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The Mayor of Glamorgan Spring Bay, Mayor Michael Kent is extremely pleased to announce the creation of approximately 18 new jobs in Triabunna with Norfolk Bay Gourmet Seafoods having won a contract to supply their Maria Island Wood Smoked Mussel products to Woolworths nationally.

Norfolk Bay Gourmet Seafoods currently have their processing plant in Sorell and source their mussels from Spring Bay Seafoods. Spring Bay Seafoods grow their mussels in Mercury Passage, the waters between Spring Bay and Maria Island National Park.

This multi-million dollar contract to supply Woolworths means Norfolk Bay Gourmet Seafoods will relocate their processing plant to Triabunna as soon as possible and further cement the partnership with Spring Bay Seafoods.

Manager Julian Schwertfeger has said:

“Time is of the essence with our Maria Island Mussel products to be launched nationally in Woolworth’s stores by February 2019. We are extremely excited about this opportunity and are moving quickly to ensure we meet our delivery dates. This means the relocation to Triabunna and the employment of at least 7-8 full time staff and approximately 10 part-time and casual positions. Our product is a premium Tasmanian product, which we are very proud to have carry the Maria Island name.”

Mayor Kent said:

“This is a great example of how our aquaculture industry in Glamorgan Spring Bay is growing and the opportunities for additional employment and growth through down the line processing of our high quality primary products. This will not only mean another opportunity for our local community to gain employment here in Triabunna but will also mean where locals cannot fill the jobs, new families will relocate to the area with the added social and economic boost that any population growth brings to a small community such as ours. You only have to visit Triabunna today to experience the immense sense of optimism and economic confidence that is happening off the back of the growth in the aquaculture and tourism industries. It makes me very happy to see so many locals thriving and able to hold their heads high.”

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