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Hello all we have a lot coming up with the Chamber this month, We are hoping that all of you will be contacted by a chamber executive over the coming weeks as we are hoping to involve you all more with what is happening within the chamber and to get some feed back on the things we are doing to represent you all.

Business Update From Bell Bay Manufacturing Precinct Sub-committee

Bell Bay Manufacturing Precinct Sub-Committee
From the Chair Ray Mostogl

This month we would like to introduce you to one of our long-standing businesses, Kempe Engineering. Kempe Engineering has been operating in George Town since 1987 and has forged a strong reputation in fabrication engineering. However, it wasn't always known as Kempe Engineering, in December 2001 AP Engineering merged with the Kempe Group to form the company. The merger provided Kempe Engineering George Town with global technical expertise and access to the resources of a large multi-national engineering company.

Kempe Engineering George Town employs up to 80 personnel ranging from boilermakers, fitters, riggers, crane drivers, labourers and administration staff. The company prides itself on its apprenticeship / training scheme and has 4 apprentices / trainees at some level of training.

Kempe Engineering George Town's site is made up of three workshop areas, each having its own designated responsibility within the business, ranging from hydraulics and fluid power, machining, fabrication and maintenance.

Some of Kempe Engineering George Town's long-standing clients of thirty years include Bell Bay Aluminium where they provide labour hire, general maintenance, spare parts manufacture, equipment refurbishment and pot shell and superstructure maintenance. South 32 are another long-standing client where Kempe provide furnace rebuilds, engineering projects, labour hire and general maintenance. Timberlink is also another strong client with boiler repairs, log deck and conveyor rebuilds.

The company has recently invested in 126 Kw of solar energy. With costs in the company on the rise this was seen as an area to assist in remaining competitive and reducing overhead costs while also reducing their carbon footprint.

Roger Aalbrecht is the Branch Manager and is a proud George Town local, having grown up in the area, he attended George Town High School and still lives locally. Roger's association with Vivian Pearce established AP Engineering in 1987 and has over thirty years' experience as a business manager.

The completed installation of solar panels





Tasmanian Liberal Senator David Bushby with International director of Environex Mike Turner at the George Town plant

Congratulations Environex

George Town company Environex will become the first soft plastic recycling plant in Tasmania.

The recycling plastic manufacturer will spend \$1.4 million to expand it's plant to include soft plastics to compliment it's rigid waste it already processes

Jenny from Environex said this week that they currently have an application with council to build an earth bund around two sides of the boundary so as people cannot see into our yard.

Additionally that new soft plastics recycling line will be processing all the farmers silage wrap and bulker bags which are in our yard. This material will be recycled back into raw material for re-manufacturing into new products for market.



Neighbourhood Watch

The first meeting of the new neighbourhood Watch was on February the 23rd ,

The meeting went really well. We have about 50 formal members. We have a Facebook group of 300, but we are transitioning to a page so we can reach the whole community.

It can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/gtneighbourhoodwatch/>

"Welcome to the NWT - George Town Branch Facebook Page. A place to interact with and stay up to date on the activities of the Branch. Our current efforts in the George Town area fall into 3 categories. Recruit! Report! Record!

1. Recruit: The watch will only be successful if as many of us become involved as possible. The more of us there are, the more good we can do together to change the narrative of crime in our

town. So please join us, and encourage your friends to join us by messaging this page for a membership form. It's free!

2. Report: We will actively encourage a culture of reporting criminal behaviour. Criminal activity damages our town, hurts local business's and families, and reduces the value and image of our town and homes. It's not being a dobber, it's doing the right thing and takes courage. You can report suspicious activity via the neighbourhood watch number at 131 444 (which will take you to your local police), or anonymously to crimestoppers at 1800 333 000.

3. Record: We understand people may be reluctant to contact the police or crimestoppers. As such we will record any suspicious activity you become aware of but don't feel you can contact the police for whatever reason. Please message us and we will help you by recording that information on our own database, or if you would like to report it to the police but need support doing so."