



# George Town Coastal Communities Management Plan 2017 Action Plan Update

**"Communities and management authorities working together to protect, enhance and sustainably manage the natural values of our coastal area for recreation and conservation into the future."**



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The local communities have previously been involved with a variety of on-ground activities, including revegetation projects, weed removal and track maintenance. Building strong working relationships and networks between these local community groups and the management authorities involved is essential to the success of the Management Plan and this Action Plan update. Community consultation has been of utmost importance during the formulation of this document, as the Action Plan's implementation schedule will largely be "driven" by local residents.

## **About the Action Plan:**

The Action Plan is a non-statutory document that aims to preserve the natural values of the George Town coastal region by addressing management issues in a coordinated and systematic manner. This Plan covers the Coastal Reserves, Recreation Reserves and some areas of unallocated Crown Land in the coastal areas of Bellbuoy Beach, Beechford, Low Head, Lulworth, Tam O'Shanter, Hillwood, Weymouth and Bellingham.

George Town Coastal Working Group will be supported by Tamar NRM to oversee the progress of on-ground works. The Working Group consists of representatives from various community groups, Tamar NRM, the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) and the George Town Council.

## **Statement of Endorsement:**

This action plan presents the latest reviewed on-ground works consistent with aims of the George Town Coastal Management Plan (2005), which was the first truly community driven coastal management plan in Tasmania. It is an important resource to guide future community action and assist government and local planning authorities in the ongoing management of coastal areas within the George Town municipality.

Through workshops and consultation, the coastal communities of Bellingham, Weymouth, Lulworth, Tam O'Shanter, Beechford, Bellbuoy Beach, Low Head and Hillwood have identified priority works for the protection and restoration of the places they live, work and recreate in.

The George Town Coastal Management Group, George Town Council, Tamar NRM and the Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania have endorsed the actions for the management of the George Town Coastal area and are committed to working in partnership for the full implementation of this action plan.

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This is a Summary Document and should be read in conjunction with the George Town Coastal Management Plan 2005.  
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# 1. Implementation Schedule for Tasks Affecting all CMA Lands

\* See Page 52 - George Town Coastal Management Plan 2005, 1.1

Five major issues identified are common to all lands covered by the Plan (the Coastal Management Area or CMA) and these are:

1. The overall coordination of the Management Plan;
2. Waste disposal within the CMA; and
3. Fire management within the CMA.
4. The encroachment of private yards onto the CMA
5. Control of feral animal populations

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No.	Issue	Task Description	Responsibility	Time Scale	NOTES
1.1	Overall management plan co-ordination	<p>1. Maintain a working group with members from George Town Council, Tamar NRM, PWS/Crown Land Services (CLS) and various progress associations. This working group will oversee the implementation of the Plan providing external co-ordination when needed.</p> <p>2. Restructure of overall coordination - terms of reference, interaction relationships between council, GTCMG and PWS; SOPs, where each organisation fits in relation to the plan and actions. More formal communication between council, Tamar NRM and GTCMG. Review of original relationship arrangements in 2005 George Town Coastal Community Management Plan.</p>	George Town Coastal Management Group (GTCMG). Support from Tamar NRM	<p>1. Ongoing</p> <p>2. Restructure of overall coordination by November 2017</p>	<p>1. Parties to have ongoing commitment to co-ordination.</p> <p>2. Relationship arrangements to be determined by parties negotiating during implementation phase. GTCMG and Tamar NRM to undertake capacity building.</p> <p>3. Public Reserves and Unallocated Crown Land is managed by Crown Land Services</p>
1.2	Green waste disposal in the CMA	<p>1. Council to work with Progress Associations to collect green waste from working bees.</p> <p>2. Promote responsible green waste disposal by property owners.</p> <p>3. Council to provide free green waste drop off in November each year at the Waste Transfer Station – Mt George Rd.</p>	George Town Council & GTCMG	Ongoing	<p>In November 2015 Council implemented the new format of a 'Free Green Waste Drop Off' at the GT Waste Transfer Station on 2nd Sunday in November.</p> <p>Notify council of working bee green waste collection well in advance for agreement to remove trimmings, etc.</p>
1.3	General waste management within the CMA	<p>1. George Town Council to monitor and review current waste collection methods. Council to investigate increasing the frequency of waste collection in certain public areas specifically the Bellingham Picnic ground and the Bell buoy picnic areas.</p>	George Town Council	Ongoing	<p>Council has undertaken new initiatives over last 2 years with extra recycling over Christmas; new waste treatment plant; review of collection days; waste collection methods etc. Provision of Skip Bins not supported.</p>
1.4	Encroachment of adjacent land owners onto the CMA	<p>1. Develop a covering letter for the Creeping Backyard brochure stating clearly what private land owners are, and are not allowed to do regarding clearing areas for view scapes and fire buffers. Legislation should be explained including the consequences of failure to comply.</p> <p>2. Investigate if other brochures are available and source for Community groups to distribute in their coastal communities.</p> <p>3. Council's Development department to distribute relevant brochures when issuing permits in the coastal regions.</p>	Land Managers - George Town Council in conjunction with PWS/CLS and Tamar NRM.	Ongoing	<p>1.&amp;2. PWS have developed a 'letter to residents' for coastal areas which was distributed 2013, 2015.</p> <p>Redistribute – Backyard Biodiversity brochure at appropriate time.</p> <p>Encroachment onto public lands in the CMA (Send info out every 5 years). Community to take photographic record of breaches and advise PWS/CLS.</p> <p>3. Council officers can include other relevant brochures provided. See "Creeping Backyard Protecting Coastal Public Reserves" put out by Cradle Coast PWS/CLS: Comment on the need for a specific "Encroachment of private yards" brochure prior to distribution.</p>
1.5	Fire management	<p>1. Maintain council lands and PWS/CLS reserves.</p> <p>2. Fire trails and breaks specifically in Weymouth, Bellingham</p>	Land managers responsible for their own	1/2/3. Priority maintenance be	1 &2. Council will continue to maintain own land in accordance

