

A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Reader,
Our Local Government Election is over with an incredible 78.83% of eligible voters having their say! Well done voters of Glamorgan Spring Bay and congratulations to all of your elected representatives.

MAYOR	DEBBIE WISBY (ORFORD)
DEPUTY MAYOR	JENNY WOODS (TRIABUNNA)
COUNCILLOR	CHERYL ARNOL (ORFORD)
COUNCILLOR	KEITH BREHENY (CHERRY TREE HILL)
COUNCILLOR	ANNIE BROWNING (SWANSEA)
COUNCILLOR	ROB CHURCHILL (DOLPHIN SANDS)
COUNCILLOR	MICHAEL KENT (ORFORD)
COUNCILLOR	MICHAEL SYMONS (BICHENO)



It is pleasing to see that your elected Councillors reside across the municipal area.

Thank you to all those who ran to represent our region: Kenneth Gregson, John Heck, Clem Matthews, Tony McLeod, Petra Parker, Keith Pyke, Grant Robinson, Adrian Sullivan and Lyn Taylor.

There were four Councillors who chose not to re-nominate and retired in November.

- Jenifer Crawford who served our municipality for thirteen years, seven of those as Deputy Mayor
- Richard Parker who served our municipality for 14½ years
- Michael Fama who served our municipality for 10 years
- Britt Steiner who served our municipality for 4 years.

On behalf of our Municipality we thank Jenifer, Richard, Britt and Michael for their commitment to our community.

As your newly elected Mayor of Glamorgan Spring Bay I am humbled and excited for the faith our residents and ratepayers have placed in me. As an individual I am just one voice, however, with the help of our residents, ratepayers, staff and elected members, I believe together we can achieve great outcomes for our region.

Training has already commenced with many of your elected members attending events to develop and build their knowledge and understanding across a number of areas, including the roles and responsibilities of councillors.

The Council will hold a number of regular workshops throughout the region providing an opportunity to meet with you in your town and discuss your ideas or concerns face to face. It is critical that as a council we improve our ability to interact with you in the most effective way!

I and my fellow Councillors and our Council team are committed to working with you to achieve great things over the next four years.

On behalf of your Council I wish you a safe and enjoyable festive season.

MAYOR DEBBIE WISBY

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GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Dear Community,

In this article I am writing about an update on projects, financial position, and general business

The Solis development (golf course) is delayed because of water being required for the golf course, along with the problems of finding a golf course operator. I am working with the stakeholders who own or have an interest in the site to try and form some kind of partnership/consortium. The first development will occur on site in the first quarter of 2019 with the construction of 5 approved eco cabins. Construction will also start on Louisville Road and the first 88 lots of the first stage of the subdivision. Along with this work the new sewerage system will be commenced as well as a new potable and raw water line.

Much work is occurring behind the scenes, with the water project and the final submissions having been lodged with the Federal Government for the Prosser Plains Raw Water System dam. As most of the community would be aware, Council has secured a water licence for the dam and also has secured the rights to some 3,000 Ml of water ex Hobbs Lagoon. The tender has closed on the pipeline and short listed tenderers notified. As previously advised, this will take water from the existing Prosser River Dam which will be replenished from Hobbs Lagoon in the interim and the other bigger dam in the future in combination with Hobbs Lagoon. Once the scheme is fully completed, we will have access to over 6,000 Ml of water which is double the size of the Swan Valley irrigation system. Council will borrow the money to complete all of these stages and the borrowings will be repaid, **in full, by the customers of the scheme.** There will also be 200 Ml available to TasWater which is a year's supply for Orford/Triabunna to **stop any future water restrictions. More news on this project as information comes to hand.**

Again, I reiterate that any borrowings the Council has, or will have, are to fund income producing assets which will not drain cash flows or available funds to fund new infrastructure or renewal of assets for normal Council business. These projects in the long term put downward pressure on rates and ensures your Council is sustainable into the future.

Council has been advised by Treasury that borrowings of \$6 million for the financial year 2018/2019 have been approved.

This financial year Council has also been able to

maintain its rating strategy with increases being around CPI and flat rating continuing, which over the many years since introduction, has been well accepted by the community with only one complaint received about our rating strategy this year.



Council has contracts on two properties that have been for sale – the old SES building in Swansea and the old Council Chambers in Triabunna. The SES property will settle shortly, whilst the Triabunna property is subject to a planning scheme amendment which is proceeding. The State Government is also purchasing the land Council owned in Harvey's Farm Road. Once these properties settle this should provide a boost to Council's cash.

Wielangta Road has been finished in our municipal area in partnership with the State Government. Council has sealed several bad areas of the road to ensure its stability.

Audited finances at the end of the financial year showed yet again that Council is meeting its obligations when renewing its assets and targets set by the Auditor General, as well as producing another surplus of \$638k normal income less normal expenses. The actual reported surplus is \$3,266k which includes capital grants.

