

**T**he Glamorgan Spring Bay Council will be trialling SeaSpeak in the form of more regular updates in local papers/newsletters, on Council's website and emailed to groups, associations and individuals. While some printed copies will be available at Orford, Triabunna and Buckland, if you would like to receive these updates by email, please email [newsletter@freycinet.tas.gov.au](mailto:newsletter@freycinet.tas.gov.au) and type YES in the subject line.

### Community Connect

Sessions have been held in all townships this year and will continue as Council seeks to better engage with Glamorgan Spring Bay ratepayers and residents. We encourage as many people as possible to come along to their local session to hear about Council's work and to contribute suggestions and ideas. Council's new General Manager, Chris Schroeder has been enjoying meeting the locals.

Council will report on recent Community Connect Sessions in each edition of SeaSpeak.

**The next Community Connect Session** will be held at the Triabunna Community Hall on 12 November 2019, commencing at 4pm.

A great deal of activity is taking place right throughout Glamorgan Spring Bay municipality (GSB). Some projects are the result of excellent funding from the federal and state government, and Council's capital works or maintenance projects routinely carried out by Council.

### Strategic Planning

During October members of the community at Bicheno, Swansea, Triabunna and Orford, and Coles Bay join Councillors at four facilitated community consultation sessions focused on a new GSBC ten year Strategic Plan. We are grateful to those who gave up weekend time to share their thoughts about our future direction. It is likely that the draft Strategic Plan will be available for your input during December/January and endorsed at the Ordinary Council Meeting in January 2020.

**A Community Connect was held at Coles Bay on 10 September 2019**

### Major federal funding – Coles Bay

The \$6.1 million federal funding will be distributed on projects throughout Glamorgan Spring Bay. The

Coles Bay project will be one million (\$1m) for the foreshore boardwalk around the Esplanade. It is hoped the Deed will be available in December or January 2020 allowing engineering plans to be commissioned and community consultation to commence including discussion regarding traffic calming devices around the Esplanade.

### Community Drought Relief funding – Coles Bay

A further \$1 million was secured as part of the federal government's Drought Relief programme. Some of the projects for Coles Bay are:

- Two garden beds for subsurface irrigation in the park area, a tank and two new pumps for even dispersal over the new garden beds.
- Refurbishment of the Coles Bay Community Hall including a new disabled toilet and refurbishment of the existing toilet, painting, new blinds, floor sanding and sealing, chairs and stackers.
- A bike rack near the bus shelter.

### State Government funding – Boat Trailer Parking – Coles Bay

Council has nearly completed the new boat trailer parking (14 spaces) and a footpath in Harold Street through a \$400,000 State Government grant. New signage will also be installed.

### Council works in Coles Bay

- Jet patching road repairs and unsealed road grading have been completed.
- Council staff assisted PWS with culvert cleaning.

### Freycinet Sewerage Feasibility Study

TasWater held sessions in Coles Bay during September to provide an update on progress to date.



*The former SES building in Arnol Street has been transformed in recent months to become a Community Hub.*

### **A Community Connect was held at Swansea on 8 October 2019**

#### **Major federal funding**

The \$6.1 million federal funding projects for Swansea and Dolphin Sands include:

- One million (\$1m) is to be spent on a new footpath, kerb and channel from the Bendigo Bank Agency through to the Barkmill, and on the other side of the road, through to Morris' Store (to Shaw Street if possible).
- Roadworks and some road widening is planned on Dolphin Sands Road, also to the value of \$1 million.

#### **Drought Relief funding**

One of the exciting projects to be funded from the Drought Relief funding is the renovation of the former SES building in Swansea into a Community Hub, now 60% complete. This will comprise a community shed



*Community members joined Councillors in weekend painting sessions. Left to right: Councillors Rob Churchill, Keith Breheny and Annie Browning, Kath Arnol, Lily Arnol, Colin Stevenson and Mayor Debbie Wisby.*

(with certain days to be allocated to a "Men's Shed"), reuse shop, community meeting space complete with a kitchen and the PCYC gym. The building has been transformed, with a number of Councillors and community volunteers painting the different sections of the building (the PCYC have already moved into the freshly painted and renovated bay 1). The funds saved through volunteer efforts will enable new tools to be purchased for the community shed.