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		<p>and Beechford, Hillwood foreshore areas to be maintained by PWS before the summer fire season as resources and other priorities allow.</p> <p>3. Fire Management through Planning</p> <p>4. Hazard Reduction plans to be developed for all areas</p>	<p>land.</p> <p>PWS/CLS</p> <p>Tasmanian Fire Service</p> <p>George Town Council</p> <p>Tamar NRM</p> <p>PWS/CLS to co-ordinate and give permission to local fire authorities to conduct clearance subject to appropriate assessments.</p>	<p>completed by end October 2017.</p> <p>Preparedness for 2017-18.fire season</p> <p>4. Ongoing</p>	<p>with relevant legislation.</p> <p>2. Fire Management - Maintain council lands and reserves.</p> <p>3. Fire Management/Planning issue - Consider requirement for the planting low growing grasses for fire mitigation and weed control. Consider more prescriptive direction for new residences in terms of vegetation clearance/replanting with appropriate species.</p> <p>Risk Management assessment fuel reduction burn - Weymouth Burn conducted September 2016</p> <p>4. Tamar NRM Fire Mitigation Workshops aimed at biodiversity outcomes and fire preparedness. Tas Fire to assist/advise Tamar NRM with Fire Mitigation Workshop(s) in George Town Council region. PWS: Provide information on maintenance schedule/hazard reduction plans for coastal reserves before the summer fire season.</p> <p>Up-to-date Fire Management plans are central to this action. Management plans identify the extent of fire breaks, buffers, distance between buildings and landscaping materials.</p> <p>Bushfire Management plans and development control legislation is triggered during subdivision planning) and construction (building) applications.</p>
1.6	Feral Animals	<p>1. Populations of feral cats and rabbits area increasing in the CMA. Land managers to take reports of feral cat sightings and their impacts and to work in conjunction with George Town Council if resources and other priorities allow.</p> <p>2. Cat Management Plan/State Cat Act</p>	PWS/CLS, George Town Council, Tamar NRM	Ongoing	<p>Land managers to take reports of feral cat sightings and their impacts.</p> <p>Focus to be on Feral cats impacting native areas. Awaiting legislation and regulation changes.</p> <p>Feral animals and "at large" animals (e.g. cats, dogs, rabbits) Community monitoring, development of a control plan, education.</p> <p>2. Tamar NRM to provide community education to influence state policy change and to advise.</p>
1.7	Capacity Building	<p>1. Build numbers and knowledge in the various community centres to support on ground works and monitoring by community volunteers.</p> <p>2. Provide for grass-roots up driven actions.</p>	GTCMG and Tamar NRM through GT Council Resourcing	March 2017	<p>Ensuring that community representation and onground works can be undertaken.</p> <p>Council can assist build capacity through newsletters, website and provision of office space to Tamar NRM for information days.</p>

## George Town Coastal Management Plan - Low Head

### 2. Implementation Schedule for Low Head

Management priorities for Low Head are:

\* See Page 52 - George Town Coastal Management Plan 2005, 1.1

1. Weed management
2. Coastal track access
3. Wetland protection
4. Green and general waste
5. Penguin habitat protection
6. Community capacity building