Income was 9.3% above budget for the financial year caused by the prepayment 50% of the Federal Assistance Grant received and prepaid prior to the 30th June 2018. Expenses were 1.6% above budget with wage costs being 0.3% below budget. This is an excellent result when considering the budget is set in May 2017 and the many variables that can occur. It is also worth noting that Council expended \$5.328 million in new and renewable assets during the year. Council continues to meet benchmarks. The detailed results will be available in our Annual Report due to be released shortly.

Remember, my door is always open for any questions or concerns you may have but please make an appointment and advise what you would like to discuss so I can make sure I have the correct information available.

DAVID METCALF
GENERAL MANAGER

THE GREAT EASTERN CLEAN UP 2018 IS A WRAP!

Two hundred volunteers spent the month of October scouring beaches, reserves and roadsides from Buckland to Bicheno, including Schouten and Maria Islands. Together they removed more than 87 cubic metres of litter and marine debris from the environment and cleaned up approximately fifty sites. The collected litter was then sorted and weighed. Recyclables were recovered and the rest went to landfill. Some items were of particular interest to Tasmania Police and at least one litterer was identified and subsequently prosecuted.

The volume of litter was shocking. Most of it was obviously the result of deliberate illegal dumping or careless disposal of food and beverage packaging. According to the Tasmanian Environment Protection Authority (EPA), littering includes offences such as items dropped or thrown from moving or stationary vehicles and vessels, as well as unsecured loads, dumping using a vehicle, trailer or vessel, items dropped by pedestrians as well as litter escaping from premises.

Members of the public are encouraged to report littering. The EPA website provides excellent information about how to do this. Fines for littering can amount to hundreds of dollars and fines for dumping can set you back thousands.

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers and the many organisations and businesses who participated in the 2018 Great Eastern Clean Up. Your efforts have made a big difference.

A full report about the findings of the Clean Up will be available on Council's website soon.

<https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/>



Nelsons Creek

2019 CALENDAR

The calendar, which has been produced from the winning images entered in Council's photography competition, is now available for sale at \$10.

All profits from the sale of the calendar are used to support youth projects and activities in our municipal area.

The calendars make great Christmas gifts for family and friends, as well as being a great promotional tool for our beautiful area.

The calendars are available from the Council Offices, Triabunna, the Visitor Information Centres and various businesses throughout the municipal area.

For more information, please ring (03) 6256 4778.



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BUILDINGS AND MARINE

Summary of recent Works

Coles Bay Wharf

New LED street lights have been installed on the Coles Bay Jetty. These are a replacement for the existing lights that were no longer functioning. The lights are required for safety and security on the jetty.

Swanwick Recreation Ground

Materials are on order for the proposed bus shelter at the entrance to the Swanwick recreation ground. The shelter will be constructed soon.

Triabunna Recreation Ground

Building and Planning permits are in place to construct the extension to the Triabunna football clubrooms. The extension will include a large glazed viewing area in front of the existing clubrooms. Part of the new extension will house new toilets, including disabled accessible facilities. Quote requests have gone out for the concrete slab construction and the supply for the steel frame. Work should commence in January 2019.

Swansea 'Loo with a View'

Construction has commenced on the 'Loo with a View' toilet facilities at Jubilee beach, Swansea. The main steel frames and gangway have been ordered and are under production off site as per the engineering specifications. Surveying marks are in place for the installation of the turpentine piles that will support one of the main toilet structures.

Swan River Road Boat Ramp

In conjunction with the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council & Marine and Safety Tasmania, plans are being prepared for the upgrade of the Swan River Road boat ramp.

Spring Bay Harbour Expansion Plan

The Spring Bay Harbour expansion and Triabunna Port channel straightening plans are being



Triabunna vertical gardens structure ready for planting

formalised and readied for a Development Application. Channel surveys and environmental impact assessments are being undertaken in preparation for the DA.

Triabunna Vertical Garden

The Vertical Garden project funded by the University of Tasmania is nearing completion. The 2.4 metre high steel fence structure and the planter pots are now in place. The steel structure borders the fence line around the Telstra building on the corner of Vicary and Melbourne Streets, Triabunna. The garden wall feature will enhance the streetscape along Vicary Street and the plants will be managed and maintained by Council's Works Department, NRM team and the Triabunna School.