Other funded projects in Swansea include work on the Swansea recreation ground scorer's box and canteen window awning, and construction of a new shed at the Swansea Waste Management Centre and at the rear of the Swansea Community Hall.

#### **Council works in Swansea**

- The Swansea Loo with a View is scheduled to be completed by the end of November.
- The retaining wall at Jubilee Beach (end of Maria Street) has been constructed to stabilise the footpath, a new fence will be erected in coming weeks and repainting all timber work in the Jubilee Beach area is underway.
- Saltwater Creek remediation works in progress include slashing and dead tree removal. Further works will be carried out.
- Wellington Street kerb replacement is completed following damage from tree roots.
- Work has been undertaken with jet-patcher to address potholes and surface failures in the Swansea and Dolphin Sands sealed road network.
- Slashing has been completed in the Cambria Drive fire break reserve behind properties. Slashing along Dolphin Sands Road and Cambria Drive is scheduled to take place before Christmas.

- Swansea Bowling Club car park has been resealed.
- Swansea playground will soon have a top-up of 'soft-fall' material underneath the equipment.
- The construction of depot sheds at the Swansea Works Depot is underway – concrete slabs are complete and building kits delivered to the site. The work will be undertaken once the Loos with Views are complete.

## Meeting with staff

Councillors and the General Manager have been enjoying hosting Outdoor and Visitor Information staff and volunteers for morning tea. It's been a pleasure to get to know better our Council's employees and volunteers, to have the opportunity to provide updates on Council's plans and projects, to receive their input and to say thank you for their individual and collective contribution.

## Nesting shore birds & dog control

Temporary fencing has been placed around the nest of a pair of Pied Oystercatchers at the mouth of the Meredith River. This is a Dogs Prohibited area under the GSBC Dog Management Policy, and any breaches must be reported to Council. Further inspections are taking place to locate and protect other nests in the vicinity.

### Community Connect Sessions for 2020

Cranbrook –11 Feb 2020 • Bicheno –10 Mar 2020  
Coles Bay –14 April 2020 • Swansea –12 May 2020  
Orford –9 June 2020 • Buckland –14 July 2020  
Bicheno –11 Aug 2020 • Coles Bay –8 Sept 2020  
Swansea –13 Oct 2020 • Triabunna –10 Nov 2020

### Recent Council Meeting decisions include: Special Meeting 22 October 2019

- **Mobile Food Vans, Pop-Up Stalls and Kerbside Vending Policy** changes to allow them to operate in defined locations and service increasing visitor needs.
- **Prosser Plains Raw Water Scheme (PPRWS)** – Council will not be proceeding with Stage 2 of these works, which includes Twamley Dam and/or the construction or inclusion of any other additional dams into the PPRWS, and no further work, including any investigation work, will be undertaken by Council with respect to the Stage 2 PPRWS works.

- **Prosser River Bird Sanctuary, Orford** – Council agreed to install temporary fencing near the Prosser River Mouth Bird Sanctuary to assist with the protection of birds.
- **GSBC By-Law** – Council resolved to make a new Environmental Health By-Law. Rules include: mobile garbage bins must be removed from the kerbside as soon as practicable following each collection, and new rules relating to caravans. Please note failure to abide by the By-Law may result in penalties being issued.
- **Dog Management Policy** – Council will commence the process for re-endorsement of its 2014-2019 Policy with any amendments as deemed necessary. Public consultation will occur shortly and a further review will be conducted once the *Dog Management Act 2000* amendments are finalised.
- **Dog Exercise Yards** – Through the Community Drought Relief funding dog exercise yards have been approved in Swanwick, Swansea, Orford, Triabunna and Buckland. A suitable location has not been found for Bicheno at this stage.

### Council Meetings (held at the Council Chamber, Triabunna)

Ordinary Council Meetings to be held on 26 November and 17 December 2019 commencing at 5pm.