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No.	Issue	Task Description	Responsibility	Time Scale	Notes
2.1	Weed Management	<p>a) Community to hold a weed eradication day in the Low Head area. This will be co-ordinated jointly with Tamar NRM and the local community groups (e.g Low Head Progress and Heritage Association). Council to provide weed/green waste removal by prior arrangement (with sufficient notice given).</p> <p>Annual weeding day at the Penguin Colony plantings sites organised by Tamar NRM &amp; NRM North.</p> <p>b) Friends of Low Head to co-ordinate mapping of weeds in Low Head and on-going weed removal days and to work in with Tamar NRM if further training is needed (e.g. engaging a weed expert, target weeds). Penguin and shorebird protection - Schedule works according to low impact times and public awareness program.</p> <p>c) Distribute brochures on weed identification, control and responsible planting on private land to residents and shack owners</p> <p>d) Where possible, Tamar NRM to co-ordinate funding applications to assist community to eradicate high priority weed species (Blackberries, Gorse, Mirror Bush, Marram Grass, Sea Spurge). PWS/CLS to assist in necessary approvals for works.</p>	<p>a) &amp; b) Tamar NRM to assist with co-ordination.</p> <p>Advice from Birds Australia. Seek attendance and promote to Friends groups and local residents via George Town Council, Tamar NRM, GTCWG, PWS.</p> <p>c) Tamar NRM and PWS/CLS to provide brochures – George Town Council/community to distribute to residents and shack owners.</p> <p>d) Tamar NRM and PWS/CLS, George Town Council.</p>	<p>One weed removal day approximately every six months (as appropriate).</p> <p>.</p> <p>c) and d) Ongoing</p>	<p>Council officers can include any other relevant brochures provided. Development Services department distribute relevant brochures when issuing permits in the coastal regions.</p>
2.2	Improve the quality of local tracks and picnic areas	<p>a) Coastal Track - Low Head to Bellbouy - PWS to provide guidance on suitable works. Tamar NRM and George Town Council to investigate works team labour such as a Green Army or Work for the Dole team.</p> <p>b) Maintain existing formal paths, trim back boobialla and wattles, control weeds</p>	<p>a) Tamar NRM, GTCWG, PWS/CLS, George Town Council.</p> <p>b) George Town Council, Friends of Groups, PW/CLS, Landholders</p>	<p>April, 2017</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>a) Note: This is not a formal walking trail and is not recognised by PWS/CLS</p> <p>b) PWS/CLS will undertake walking track maintenance as resources and other priorities allow</p>
2.3	Coastal Protection/ Wetland protection	<p>a) Retention and preservation of saltmarsh communities and coastal vegetation. Consider groundwater resources to protect wetlands.</p>	<p>a) George Town Council via planning/development policy.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Friends of Low Head Lagoon (contacted in early 2016)</p>

No.	Issue	Task Description	Responsibility	Time Scale	Notes
		<p>b) Revegetation - Revegetation activities to include training local community members to undertake local species plantings. Promote to local residents, local organisations by council and Tamar NRM.</p> <p>c) One day per year planting/weeding by Friends Groups / Progress Association and supported by PWS when resources and other priorities allow. Green Army/Work for the Dole utilised for support and follow up where possible.</p> <p>d) Ongoing care and watering of juvenile plants by Friends Groups / Progress Association, George Town Council.</p> <p>e) Public Awareness - Control of weeds such as sea spurge and rice grass. Preservation of shorebirds and coastal fauna. Dogs on lead.</p>	<p>b) Tamar NRM, PWS/CLS, George Town Council</p> <p>c) &amp; d) Tamar NRM, PWS and George Town Council, Friends of Low Head Lagoon, Low Head Progress and Heritage Association.</p> <p>e) Tamar NRM, GTCWG, PWS/CLS, George Town Council to distribute information to residents and shack owners.</p>	<p>December, 2017</p> <p>December, 2017</p> <p>December, 2017</p>	<p>b&amp;c) PWS/CLS will support and provide approvals for revegetation activities where resources and other priorities allow</p>
2.4	Penguin Habitat Protection	<p>a) Community groups to co-ordinate two weed removal days and to work in with Tamar NRM if further training is needed (e.g. engaging a weed expert, target weeds, Penguin and shorebird protection) - Schedule works according to low impact times. Seek attendance and promote to Friends groups and local residents. Where resources and other priorities allow PWS/CLS will support and provide approvals for on-ground works and assist with the provision of basic equipment.</p> <p>b) Community to conduct an annual weeding day at the Penguin Colony planting sites supported by Tamar NRM &amp; NRM North.</p> <p>c) Public awareness program - Tamar NRM and PWS/CLS to provide brochures – George Town Council to distribute to residents and shack owners.(part of an information package that includes weeds, 'dogs at large' and coastal protection).</p>	<p>a) Tamar NRM to assist with co-ordination. Advice from Birdlife Australia. GTC, GTCWG, PWS/CLS, Friends of Low Head Lagoon, Low Head Progress and Heritage Association.</p> <p>b) Tamar NRM, NRM North, PWS/CLS, George Town Council, Friends of Groups.</p> <p>c) Tamar NRM, GTCWG, PWS/CLS, GTC (part of an information package that includes weeds and coastal protection).</p>	November 2017	Needs community capacity built
2.5	Green waste disposal in the CMA	<p>a) Council to work with Progress Associations to collect green waste from working bees. Plenty of notice is to be given prior to working bee.</p> <p>b) Promote responsible green waste disposal by property owners.</p> <p>c) Council to provide free green waste drop off in November each year at the Waste Transfer Station – Mt George Rd.</p>	George Town Council & GTCMG	Ongoing	<p>In November 2015 Council implemented the new format of a 'Free Green Waste Drop Off' at the GT Waste Transfer Station on 2nd Sunday in November.</p> <p>Notify council of working bee well in advance for agreement to remove green waste trimmings, etc.</p>
2.6	Community Capacity Building	<p>a) Run workshops and training days to increase community engagement and the knowledge of volunteers to undertake working bees to address the priority works identified. Support community empowerment and knowledge sharing.</p> <p>b) Build council, agency and public awareness of the issues and the need to act.</p>	Tamar NRM (lead), GTCWG, PWS/CLS, George Town Council, Community groups, landholders	Ongoing	Investigate the capacity of the community to undertake the works identified.

