



**GLAMORGAN
SPRING BAY
COUNCIL**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General meeting of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council will be held at the Triabunna Council Offices on **Tuesday, 12th December 2017, commencing at 7pm.**

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**David Metcalf
General Manager**



Annual General Meeting 2016/17

- 1. OPENING OF MEETING AND WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC**
- 2. PRESENT**
- 3. APOLOGIES (Councillors only)**
- 4. DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL REPORT**

4.1 Mayor's Report

Recommendation:

That the Mayor's Report be accepted.

4.2 General Manager's Report

Recommendation:

That the General Manager's Report be accepted.

4.3 Annual Report adoption - 2016/17 Part A and Part B (Financial Statements)

Recommendation:

That the Annual Report Part A and Part B for 2016/17 be endorsed.

5. DISCUSSION OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED RELATING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT 2017

5.1 Mr Chris Wells, Orford

The council is to be commended for increasing income and decreasing expenditure over the past year. Further savings could be made and reinvested in much needed infrastructure if the funding to the East Coast Regional Tourism Organisation was cut significantly or stopped.

The organisation primarily spends its budget on staff and marketing. The challenge of previous years was to increase visitor numbers on the east coast. This is no longer the case. Visitor numbers now exceed council and State Governments capacity to provide the infrastructure needed to manage these numbers.

The Great Eastern Drive is a costly white elephant – all sizzle and no steak. Signage and marketing are all. There has been no concomitant spend to upgrade the road and it becomes increasingly dangerous as more and more visitors use the road. The number of people now visiting wineglass bay is diminishing the experience. Enlarging the carpark is diminishing the experience. These two examples are why marketing budgets need to be cut and infrastructure budgets increased. Cutting the budgets of Tourism Tasmania and locally the regional tourism organisations will be of some assistance. The issue for the 21st Century is no longer bringing visitors to the region it is managing visitors to the region. A forward thinking council could assist.

Response from the General Manager

Thank you for taking the time to make a submission relating to the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Annual Report 2016/17. In response to your concerns please note:

- The State Government currently has \$6.3 million in budget for road works on the Great Eastern Drive.
- A Freycinet Master Plan is currently under development and has been given high priority by the State Government to address the Freycinet National Park access well into the future.
- The East Coast now has in place a series of well developed Destination Action Plans (DAPs). East Coast Tourism has worked with communities along the coast to develop these plans, which have significant content around infrastructure issues. Government is strongly supporting through grant programs and other mechanisms and we are fortunate to have strong leadership groups in place for the majority of the DAPs.
- East Coast Tourism as our RTO is highly engaged in supply (infrastructure) issues including for Maria Island and Freycinet National Parks. They are also working in the area of workforce development (with Department State Growth) and are working on initiatives identified in the the Visitor Engagement Strategy, which includes a number of supply side issues.
- Council is committed to funding East Coast Tourism as our RTO given the significant achievements of the organization to date and the future vision of the organisation for dealing with some of the infrastructure concerns you have raised around the sustainability of our tourism industry in Tasmania and specifically the East Coast.

6. CALL FOR MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR AND DISCUSSION

7. CLOSE OF MEETING