Annual General Meeting (only) to be held on 10 December 2019 at 5pm.

### Photography Competition 2019

The Glamorgan Spring Bay photography competition attracted 147 entries with some amazing images.

The entries have now been judged by independent judges, Jan Perkins and Terry Pinfold and the overall winner is Rachel Coney with her image "Buxton River Dash", taken at Mayfield Beach.

Runners-up in the competition, in no particular order, are:-

**Maree Woolley**, "Early Morning", Maria Island taken from Spring Beach.

**Maurice Banks**, "A New Day", Swansea.

**Lynden Wright**, "Vineyard Paradise", Devils Corner, south of Bicheno.

**Emily Jones**, "Splash", Spiky Beach Swansea.

**Ron Richards**, "Wren on Rosemary", Harvey's Farm Road Bicheno.

**John Smith**, “Friendly Bluethroat Wrasse”, Waubs Bay Bicheno.

**Ron Richards**, “Alligator Rocks Sunrise”, The Gulch Bicheno.

**Olivia Martyn**, “Splash Zone”, Coles Bay.

**Carmel Gledhill**, “Gala Estate”, Cranbrook.

**Steve Masterman**, “Taking a Rest on the way to Antarctica”, Waubs Bay Bicheno.

**Sam McEwen**, “Breathtaking Coastline”, Mount Parsons, overlooking Sleepy Bay Freycinet.

Congratulations to all the above winning photographers and thanks to everyone who entered the competition. The winning photographs will feature in the 2020 calendar and a number of the other images will be included as smaller photos throughout the calendar.

## Glamorgan Spring Bay Council 2020 Calendar

The 2020 calendar is available for sale at the Council offices, Visitor Information Centres and various businesses and post offices throughout the municipal area. The calendars make great gifts for family and friends. Profits from the sale of the calendars go towards youth activities and projects.

## Art Prize 2020

Entries are now open for the Glamorgan Spring Bay biennial art prize which will be held at the Swansea Town Hall over the weekend of 8 and 9 February, 2020, with the official opening taking place on Friday, 7 February. Prizes to the value of \$10,250 will be awarded. **Entries close on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.**

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## Two One Act Plays - Postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances these plays, which were to be held in the Triabunna Community Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> November, have been **postponed**. They will be re-scheduled to be held at a later date.

## Australia Day Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Australia Day Awards. As well as the Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year, the awards have been expanded to include Senior Citizen of the Year, Community Volunteer of the Year and Emergency Services

Volunteer of the Year. **Closing date for nominations is 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.**

The awards are a great opportunity to recognise and thank those people who contribute in so many different ways to improve the quality of life for everyone.

## Council Staff in Focus

### Mick Hay



**What is your role/position at Council?** – *Council Maintenance Carpenter.*

**Where do you live?** – *Swansea.*

**How long have you worked with GSBC?** – *15 years in October.*

**Favourite Council project you have worked on** – *The new state of the art Emergency Services Building in Swansea completed in 2016.*

**What do you like most about your job?** – *The variety of work and not stuck in one place all the time.*

**What do you like least about your job?** – *The travelling.*

**What do you like to do when you are not at work?** – *Shooting and fishing.*

### Sheryl Kean



**What is your role/position at Council?** – *Parks & Reserves Worker-Triabunna.*

**Where do you live?** – *Triabunna.*

**How long have you worked with GSBC?** – *14 years, started as a cleaner and moved to outdoor crew.*

**Favourite Council project you have worked on** – *Repairing the Japanese Garden at the Visitor Information Centre in Triabunna. The garden was originally established and sponsored by North Forest who owned and ran the woodchip mill as a symbol of the trade relationship with Japan. I loved the satisfaction of bringing it back to life and learning from the Japanese landscaper who assisted with the restoration.*

**What do you like most about your job?** – *Always learning something new, all the time and the satisfaction of seeing a garden bed or park looking neat and tidy after the work you have put in. I just love it! It is also a*

*really friendly team environment to work in, some of the best people you could hope to work with.*

