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# Macquarie Street Entry Statement

Dear Community Members,

The Future Impact Group, through its Make George Town Yours Project (previously known as the Renew George Town Project), would like to take this opportunity to inform you of an upcoming Entry Statement that will soon be installed in the Macquarie Street Precinct.

The Entry Statement will be showcased at the entrance of Macquarie Street, behind the pump track, to enhance the visual appeal and create a welcoming feel to the main street of George Town.

The Entry Statement will read 'ya pulingina' and features the word kinimathatakinta. This translates to hello welcome and George Town in palawa kani, the language of Tasmanian Aborigines. Alongside the wording will be contemporary petroglyph designs from a local Aboriginal artist. The design of the Entry Statement will be laser cut into six mild steel panels and is painted to give a rust-like patina look.

It will be safely backlit to remain impactful and interesting after dark. There will also be an information panel with a QR code for people to access background information on the Entry Statement and the palawa kani language.



**To find out more about the Macquarie Street Entry Statement, Make George Town Yours or the Future Impact Group, please email us on [futureimpactgroup.gtm@gmail.com](mailto:futureimpactgroup.gtm@gmail.com)**





The name kinimathatakinta was told to George Augustus Robinson by Tanaminawayt (his guide who accompanied him through his travels across Tasmania) at the actual location of George Town. The translation is recorded as “through which the river flows to the sea”. George Town is a place that celebrates and champions its Aboriginal culture and showcasing the palawa kani name of our place is a continuation of a theme across George Town.

The George Town Community Hub and South George Town Primary School are local exemplars of organisations going through their own cultural journey, through choosing to champion the name kinimathatakinta alongside the word George Town as well as further exploring palawa kani language/culture. The George Town Council should also be celebrated for recently making a commitment to the Aboriginal persons of our community with their reconciliation action plan released in 2022.

The Make George Town Yours decision to showcase the palawa kani language as an entry statement to the heart of our community is a physical representation of our commitment working together to build respect and understanding of First Nations history, identity, heritage, and culture.

The Entry Statement is one element of a range of developments being undertaken by Make George Town Yours and the Future Impact Group, to create a vibrant and exciting streetscape across the Macquarie Street Precinct.

Make George Town Yours is a Future Impact Group project that is based on data collected from our community members - across the 2016 “Your Voice, Your Choice, Our Future” forums and the 500 community voices collected by the Future Impact Group between 2019 and 2020. Our community members want to be proud of George Town, but sometimes feel like the public perception of the place we live doesn't always reflect how we feel.





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Example Image

The Macquarie Street Entry Statement is an initiative of the Future Impact Group supported by George Town Council. The George Town Council have worked with the Make George Town Yours working group and project team for the Macquarie Street Entry Statement since its inception and have provided valuable input and approval as required to ensure that we are complying with appropriate processes. The Macquarie Street Entry Statement will be installed on Council land.

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