tradie's friend come tax time. A word of caution though. If your tool is worth \$300 or more or is part of a set that comes to a total cost of \$300 or greater – you cannot claim everything at once. We will have claim the amount over the next few years. By the way, a 'set' counts as things that are reasonable to be together (e.g. a drill bit and a drill)

### 7. Home Office

Do you use the desk in the spare bedroom, or the home office to log some overtime hours? Well, you can claim a flat 45 cents per hour rate for every hour for this time in the financial year.

### 8. Telephone and Internet

Be careful with claiming your personal phone for work purposes. If you decide to go for it, make sure it is a conservative and reasonable percentage that you can justify. There doubtless is a marginal amount of your download and upload on your monthly home plan that does relate to work – but probably not much, compared to what you are racking up on Netflix.

### 9. Motor Vehicle Claims

This one is a doozy. With the tax office cracking down with audits of this type of claim, it pays to make sure it is done right. We will prepare a separate article next month on this claim to make sure you can tick all the boxes.



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# Cable Station Land

**By Peter Cox**

The recent opening of the play ground and picnic area at Windmill Point preserves for posterity an important piece of George Town's heritage.

This land was reserved by Governor Macquarie for use as a fort to defend George Town from attack from the sea. He named it Fort Lachlan after his son. While canons were placed on the site, there is no evidence that any fortifications were constructed. As well, a flagstaff was placed there, from which a large Union Jack was flown each day.

In the 1870s the block next door was obtained by William Warren for his house, which he named Fassifern. Warren was Tasmanian manager of the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company, which operated the submarine telegraph between Low Head and Flinders in Victoria. He spent many years in George Town before transferring to Melbourne as the company's Australian manager.

In 1891 The cable company acquired the now vacant block at Windmill Point. Prominent Launceston Architect Alexander North was commissioned to design a new cable station to replace the one at Low Head. He designed a large weatherboard building that covered most of the block. An underground cable was laid to East Beach to connect the new cable station and the submarine cable.

The cable station was an important part of the communications network. In the days before telephones it was the only means of rapidly sending messages over long distances. The submarine cable connected the Tasmanian and Victorian telegraph networks.

This enabled telegram messages to be sent to the other Australian colonies, and eventually overseas.

A number of operators were employed at the cable station. They used Morse code to transmit messages between the Tasmanian telegraph network and the submarine cable.

In 1901 the six Australian colonies federated to form the Common-

wealth of Australia. The Federal Government took control of posts and telegraphs from the states. It decided to lay its own telegraph cables under Bass Strait. It also built a new post and telegraph office in George Town. It is now used by St Vincent de Paul. Technological improvements now made it possible to send telegrams directly between Launceston and Melbourne. The now redundant cable station was sold. The cable station operators were transferred out of Tasmania. They had played a prominent role in the life of the small town. In appreciation of this, the townspeople held a special function to farewell them. The building survived for more than 50 years, being used at times as a school or boarding house. In 1965 it was demolished. Some years later the land

was donated to the George Town Council.

In 2005 a company proposed to build a 7-story hotel on the site. It was to be capped with a replica lighthouse extending to a height of 60 metres. Following a public meeting in 2006, the Council refused to allow the

development. The public meeting had voted to turn the land into a public park. It is to the Council's credit that that request has been fulfilled.

*(Top) The Cable Station at George Town*

*(Below) Telegraph Operators at Work*



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**Museum and Art Gallery (Inveresk).**

**TOPIC: Community History resources available at QVMAG Inveresk**

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