Orford Community Hall

The building extension to the Orford Community Hall is complete. The additions to the hall have brought new toilet facilities, including a disabled access toilet and an additional storage room. A new rear access with a disability access ramp has been included in the renovations.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE GREAT EASTERN DRIVE

Great Eastern Drive project webpage and interactive map: <https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/road/projects/greasterndrive>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/roadsTAS/>

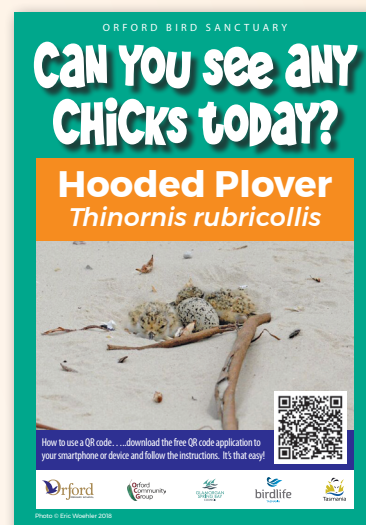
Premier's media release: http://www.premier.tas.gov.au/releases/have_your_say_on_the_future_of_the_greasterndrive

PROTECTING OUR SPECIAL FEATHERED FRIENDS AT THE ORFORD BIRD SANCTUARY

Next time you are in Orford you will see some important changes to protect our special feathered friends who call the Orford Bird Sanctuary home all year round or visit over the summer to nest and bring up their babies. After the catastrophic failure of last year's attempts to breed on the sandspit by the migratory Fairy Tern colony due to disturbance by humans and dogs, it was time to bite the bullet and complete the permanent fence around the Sanctuary which has been in progress for some time now. The work was completed ahead of schedule as the Fairy Terns arrived nearly two months earlier than usual. The next stage will be to design and build bird hides with telescopes so that the birds can be seen up close and personal whilst giving them the space they need to thrive.

Council works closely with the Parks and Wildlife Service, BirdLife Tasmania, The Orford Community

Group, Orford Primary School and other keen community members to look after this special place. Please help us protect our feathered friends who live with us here in the middle of town for now and the future by giving them space and never letting your dog onto the sandspit. Check out the new signs and don't forget to download a QR scanner to find out more about the birds thanks to the children from Orford Primary School.



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

Briar rose is an environmental weed that is experiencing a rapid expansion in some areas of Tasmania. This weed often establishes first along fence lines as it is predominantly spread by birds. We have an opportunity now to prevent this invasive species from spreading throughout Glamorgan Spring Bay. Briar rose can be controlled by physical removal with a dozer blade or excavator. It can also be controlled using chemical. Herbicide control options are available on the State Government's Invasive Species website: www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds



Briar rose

KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL TASMANIA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AWARDS

The 2018 Tasmanian Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Communities Awards were presented in Smithton on 19th October, 2018.

Congratulations to **Bicheno** which won the **0 - 2000 Population Category** - and **Kids Earth Ocean Network (KEON)** which won the **State Sustainable Community Youth 2018 Trophy**.

Certificates of Recognition were also awarded to:-

Community Action and Partnership

Bicheno Community Men's Shed
Bicheno Destination Action Plan

Bicheno Primary School
Bicheno Updates
Coles Bay Men's Shed

Natural Environment Conservation

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council NRM
Friends of Freycinet
Brown Brothers The Hazards Vineyard
Earth Ocean Network Bicheno

Health and Wellbeing

Made by Stella
Pharmacist Bicheno

FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS COMING TO TRIABUNNA

The Triabunna Community Hall will once again welcome the Festival of Small Halls with the 2019 event booked in for Tuesday, 15th January, 2019. The event will feature Scandinavian trio Fru Skagerrak and Australia's own Liam Gerner.

Fru Skagerrak takes you on a journey through Scandinavia; from lowlands to mountains, from slow airs to roaring polkas and everything in between. The trio brings together the diverse traditions from each of their homelands which surround the Skagerrak strait. Through a repertoire of traditional tunes, new compositions and songs in their respective languages, they express their kinship and love of their shared heritage. The result is an explosion of the sounds that exist in Scandinavian music today.

Steeped in blues and country music, *Liam Gerner* left the Adelaide hills to try his luck in London. The young singer songwriter has toured his story songs and played guitar for artists through Europe, USA and Australia, including Ryan Bingham, Paul Weller, Jason Isbell,

Robbie Fulks and more. He has released two albums and a book of original songs 'Ukulele Songs by Kids for Kids'.

The Festival of Small Halls is a series of tours produced by Woodfordia Inc. in partnership with major festivals and local communities across regional Australia. It

takes the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists performing at two large festivals and sends them on the road to small halls all over Australia. It is an opportunity for music lovers from welcoming communities to invite artists from home and abroad into their towns and a way of exploring this vast country in the spirit of hospitality and great fun.

The artist line-up for Small Halls will always be at least one Australian artist and one International touring artist,

who play music of exceptional quality and heart.

Tickets are available on line at <http://festivalofsmallhalls.com> or at the Council Chambers, Triabunna. Tickets should be purchased early as the event was a sell-out last year.