## George Town Coastal Management Plan - Bellbuoy Beach

### 3. Implementation Schedule for Bellbuoy Beach

\* See Page 52 - George Town Coastal Management Plan 2005, 1.1

Management priorities for Bellbuoy Beach are:

1. Improve quality and maintenance of tracks and local picnic area
2. Weed control
3. Pruning and revegetation programs
4. Interpretation signage
5. Fire management and planning
6. Dogs 'at large' roaming the CMA uncontrolled
7. Green waste dumping in the CMA

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No.	Issue	Task Description	Responsibility	Time Scale	NOTES
3.1	Improve the quality of local tracks and picnic area	<p>PWS to assist Friends of Bellbuoy Beach to improve local tracks and picnic area as per the Partnership Agreement between PWS and Friends of Bellbuoy.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Upgrading tracks where appropriate</li> <li>▪ Researching the possibility of installing gas BBQs</li> <li>▪ Track Erosion</li> <li>▪ Boardwalk repair</li> <li>▪ Pruning back Boobialla and wattles from track access</li> </ul>	<p>PWS/CLS to provide guidance, co-ordination and support where resources and other priorities allow</p> <p>Tamar NRM and George Town Council to organise volunteer labour such as project Work for the Dole</p> <p>PWS, Tamar NRM and Council to promote volunteerism and capacity building</p> <p>Community to provide support (Friends of Bellbuoy)</p>	June 2017	Where resources and other priorities allow PWS/CLS will work with Tamar NRM to support 2016-17 Spring-Summer Work for the Dole team or other works teams
3.2	Weed management	<p>a) Hold a weed eradication day in the Bellbuoy area. This will be co-ordinated through Tamar NRM and enlist the assistance of a weed expert. Council to provide weed/green waste removal vehicles</p> <p>b) Friends of Bellbuoy to co-ordinate on-going weed removal days and to co-ordinate with Tamar NRM if further training is needed</p> <p>c) Weed management plan to be reviewed in five years</p> <p>d) Fire Management - Maintain council lands and reserves.</p>	<p>George Town Council Friends of Bellbuoy, Tamar NRM GTCWG</p> <p>Tamar NRM to assist with co-ordination (e.g. organising a weed expert).</p>	<p>November 2017</p> <p>One weed removal day approximately every six months (as appropriate)</p>	<p>Check on capacity of Friends of Bellbuoy</p> <p>Council prepared to pick up weeds from weeding working bees, if bagged and via prior approval (once per year).</p> <p>Council to continue to maintain own land in accordance with relevant legislation.</p> <p>Management plans identify the extent of fire breaks, buffers, distance between buildings and landscaping materials.</p> <p>In November 2015 Council implemented the new format of a 'Free Green Waste Drop Off' at the GT Waste Transfer Station on 2nd Sunday in November.</p>
3.3	Interpretive signs at the picnic	Review interpretation signs for the picnic area within the CMA to provide locally relevant information using standard signage (e.g.	Where resources and other priorities allow	March 2017	Birds on beaches and dog control interp signs completed.

No.	Issue	Task Description	Responsibility	Time Scale	NOTES
	ground	"Who's beach is it" signs)	PWS/CLS to review adequacy and condition of signage. GTCMG and Friends of Bellbouy		Beach Access brochures need further investigation
3.4	Revegetation program	<p>Develop a community revegetation program consisting of: Training local community members to undertake provenance seed collection and growing for plantings</p> <p>One day per year organised by the Friends of Bellbuoy association, facilitated by PWS</p> <p>Ongoing care and watering of juvenile plants by Friends of Bellbuoy progress association</p>	<p>Tamar NRM/Coastcare to assist with co-ordination</p> <p>Friends of Bellbuoy to organise working bee</p> <p>PWS to facilitate and approve with on-ground works and where possible provide basic equipment,.</p>	Ongoing	PWS: PWS to support when planting takes place subject to time and resource constrains.
3.5	Dogs at large in the community	<p>Friends of Bellbuoy to liaise with council as to the numbers of 'dogs at large' within the community and request the presence of a dog catcher if necessary.</p> <p>Community to be sent information stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The location of dog exercise areas</li> <li>▪ The regulations pertaining to ownership of "uncontrolled dogs" (fines etc)</li> <li>▪ The impacts of dogs at large on native birds and other fauna</li> <li>▪ Impacts on the Devil Release Program at Stoney Head.</li> </ul>	George Town Council, PWS & CLS	July 2017	Dog Management Policy currently under review. Advice has been sought from Birds Tasmania and Parks & Wildlife. Awaiting results of Survey being conducted.
3.6	Recreational vehicles on dunes	Maintain current PWS enforcement operations on suitable days such as public holidays. As resources and other priorities allow PWS will monitor the beach for part of the day, issue cautions and fines as appropriate to alleged offenders	PWS/CLS and police	Ongoing Friends Group to liaise with police	Existing procedures apply and current processes in place to address the issue.

