



MEDIA RELEASE

Subject: GSBC provides update on Visitor Information Centres

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Since Council's decision in May this year to transition from running the Visitor Information Centres by 31 October 2020, Council have been in negotiations with Parks & Wildlife and Encounter Maria to ensure a seamless transition for visitors travelling from Triabunna to Maria Island. At the 22 September Council meeting, Council have agreed to lease the Triabunna Visitor Information Centre building to Parks and Wildlife.

Council and Parks and Wildlife are working through how the site will operate and once this is finalised a further update will be provided at that time. Council and Parks and Wildlife are currently working with staff through the transition.

Council announced the planned closure of the centres in May. This will enable Council to focus its resources on core services as per the recently adopted strategic plan to deliver on the municipality's vision and in complying with the Tasmanian Government directive.

The Bicheno Centre is a leased building and will close to the public from Sunday 4 October, with other businesses in the Bicheno area looking to provide visitor information. Similar interest has been expressed by businesses in the Triabunna area. Enquiries by businesses seeking to learn more about becoming an accredited visitor information centre should contact the Tasmanian Visitor Information Network for more information on 0408 401 728 or tasvin@bigpond.com

Businesses seeking information on opportunities to obtain brochures, goods and similar from the Centres should email tenders@freycinet.tas.gov.au to express an interest.

Council would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank centre staff for their hard work and commitment over the years, in particular those who worked through the difficult period following Council's announcement in May.

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