

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Photography Competition

The Overall Winner of the 2020 competition is **John Collighan** with his image *Archie Sunrise, Nine Mile Beach, Dolphin Sands* (photo below).

Runners-up (in no particular order) are:-

Jennifer Yates – *The Blowhole, Bicheno.*

Maurice Banks – *The Golden Hour, Jubilee Beach, Swansea.*

Rebecca Brogan – *Bishop and Clerk, Maria Island.*

Britt Steiner – *Lean-to Bust Me Gall Hill, Buckland.*

John Smith – *Male Sea Dragon with Brood, Waubs Bay, Bicheno.*

Rebecca Brogan – *Wineglass Bay from Mount Amos, Freycinet.*

Eliza-Kate Walker – *Barnyard at Twamley Farm, Buckland.*

Geoff Martin – *Solitude, Red Bill Beach, Bicheno.*

Aaron Saunderson – *Saltworks, Little Swanport.*

Ian Cumming – *The Hazards, Freycinet.*

Sarah Buckley – *King Protea, Swansea.*

Congratulations to the above photographers and our thanks and appreciation to everyone who entered the competition. The winning images will feature in the 2021 calendar.

Council also wishes to thank our judges, Terry Pinfold and Jan Perkins, who freely gave their time to undertake the difficult task of choosing the winning photographs.



Winning image

Morning Teas Held for Seniors

During September and October Council Community Development staff organised morning teas in Orford, Swansea and Bicheno to provide an opportunity for seniors in our municipal area to enjoy a morning out to socialise, albeit with physical distancing, after being in COVID-19 isolation. Numbers were restricted to thirty attendees at each event.

Guest speakers were Andrew Baker from Rural Alive & Well (RAW) and Britt Steiner former co-ordinator of Regional Health Services in Glamorgan Spring Bay. Andrew spoke about his role as an Outreach Worker and provided information on the services RAW provides to our community and throughout Tasmania.

Britt talked about the effects that isolation can have on mental health, particularly for seniors who may have lost a partner, have health problems or are no longer able to drive. Britt gave examples of her own personal experiences after her retirement, as well as providing information on mental health treatment plans that are available through local general practitioners.



Serious Weeds and Dedicated Volunteers

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and Tasman Council have been working on a project to manage serrated tussock, a Weed of National Significance. This project was funded by the Australian Government under the *Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program*. The project assisted thirteen primary producers to undertake serrated tussock control measures in the Glamorgan Spring Bay and Tasman municipal areas.

In Glamorgan Spring Bay, a group of dedicated local volunteers surveyed a number of properties alongside the Natural Resource Management team and serrated tussock detection dog, 'Fonz', who sniffed out the serrated tussock plants that could not be found by the humans.

This survey work was an important part of the project and is known as a 'delimitation' survey. It is important to determine the full extent of a weed infestation to enable a more strategic control response. Controlling the odd plant and small infestations at the outer edge and working back into bigger infestations is a more cost effective means of control.

Thank you to the volunteers for helping to find and control serrated tussock, one of Australia's worst agricultural weeds. We now have more detailed mapping which shows where serrated tussock has been found and controlled in Glamorgan Spring Bay.

Thank you also to the Australian Government for funding this successful project. The team is now ready to start Round 2 works which focus on combating zone A priority weeds on farms during and after drought.

Please contact the Natural Resource Management team at Council for more information about weeds.

Information about serrated tussock and other weeds is also available online here:

<https://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds>



Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents & Ratepayers,

As my first message to you as Mayor, I thought it may be appropriate to give you a brief outline of my background. I would also like to say how much I appreciate the opportunity to serve this community. As your Mayor, I will lead an open, consultative Council that puts residents and ratepayers first and foremost.

My wife Celia and I have owned our Sandy Lagoon property near Orford for more than 40 years and have lived here permanently for the past 7 years.

My 45 years as a Tasmanian lawyer and company director has given me expertise in business, finance and good governance. My volunteering background includes President of the Royal Guide Dogs Tasmania and board member of other charities for many years, including the Royal Tasmanian Society for the Blind and Deaf.

I would like to thank all councillors for their support and to thank everyone for their emails, phone calls and texts after the election.