## George Town Coastal Management Plan - Beechford

### 4. Implementation Schedule for Beechford

\* See Page 52 - George Town Coastal Management Plan 2005, 1.1

Management priorities for Beechford are:

1. Community capacity
2. Weed management
3. Fire management
4. Waste management
5. Foreshore access

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No.	Issue	Task Description	Responsibility	Time Scale	NOTES
4.1	Community Capacity	Tamar NRM, Coastcare, PWS/CLS and Beechford community to discuss the possibility of forming a Coastcare or Friends of Beechford group to focus on maintaining the Beechford section of the CMA	Tamar NRM to promote community action at Beechford with support of GTCMG	April 2017	Check the current status Beechford Progress Association.  Robert Masterman UTAS Hons student has contact with Beechford Community
4.2	Waste and weed management	Waste and Weed Action Plan to be reviewed and renewed by GTCWG in five years  George Town Council and PWS to provide expert advice, equipment, machinery and technical support and labour as determined in Action Plan  Action Plan to include two clean up / weeding days in 2017	GTCWG, Tamar NRM/Coastcare and Beechford Community, George Town Council, PWS and CLS	December 2017 ongoing	Tamar NRM; GT Council, PWS/CLS & Community to review any weed plan updates.  PWS/CLS to provide advice, machinery and support as resources and other priorities allow.  Council prepared to collect green waste from 'working bee' type event (once per year) via prior approval. Waste from private property not to be included – residents have opportunity of a 'Free Green Waste Drop Off' at the GT Waste Transfer Station on 2nd Sunday in November.
4.3	Weed management	Distribute brochures on weed identification, control and responsible planting on private land to residents and shack owners  Develop and distribute 'Weed of the Month' information sheet to raise awareness of important weed species on the northern coast	Tamar NRM to provide brochures – George Town Council to distribute to residents and shack owners  Tamar NRM: Assist in sourcing brochures for distribution	December 2017	Due to be distributed again. Look at coastal brochure already in existence.  <a href="http://dpiwve.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds/weed-publications-and-resources/coastal-weeds-of-tasmania-booklet">http://dpiwve.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds/weed-publications-and-resources/coastal-weeds-of-tasmania-booklet</a> .  Council officers can include any other relevant brochures provided. Development Services department distribute relevant brochures when issuing permits in the coastal regions.
4.4	Stagnant water at the mouth of the Curries River	If water quality declines such that it becomes a health hazard, seek expert advice from PWS/DPIWE	Beechford community to report incident and PWS to provide contact information	As required	
4.5	Pedestrian and vehicle access to foreshore	Beechford community and PWS/CLS to liaise MAST as issues are identified and agreed.	Beechford community, PWS, George Town Council, GTCMG, Tamar NRM, MAST.	Ongoing	PWS/CLS: Existing procedures apply and current processes in place to address the issue.  Police this issue as resourcing allows. Pedestrian and vehicle access - Take a whole of region approach.



## George Town Coastal Management Plan - Lulworth/Tam O'Shanter

### 5. Implementation schedule for Lulworth/Tam O'Shanter

\* See Page 52 - George Town Coastal Management Plan 2005, 1.1

Management priorities for Lulworth/tam O'Shanter

1. Beach access
2. Public awareness (Vehicles on beach)
3. Green waste
4. Encroachment onto public lands
5. Fire management
6. Weed management
7. Revegetation

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No.	Issue	Task Description	Responsibility	Time Scale	NOTES
5.1	Weed management	<p>Hold a weed eradication day in the Lulworth/Tam O'Shanter area. This will be co-ordinated through Tamar NRM and enlist the assistance of a weed expert. Council to provide weed/green waste removal vehicles</p> <p>Lulworth Progress Association to co-ordinate ongoing weed removal days and to co-ordinate with Tamar NRM if further training is needed</p> <p>Weed management plan to be reviewed in 5 years by the GTCWG</p>	<p>Lulworth Progress Association/ GTCWG/ Tamar NRM</p> <p>Tamar NRM to assist with co-ordination (e.g. engaging weed expert)</p> <p>Lulworth Progress Association to liaise with George Town Council.</p>	November, 2017 Ongoing	<p>Weed management plan still current.</p> <p>Council prepared to collect green waste from 'working bee' type event (once per year) via prior approval. Waste from private property not to be included – residents have opportunity of a 'Free Green Waste Drop Off' at the GT Waste Transfer Station on 2nd Sunday in November.</p>
5.2	Weed management	Distribute brochures on weed identification and management to the local community	Tamar NRM to provide brochures – George Town Council to distribute	By December 2017	Council officers can include any other relevant brochures provided. Development Services department distribute relevant brochures when issuing permits in the coastal regions.
5.3	Weed Management	Tamar NRM to co-ordinate funding applications to assist the community to eradicate high priority weed species (sea spurge and blackberries)	Tamar NRM or Coastcare to provide assistance to the community. PWS/CLS for approvals	By September 2017	PWS/CLS: Maintain approval for works
5.4	Specific work maintenance	There is one informal access track in the area that the community wishes to maintain. A meeting is required between the Lulworth Progress Association and PWS/CLS to develop an agreement for ongoing maintenance	Tamar NRM to arrange meeting with Lulworth Progress Association and PWS/CLS	By December 2017	<p>Clearing Beach access track by the community to be reviewed by PWS.</p> <p>Maintain good pedestrian access to beach (revegetation/paths and steps)</p>
5.5	Specific work maintenance	Block Fanny's Bay vehicular access to beach (boom gate)	PWS/CLS		Block Fanny's Bay vehicular access to beach (boom gate) Update provided by PWS
5.6	Specific work maintenance	Improved signage installed and public awareness related to vehicles on beach. Consider local specifics when deciding sign wording.	Lulworth Progress Association and PWS/CLS	Ongoing	Lulworth Progress Association (erect signs) and as resources and other priorities allow PWS/CLS will develop a signage plan for the immediate coastline.