**What do you like least about your job?** – *Working in the cold weather in the middle of winter and then in the summer it can be too hot some days.*

**What do you like to do when you are not at work?** – *Garden. I have a big garden with lots of trees and I especially love putting into practice what I've learnt through the horticulture certificate I did with Council both at home and at work.*

**What words best describe you and your attitude to life?** – *Got to be happy, no good feeling sad. I have a bubbly, friendly personality. There are times you can't always be bubbly but I try as much as possible to just be happy.*

## Swansea Destination Action Plan

The Swansea Destination Action Plan Group is a sub-committee of the Swansea Business Chamber. We have a committee of 12 who are all very passionate about the area and are keen to see our township thrive. We are eager to help a variety of business ventures, as well as enhance Swansea township, so that we can both keep our youth employed in the area as well as attract families to live here permanently.

The Swansea Destination Action Plan was launched in May 2018.

### The objectives outlined in the plan:

To position Swansea as the Hub of the East Coast, where visitors can stay for multiple nights and explore the many wonders that our beautiful area provides, for example, Freycinet National Park, Maria Island, Apsley Douglas National Park, Bay of Fires.

### Outcome

- To help increase number of nights people stay in the area, we have put together a number of itineraries for people to use whilst here. These are in the final stages and we are just waiting for artwork and design to be completed and then they will be available for businesses and accommodation hosts to use next summer.
- Create a list of all businesses in the area with contact details and trading times, etc to be made available to all businesses in the area.

### Outcome

- We have completed a business database and it is now available to all those who have listed.

- Meet with local businesses to understand their challenges and explore ways to collectively address their issues.

### Outcome

- We are currently working on a business survey to help identify visitor statistics and ways we can help local ventures to progress.
- Explore opportunities to increase visitors and permanent residents to the area.

### Outcome

- Next on our agenda is to try to organise a festival of some sort in the off season to help businesses over the quiet months.

We are also working on the upgrade of the visitor information board.

The Committee is looking to upgrade and expand our plan this year and hope to hold a business night in July to discuss this and progress and promote the district further.

The Swansea DAP Group is also part of the East Coast Super DAP Group and it is exciting to see all townships working together to create a united region.

## EPIRB Disposal

EPIRBs must not be disposed of in household rubbish or refuse sites.

The Volunteer Marine Rescue Groups around the State will collect out of date EPIRBs for a fee of \$10.00.

Battery World in Hobart will accept out of date EPIRBs for a fee of \$5.00.

Council appreciates the co-operation of the Volunteer Marine Rescue Groups and management and staff of Battery World for providing this important service.

*Please note: MAST can no longer accept out of date EPIRBs at their offices in Hunter Street.*

## Australasian Road Rescue Challenge



The Tasmanian Southern Region SES state team has just competed in the Australasian Road Rescue Challenge Dubbo 2019. Twenty-one teams from Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong competed over 3 days in simulated Road Rescue Challenges based on real life incidents attended over the last 12 months.

The competitions also included 2 trauma challenges, a CPR challenge and one day learning symposium. Welcome event, swap meets and presentation dinner.

The Tasmanian SES team was made up of 6 volunteers sourced from southern region SES units:



- Crew Leader, Justin Wolf – Bruny Island Unit
- Team Medic, Chris Hine – Southern Region Unit
- Tool Operator, Jason Robins – Southern Midlands Unit
- Tool Operator, Kelvin Jones – Glamorgan Spring Bay Unit
- Crew Assistant, Sarah Woodland – Huon Valley Unit
- Crew Assistant, Daniel Barry – Derwent Valley Unit



*The 3 vehicle scenarios that our team were faced with. Patients were actors or simulated live mannequins.*

The team performed well together and over coming months will facilitate the dissemination of lessons learnt to the wider emergency service sector.

**Kelvin Jones**—Glamorgan Springbay SES Unit Manager, Tasmanian Southern Region SES State team tool operator, Australasian Road Rescue Competitions Dubbo 23–29 July 2019

## Works Department Update

### Greenwaste Disposal

To assist residents in cleaning up their residential properties, Council is currently still offering 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.