We need to protect Glamorgan Spring Bay as a special place in which to live and visit. Local jobs, tourism, industry and appropriate development and living within our means are to be encouraged.

Thank you to all who have briefed me on their concerns. We all have a lot of work to do and I am interested in hearing from residents and ratepayers over the coming months. What you have to say is most important.

Mayor Robert Young



Message from the General Manager

As I write this message it has been two weeks since I have arrived in this special part of the world and taken on the role of Glamorgan Spring Bay Council General Manager. It is great to be back in Tasmania and my wife and I feel privileged to be living in this beautiful municipality.

This year has been a very difficult year for everyone in dealing with the unforeseen COVID 19 pandemic. As I'm sure you are aware, there will be ongoing social and economic impacts as a result of the pandemic. The important thing for us as a community is our ability to respond effectively to such events in future.

I am aware of the bush fires and floods that have occurred recently just to add to a challenging year.

Despite all of this, it has been pleasing to note the positivity around the community in the people that I have met to date. I look forward to leading a dedicated team of people committed to best practice public service and our role to help build the community.

There are exciting opportunities for our municipality and I'm eager to be part of a team engaged with the community to achieve the right outcomes that these opportunities present.

We are an organisation committed to:

- Responsible stewardship of public assets
- Enhancing our community
- Planning for the future

Council takes this opportunity to thank residents for your patience and understanding of the impacts that the pandemic has had on our ability to provide some services, as well as the many events and programs that unfortunately had to be cancelled.

I look forward to working with our staff, councillors and the community to shape Glamorgan Spring Bay's future.

Greg Ingham, General Manager



Australia Day Awards 2021

Nominations are invited from the public for the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Australia Day Awards.

These awards are for outstanding contribution and service to the local community and will be presented on 26th January, 2021.

All residents of the municipal area are eligible and the community service rendered should have been primarily within the municipal area.

There are five (5) categories:

- **Citizen of the Year:** To be eligible, the nominee must be 30 years or older on 26th January next.
- **Senior Citizen of the Year:** To be eligible, the nominee must be 65 years or older on 26th January next.

- **Young Citizen of the Year:** To be eligible, the person must be not more than 30 years of age on 26th January next.
- **Community Volunteer of the Year**
- **Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year**

Two or more individuals may be nominated jointly for an individual award.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Council Office, Triabunna, (03) 6256 4777; email: angela@freycinet.tas.gov.au; or on Council's website www.gsbc.tas.gov.au

Nominations close on Friday, 13th November 2020.

Enjoy Our Beaches While Protecting Shorebirds

The shorebird breeding season began in September and will continue until March. You can help our East Coast shorebirds on all of our beaches this breeding season by staying on the wet sand to avoid the upper parts of the beach where the shorebirds nest.

Follow the Dog Management Policy directions. Dogs off lead can chase shorebirds and squash their eggs and prevent parents and chicks from foraging for food at the water's edge. Cats also pose a threat to shorebirds. Desex your cat and prevent it from roaming.

The survival of shorebird species is dependent on the awareness of beach users – walkers, surfers, dog walkers, fishers and all those that love the beach. It is



important everyone is aware of the dependence the shorebirds have on this shared habitat.

Let's enjoy our beaches while protecting the shorebirds.

Keep Your Rubbish & Recycling In Your Bin

Birds, animals or wind can cause rubbish to spill from your bin. If rubbish spills from your bin you could be charged with littering.

To prevent this happening please consider using a device such as a Bin Spring.

Council has made a bulk purchase of Bin Springs for residents and ratepayers of GSB to purchase at a substantially reduced rate. RRP is \$24.95 each or purchase directly from council for \$15 each.

Another cause of rubbish spills is bins being placed on the street several days before collection. Please consider asking for assistance from your neighbours. They may be willing to put your bins out closer to collection time.

Rubbish spilling from residential bins is a significant problem and residents are encouraged to prevent this happening and avoid being fined.



Vegetation Vandalism

Vegetation on public land is a valued public asset. Vegetation is valued for its aesthetics and for providing amenities such as habitat for animals and birds, soil stabilisation and erosion control, shade and wind-breaks.

Unfortunately, Council has recently received several reports of vegetation vandalism on Council managed

land. It is illegal to clear, poison, or otherwise destroy or interfere with vegetation on public land.