No.	Issue	Task Description	Responsibility	Time Scale	NOTES
5.7	Specific work maintenance	Tam O'Shanter Creek at the end of Henry Street blocked and road at risk of wash away.	George Town Council	July 2017	Works programmed for 2016-17 financial year.
5.8	Revegetation program	<p>a) Tamar NRM in conjunction with the local community to undertake a planting program within the local community. It is anticipated this will consist of:</p> <p>b) Training local community members to undertake local provenance seed collection and growing for plantings</p> <p>c) One day per year organised by the Lulworth Progress Association when planting takes place. Ongoing care and watering of juvenile plants by the Lulworth Progress Association.</p>	<p>a) Tamar NRM/Coastcare to assist co-ordinating program with community</p> <p>Tamar NRM/Coastcare to assist organising training</p> <p>Lulworth Progress Association to organise a working bee with assistance from Tamar NRM/Coastcare/PWS/CLS</p>	By December 2017	<p>Revegetation Program to focus on dunes where Sea Spurge being removed. Not needed elsewhere.</p> <p>PWS/CLS help facilitate and provide approvals where appropriate</p>
5.9	Dogs on Beach	Dogs at large impacting on Tasmanian Devil releases. Community to report any dog related attacks.	Save the Tasmanian Devil Program GTCMG George Town Council	Ongoing	Save the Tasmanian Devil Project. Consider local specifics with sign wording. Focus on Tassie Devils and Wildlife.

## George Town Coastal Management Plan - Weymouth

### 6. Implementation Schedule for Weymouth

\* See Page 52 - George Town Coastal Management Plan 2005, 1.1

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

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No.	Issue	Task Description	Responsibility	Time Scale	NOTES
6.1	Weed management/ track Works	<p>a) Develop a five year weed action plan for Weymouth:</p> <p>Organise a weed action planning workshop with the Weymouth Progress Association, PWS, George Town Council and a weed expert. Upon agreement, the workshop will prioritise actions, set out schedule for removal and revegetation works, determine responsibilities of community and management authorities (Tamar NRM to assist community to organise workshop).</p> <p>Tamar NRM and Weymouth Progress Association to write up plan in consultation with GTC and PWS.</p> <p>b) Implementing action plan will involve:</p> <p>Weymouth Progress Association to co-ordinate ongoing weed removal and revegetation as per the weed action plan and to liaise with GTCWG for further training, equipment and assistance is required</p> <p>Tamar NRM to provide advice and assistance to the Weymouth Progress Association on seeking funding and labour to implement the action plan (e.g. assistance with funding applications)</p> <p>George Town Council to provide advice, equipment, machinery and technical support and labour as determined in action plan. PWS provide advice and support where resources and other priorities allow.</p> <p>c) Weed action plan to be reviewed by GTCWG in five years' time</p> <p>d) Extend the northern end of the existing river carpark 10 to 15 metres to the north and to 10 metres within the existing private drive access. Action: Crown Land Management Services.</p> <p>e) Commence revegetation of the reserve area of the turning circle at the river. Action: WPA. Tamar N.R.M. for plants and Crown Land Services for fencing.</p> <p>f) Remove and cutback enough Boobiolla to create two 10 metre shelters, on the beach areas north of the car park. Commence suitable</p>	<p>Weymouth Progress Association and GTCWG, George Town Council and PWS/CLS, Tamar NRM</p> <p>PWS/CLS determine level of assessment necessary and provide appropriate approvals as required</p>	December 2017	<p>George Town Coastal Community Weed Plan 2012-2022.</p> <p>Council prepared to collect green waste from 'working bee' type event (once per year) via prior approval. Green waste collection only – no mulching. Waste from private property not to be included.</p> <p>Residents have opportunity on Green Waste free drop off on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November each year at the Waste Transfer Station – Mt George Rd, George Town.</p> <p>Council prepared to pick up weeds if bagged and via prior approval (once per year).</p>