CHRISTMAS PARADE AND CAROLS

The Christmas Parade and Carols will be held at Triabunna on Friday, 21st December, 2018 commencing at 5.30 p.m. from the marina.

The Derwent Scottish Pipe Band will lead the parade and carols this year.

Attractions will include floats, The Balloon Lady, drawing of the Lions Christmas stocking and a free

barbecue provided by the Lions Club.

Please support this great event by either participating in the parade or coming along to watch and enjoy the colourful and imaginative floats. A prize of \$500 is being offered by the Spring Bay Hotel for the winning float.

IF YOU HAVE A K9 THIS WILL INTEREST YOU

You may not be aware that Council has a current *Dog Management Policy 2014 – 2019* in place.

This is a requirement under *Section 7* of the *Dog Control Act 2000* which requires Council to develop and implement a policy relating to dog management within its municipal area. A copy of this policy is available on Council's website.

Part of this policy includes **Dog Management Declared Areas**. Declared areas have been agreed to by Council and other public land managers throughout the municipality. These maps show the locations where dogs are allowed off lead, on lead or are prohibited at different times throughout the year for the various places. Responsible

dog management will ensure that these areas are enjoyed by everyone. Unfortunately, non-compliance could lead to infringements being issued which is not our desired outcome. A copy of the declared areas are also available on Council's website.

Please ensure your dog is on a lead when on or near a road, footpath or walking track. The dog is to be secured and restrained by means of a lead not exceeding 2 metres long and held by hand by a person of sufficient age and strength to control the dog.



WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Waste Transfer Stations (WTS)

All Waste Transfer Stations will be **CLOSED** on Christmas Day.

All other days remain unchanged.

Standard open days/hours	
Monday	2.30pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday	2.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday	2.30pm – 4.30pm
Thursday	2.30pm – 4.30pm
Friday	2.30pm – 4.30pm
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	12.30pm – 4.30pm

Recycling

A number of large green recycling bins have been delivered to each waste transfer station site to cater for recyclable items such as; E-waste, aluminum, copper, brass, lead/dry cell batteries, gas bottles, lighting waste and x-ray films. This new service is aimed at reducing the amount of material going to landfill.

Kerbside Collection

Due to Christmas Day being on Tuesday this year the

COLES BAY normal kerbside rubbish & recycling collection will be undertaken on **Saturday 22nd December 2018** (Please ensure bins are out by 6.00am).

Greenwaste Disposal

To assist residents in preparing for the bushfire season, Council is continuing to offer FREE green waste disposal at all WTS - (conditions apply)

- The allowable maximum greenwaste volumes accepted is utility or trailer size.
- Larger volumes from land clearing activities or subdivision developments etc will not be accepted.
- The maximum timber size accepted is 200mm in diameter.

Contaminated greenwaste loads -

- Residents disposing of greenwaste are required to ensure that the material is free from contamination such as plastic bags, metals or timber with nails.

Any contaminated loads will be charged at standard gate fees as waste disposal.

If you would like any further information regarding your kerbside collection, or any other enquiries regarding Waste Management, please call the Works Department on 6256 4777.

WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE ROADKILL

As part of the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program's (STDP) roadkill mitigation strategy, virtual fence devices were recently installed along the Tasman Highway (A3) near Buckland.

Using data from both the Department of State Growth (DSG) and the STDP, wildlife biologists were able to identify this particular area as a roadkill hotspot. Thanks to the support of DSG and Stornoway, these devices have now been installed which will help to reduce the number of animals dying on our roads.

Virtual fences are an active electronic protection system activated by approaching headlights which emit sound and light stimuli alerting animals to oncoming traffic and have proven to be highly successful with a substantial reduction in the number of road-killed animals in areas where they are deployed.

Research has shown that Tasmanian devils are particularly vulnerable to vehicle strike because they use roads as a source of food (other roadkill) and as an easy way of moving through the landscape. Also, being black, devils are particularly hard to see at night.

Unfortunately for devils, most roadkill occurs between

late spring and summer when their population swells as dispersing juvenile devils are moving around the landscape seeking their own home ranges. This means more devils are on the roads during the peak Tasmanian holiday season

The program will continue to work closely with local councils, government, businesses and community groups on this complex issue however everyone has a role to play.

You can help reduce the number of Tasmanian devils dying on our roads by:

- Taking care while driving at night.
- Slowing down between dusk and dawn.
- Report sightings of road-killed Tasmanian devils (including location details and a photo if possible) to the Devil Hotline – 0497 DEVILS (0497 338 457) or by using the Roadkill TAS App (a free, easy to use app available from iTunes app Store or Google Play Store).

To find out more about the work of the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, please visit www.tassiedevil.com.au or www.facebook.com/SavetheTasmanianDevilProgram

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COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURE CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR

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