## Roads, Footpaths, Kerbs

Construction works are complete in Foster Street Bicheno. New kerbing and concrete footpath have been placed between Murray Street and Barrett Avenue. The concrete path now links the Medical Centre with the Tasman Highway from the Murray Street end.



Bicheno Pedestrian Village project works are complete with the construction of the short walk referred to as the 'Waub's Bay Walk' developed by the Bicheno Destination Action Plan Group - DAP. The project involves the placement of a concrete path from the bottom of Jetty Road to the Triangle and from the Community Hall to the existing foreshore gravel track. The project is supported by a grant from the Department of State Growth to the value of \$36,413 and was secured by East Coast Regional Tourism Organisation.

The open drains across the foreshore area along the



Tasman Highway, Bicheno have been piped, filled in and planted with grass seed. This will eliminate the sub-standard old timber walk bridges which were a high safety risk and make reserve maintenance more efficient.

Road resealing has been completed with roads in Swanwick and Swansea finalised. As part of the programme, two cul-de-sacs were also asphalted to repair and eliminate future surface deterioration from slow turning vehicles.

Orford Bowls Club - Pavement reconstruction and bitumen sealing works of the carpark area have been completed.

Saltworks Road – Little Swanport. The last 700m of the Council's unsealed maintained section has been reconstructed and bitumen sealed.

Louisville Road – Orford. Two sections of the road have been reconstructed and bitumen sealed utilising monies from the Roads to Recovery funds. The section in the middle will be reconstructed at a later date in conjunction with the Solis development works.

## Bridges

The timber bridge on Old Coach Road over "Un-named Creek" has recently been inspected by Council's bridge engineers. A load limit of 5 tonnes was applied due to deterioration of the beams. A bypass and culvert pipe have since been installed until a new concrete deck can be placed on the existing abutments. It was important to have this road re-opened as soon as possible, without a weight restriction, for local rural property owners and general through traffic.



## Sustainable Communities Awards 2019

The Keep Australia Sustainable Communities Awards were announced in Oatlands (last year's Tidy Town winner) on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

One of the major awards – **Clean Beach Award** went to the **Great Eastern Clean Up in Glamorgan Spring Bay**. The clean-up was a mammoth task which covered 38 sites, including some very challenging terrains and involved over 200 volunteers. This is a great achievement and recognition of a successful community partnership involving multiple stakeholders. *Continued>*

A Certificate of Recognition was also presented to the **Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Natural Resource Management Committee (NRMC)** for the Great Eastern Clean Up. This event was organised by a sub-committee of the NRMC.

A number of other **Certificates of Recognition** were awarded to:

- **Glamorgan Spring Bay Council** – Infrastructure Investment – Health & Wellbeing–*Orford Surf Life Saving Building, Triabunna Sports Pavillion, Marina and pushbike wash-down station.*
- **Spring Bay Tourism Group** – Natural Environment Conservation–*Maria Island Pledge – Keep it Wild and Pristine.*
- **Orford Hall Committee** – Community Actions & Partnerships–*Wonderful upgrade of amenities for community gatherings and guest productions.*
- **Tasmanian Bushland Garden, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and Festival of Voices** – Community Action & Partnerships–*A wonderful partnership, bringing live music to the unique garden.*
- **Buckland Community Group** – Community Action & Partnerships–*Boomer Common plantings, creating shade and a relaxing place to stop and rest.*
- **Eastcoast Regional Development Organisation – The Village** – Community Action & Partnerships–*Refurbishment of the L-shaped shed/ multifunctional space.*

## New Aussies

Mayor Debbie Wisby officiated at Citizenship Ceremonies in April and July when nine new citizens from Peru, India and China took the oath of allegiance. The ceremony celebrates the final step in a migrant's journey to become an Australian citizen.

Congratulations and welcome Kalyani Donga, Lijo Thomas, Kristina Lijo, Liana Lijo (top photo), Nataly Abanto Oblitas, Aditya Munshi, Dongni Qui, Yiting Ruan and Shilin Ruan (bottom photo).



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