No.	Issue	Task Description	Responsibility	Time Scale	NOTES
		<p>revegetation in this area. Action: WPA and Tamar NRM.</p> <p>g) Maintenance of existing walking tracks. To carry out regravelling of existing walking tracks and WPA to undertake annual maintenance in the future. (No new tracks to be developed without consultation).</p> <p>h) WPA undertake to provide photographic records to Crown land services on all work done.</p>	PWS/CLS provide approvals where required		
6.2	Weed management	<p>a) Distribute brochures on weed identification, control and responsible planting on private land to residents and shack owners</p> <p>Develop and distribute 'Weed of the Month' information sheet to raise awareness of important weed species on the North Coast</p> <p>b) Invasion of reserves by garden plants going feral c) More Blackberry spraying to clean up of heritage river track.</p>	Tamar NRM to source brochures ("Creeping backyards Brochure") – George Town Council to distribute to residents and shack owners Coastcare to develop – Council to distribute	December 2017	Council officers can include any other relevant brochures provided. Development Services department distribute relevant brochures when issuing permits in the coastal regions.
6.3	Cat Management	Continuation of feral cat program.	Tamar NRM	Ongoing	Continuation of feral cat program will be subject to further funding and changes to the state cat management plan and Act.
6.4	Fire Protection and Prevention	<p>Fuel Load Reduction, Risk Assessment and Public Education</p> <p>1) Incorporate community concerns into Weymouth fire management plan.</p> <p>2) Ensure fire control lines at Weymouth is maintained (George Town Council - Need to include Crown Lands, PWS and Tas Fire).</p>	GTCMG; Tas Fire; Tamar NRM.	Ongoing	Fire mitigation burn carried out in Spring 2016.
6.5	Recreational vehicles on dunes and beaches	<p>1. Distribute 'Cruisen without bruise' pamphlet informing residents and shack owners of responsible recreational vehicle usage near Bellingham.</p> <p>2. Restrict vehicular encroachment to the river foreshore by placing suitable posts / bollards with heavy duty rope from the pole adjacent to the boat ramp through to the power pole near the car park (Approx. 60 metres.).</p>	1. PWS to provide brochure George Town Council to distribute. 2. Weymouth Progress Assn.	Ongoing	
6.6	Weymouth campground	George Town Council to initiate redevelopment of campground, liaising with Weymouth Progress Association	George Town Council	Ongoing	Council to provide comment on status
6.7	Maintenance of groynes for safety	Investigate means of improving the safety of the groynes at mouth of the Pipers River: Risk assessment Seek expert advice before works or signage.	Weymouth Progress Association to progress.	December 2017	All parties and UTAS: Contribute to the conversation
6.8	Stabilisation of mouth of Pipers River and long term maintenance of groynes	<p>1. Seek expert advice from DPIWE and investigate possibility of scheduling a geomorphological assessment or obtaining expert advice from DPIWE or consultant (include sea level rise impacts).</p> <p>2. Apply for funding to prevent erosion of the foreshore in the vicinity of the eastern end of the carpark turning circle with Georock or similar stabilizing forms. Crown Land to advise further options.</p>	Contact details for experts - Weymouth community to investigate with appropriate expert contact details provided by CLS/PWS.	June 2017	<p>Under active assessment by UTAS (Joanne Ellison) George Town Council has GIS Inundation layers that will assist with coastal planning. Available.</p> <p>Land slip, Flood Risk Coastal Inundation Feeds into Coastal Hazard Management draft.</p>
6.9	Personal Water Craft (PWC)	Weymouth sign to be orientated correctly	MAST	December 2017	



## George Town Coastal Management Plan - Bellingham

### 7. Implementation Schedule for Bellingham

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Management priorities for Bellingham are:

1. Recreational vehicle dune access and degradation
2. Weed management
3. Waste management
4. Fire management
5. Condition of Bellingham camp ground

