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### President's Comments:

Over the next few months, George Town will host several organisational State Conferences. All of them will be bringing up to 200 delegates to our town which is excellent news for the local economy.

The **State Labour Party** will be hosting its state conference in George Town this weekend bringing over 200 state delegates to our Town. Regardless of your alliances I think this could be a great opportunity to meet the delegates and have a chat about our area and the positives and negatives that we encounter. The fact that they are having this in a regional area such as George Town tells us that they are very interested in what we have to say, and in meeting the locals. On Friday arvo there will be a public forum at the Hub, where you can get to meet the delegates.

I would encourage as many local business people and community members alike to attend as it may be a very long time before we get another opportunity like this again. What we all must remember is that if you don't attend then the views they will take away with them will only be the views of those who do attend.

The **George Town Neighbourhood House** will host the 2017 Neighbourhood Houses' State Conference in September 27-29, and will welcome approximately 200 delegates to George Town.

The **George Town Child & Family Centre (the Hub)** is hosting the annual Child & Family Centre State-wide Forum this year on Friday 17 November. This event will bring together all 13 Child & Family Centres, and members of their local communities, to celebrate children and families, and join in a wide range of sessions and activities. This event will bring between 150—200 delegates to our Town.

Across these weekends—all these delegates/visitors, will also be walking the streets and chatting with our local community. If you have a main street business that may benefit from these visits it would be great to see your doors open as this will be a great showcase for our town as well as possibly being a very profitable weekend. It is my understanding that all accommodation is now booked out for this coming weekend.

**Andrew Michieletto**, President: George Town Chamber of Commerce.

### Business Excellence Awards 2017

The "submission" section of the Excellence Awards will close this weekend. If you haven't already done so, please consider entering your business; feedback from those who have entered in previous years say that, amongst other benefits, it is a good way to check on how the business is tracking over-all. Forms can be downloaded from our website [www.georgetownchamber.com.au](http://www.georgetownchamber.com.au)

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### Graham Lowe says:-

"My background was one of growing up in Sydney, across some 34 years, exploring the big city life and gaining qualifications in Business and Horticulture. During this time, I met the love of my life, Sue, my wife. Following a career pathway, we lived in Sydney, Dubbo and Brisbane. It was in Brisbane that my career turned to one of teaching. Working as a workplace trainer I travelled and worked in every state and territory across Australia and also gained experience working overseas. Some 24 years on, our own family now grown and taking up their own lives, Sue and I decided it was time for our adventure.

Three years ago we moved to Tassie and found we couldn't be happier than moving into our current location here in George Town. Met some amazing people and became friends with many. We found a community that has a wonderful heart and a town that we saw as one that was bursting with a wish to breathe and grow. We both wanted, very much, to join into the community and so have become involved in activities across the area to help and support our new home town.

The stunning history of George Town is very apparent when you read the story of this country's growth, but it is the internal local history that I find even more fascinating. These are the stories of the town and its past that come to me from the people who have, and still do live here. The people of this Town have a passion that you have to REALLY search for in a big city – both Sue and I want to be a part of that passion.

The opportunity came my way and I took the role with the Salvation Army as the new Manager of the Employment Plus site in town. I jumped at this chance because it meant I could operate from George Town, add

to its' history by helping community members achieve success through employment, and, make use of my work and business training background to assist others into worthwhile job roles to enable changes in their lives. This role brings to GT an employment office that is open for business four full days a week (Tuesday to Friday): it is staffed by people who live in GT, giving us a real investment to work with the community. This community extends further through to Bridport, across the river and around to Greens Beach. A big challenge, but one that myself and colleagues in our office take seriously. I am keen to work closely with employers, and encourage them to meet us and talk to us about their staffing needs. Employers are often amazed at what we can do to help them with staffing issues by providing **job ready** people keen to move up."



**Call in at the office (behind Stylemasters and the Laundrette) and meet Graham or contact him on 0429 470 825 to discuss your staffing requirements**