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No.	Issue	Task Description	Responsibility	Time Scale	NOTES
7.1	Recreational vehicles on dunes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conduct assessment of current tracks, decide on main tracks to be used to access beach</li> <li>2. Conduct maintenance on main beach access tracks</li> <li>3. Make unnecessary tracks inaccessible to recreational vehicles and erecting signage.</li> </ol>	<p>Tamar NRM and GTCMG to follow up.</p> <p>PWS/CLS, Bellingham Progress Association to communicate and liaise.</p> <p>George Town Council where jurisdiction applies.</p> <p>Enforcement; PWS/CLS in co-operation with police</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>July 2017 (Implement strategy – ongoing and as funds become available).</p> <p>Some ongoing actions around education.</p>	<p>PWS developing Management Strategy for Bellingham to Bridport 4wd Traverse due for completion 1 July 2017.</p> <p>Priorities include: establish loading / off loading site with interpretation and management signage (for compliance) at Bellingham and Bridport</p> <p>Natural and cultural value protection in Traverse and priority areas at Bellingham and Bridport (Lades Beach) where identified through Strategy</p> <p>Work with stakeholders to implement strategy.</p>
7.2	Weed Management	<p>a) Hold a weed eradication day in the Bellingham area. This will be co-ordinated through Tamar NRM and enlist the assistance of a weed expert. Council to provide weed/green waste removal vehicles</p> <p>Bellingham Progress Association to co-ordinate ongoing weed removal days as per the weed management plan and to co-ordinate with Tamar NRM if further training is needed</p> <p>Weed management plan to be reviewed by the GTCWG in five years</p>	<p>a) Tamar NRM to assist with co-ordination (e.g. engaging weed expert), George Town Council and Bellingham Progress Association</p> <p>Bellingham Progress Association / Tamar NRM</p> <p>GTCWG</p>	By October 2017	<p>One day education session for everyone on the coast.</p> <p>Weed management (Yearly weed plan developed and controls implemented).</p> <p>Residents have opportunity on Green Waste free drop off on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November each year at the Waste Transfer Station – Mt George Rd, George Town.</p>
7.3	Weed Management	Distribute brochures on weed identification and management to the local community	Tamar NRM to provide brochures – George Town Council to distribute	October 2017	Council officers can include any other relevant brochures provided. Development Services department distribute relevant brochures when issuing permits in the coastal regions
7.4	Weed Management	Sea spurge starting to be of concern (Investigate holding a spraying demonstration day, apply for funding assistance.)	Tamar NRM and Bellingham community	Ongoing	Spray Trailer available for community Use from Tamar NRM.
7.5	Personal Water Craft (PWC)	Consider signage upgrades for Bellingham side of the river	MAST	December 2017	
7.6	Cat Management	Cat Management program to continue. Has been successful through more birds being observed. Would like to continue.	Tamar NRM	Ongoing	Continuation of feral cat program will be subject to further funding and changes to the state cat management plan and Act.
7.7	Boardwalks	Investigate areas to site boardwalks. Source existing strategies and consider funding options and incorporation into Green Army (or similar) works plan	Tamar NRM / George Town Council	Ongoing	<p>Council working with Tamar NRM to secure Green Army project.</p> <p>Work For the Dole Team available until March 2017</p>

## George Town Coastal Management Plan - Hillwood

### 8. Implementation Schedule for Hillwood

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Management priorities for Hillwood are:

1. Feral/Native Animal increase/Wallaby mortality
2. Weed management
3. Egg Island Point beach
4. Boat Ramp improvement
5. Walking track from the boat ramp to the bridge.

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No.	Issue	Task Description	Responsibility	Time Scale	NOTES
8.1	Native Animal Health / Feral Animal Control	a) Some issues with wallabies dying or suspected to have toxoplasmosis. b) Massive increase in Wallaby & Brush Possum populations over last two years. Now in plague proportions. Some build up in Rabbit numbers.	Hillwood Progress Association.	July 2017	a) Some investigation required on this issue. Still finding some dead Wallaby. Possibly Toxoplasmosis.  b) Hillwood Progress Association to monitor Feral Cat numbers
8.2	Weed Management	Mapping and control of environmental and agricultural weeds	Community (Hillwood Progress Assn.) and Tamar NRM	Ongoing	Boneseed and other weed undertaken by Tamar NRM Contractor Spring 2016. And during the 2016 Boneseed Blitz  Boneseed, Spanish heath and other weed mapping to be continued by Hillwood Progress Assn supported by Tamar NRM  Residents have opportunity on Green Waste free drop off on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November each year at the Waste Transfer Station – Mt George Rd, George Town.
8.3	Egg Island Point Beach	Remove rice grass, replace with sand. Include in future Rice Grass control programs when funding is available.	Hillwood Progress Association Tamar NRM	Ongoing	Rice grass spraying program is awaiting DPIPW approval for off label chemicals and project Funding has put this action on hold. Crown Lands Services approvals required before works commence.
8.4	Boat Ramp improvement	River access by boat at low tide (Currently nowhere along the river to be safely able to do this for rescues etc	Hillwood Progress Association Crown Lands, MAST	Ongoing	Refurbishment undertaken by MAST in 2015/16
8.5	Walking track from the boat ramp to the bridge.	Promote safe and efficient pedestrian network - Work with Council to implement strategies in the Hillwood Structural Plan (2015) - Subject to funding	Hillwood Progress Association GT Council, Crown Lands	Ongoing	Hillwood Structural Plan (2015) proposes a walking track, and recognises that most of the existing road infrastructure lack the provision of footpaths and do not promote safe and efficient pedestrian movement.
8.6	Crown Land to be leased by Council	Hillwood Progress Assn. to liaise with Council	Hillwood Progress Association GT Council, Crown Lands	Ongoing	Crown Land to be leased by council for recreational use (Craigburn Road - near oval) and managed by council/progress assoc.

## George Town Coastal Management Plan

### ***Maintaining Momentum and Effective Implementation – What is Needed***

- Continuing a coordinated approach to management issues and on-ground works
- Maintaining the networks established in the 2005 Coastal Plan
- Creating regular avenues to address breakdowns in communication and funding
- Providing regular feedback to the George Town Coastal Management Working Group (GTCWG) on works implemented (such as difficulties involved)
- Delivering assistance, time, funding and equipment agreed upon in the consultation stages
- Regular review of the plan by the GTCWG

**To ensure the above points are achieved, the roles and responsibilities of all organisations involved with the plan need to be clearly defined.**

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