Please report vegetation vandalism on Council managed land:

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council – 6256 4777

Tasmania Police – 131 444

Buildings and Marine

Summary of recent Works

Drought Communities Grant Program Round 1

During the last financial year, the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council secured one million dollars in funding from the federal government under the Drought Communities Programme. The Council focused their list of projects that would improve local community infrastructure. The project, upgrading community infrastructure, consisted of various components throughout the municipality. These included upgrades to community halls, installation of new playground equipment and the installation of dog exercise areas. The old emergency services building in Arnol Street, Swansea has been renovated and transformed into a community hub; the scorers' box at the Swansea recreation ground has been renovated; and new tennis courts and clubroom were constructed at the Triabunna Recreation Ground.

Triabunna Tennis Courts and Clubroom

Funded by the Drought Communities Grant were two new tennis courts with an associated clubroom at the Triabunna Recreation Ground. These courts have been sealed with a Plexipave asphalt for a softer playing surface.



Swansea Community Hub

The old emergency services building has been renovated and transformed into a community hub facility. The newly renovated building will house a

community meeting room. In addition, a community workshop and re-use shop is being set up. The existing PCYC gymnasium remains in the complex.



Dog Exercise Areas

Throughout the municipality dog exercise areas have been installed at Swanwick, Swansea, Triabunna, Orford and Buckland. In each location there is an area for large dogs and an area for small dogs. All areas have access to drinking water for the animals.



Community Halls Upgrade

Funded by the Drought Communities Infrastructure Grant Program, the Coles Bay and Bicheno Community Halls were upgraded with new chairs, blinds, floor sanding and painting throughout. The Coles Bay Hall had a disabled accessible toilet installed and the Triabunna Community Hall had a kitchen upgrade.



Buildings and Marine Continued

Bicheno Gulch Toilet extension

Two new toilets have been constructed alongside the existing disabled accessible toilet at the Gulch, Bicheno.



Triabunna Recreation Ground Electronic Scoreboard

A new electronic scoreboard has been installed at the Triabunna recreation ground.



Other Capital Projects Completed

Swan River Road Boat Ramp

Marine and Safety Tasmania has completed the upgrade to the Swan River boat ramp. The existing concrete launching ramp was extended at the toe. In addition, piles and a new floating landing platform, along with a new gangway, were installed.



Swansea Depot Sheds

Two new Council depot sheds were constructed at the Swansea Council depot. A seven-bay shed has provided undercover storage which includes two bays of storage room for the Museum. One of the sheds constructed at the depot is to provide storage for the Natural Resource Management team. This replaced an old shed, which was in disrepair.

Swansea Loo with a View

A Loo with a View was constructed adjacent to the viewing deck at Jubilee Beach, Swansea. This toilet facility has a large viewing window that overlooks the Swansea pier and across the bay to Freycinet.



Works to be performed over the coming months

The Glamorgan Spring Bay Council has secured a second one million dollars from round two of the Drought Communities Grant Funding. The council is utilising this funding to construct community infrastructure across the municipality. These projects include concrete footpaths at various locations.

Saltworks Boat Ramp Jetty

Council has secured funding through MAST to replace the jetty adjacent to the Saltworks boat ramp at the mouth of the Little Swanport River. The new jetty will be a floating pontoon arrangement.

Works Department Update

Flooding Thursday 8th October 2020

Orford Rivulet temporary bypass bridge was washed away due to unrelenting rain on the day and water catchments in the area being inundated. On Thursday at approximately 4.00 pm the temporary bridge and gravel road approaches were washed away. Council's contractor designed a higher and larger temporary bridge which was then transported on Friday at 5.00 am from Latrobe. The bridge was then positioned on site and anchored down with concrete and the beams tied down with the bridge decking boards put in place by Friday afternoon. All was finished by Saturday morning with the new gravel approaches and opened to traffic



on Saturday at 9.30am. TasSpan is to be commended on the work and speed at which this was achieved.

Bridge Replacements

Orford Rivulet Bridge

Works are continuing on the replacement bridge over the Orford Rivulet with TasSpan having now dug down to rock and the first pours of concrete are complete. Works are programmed to be completed by December 2020.

Griffiths Rivulet Bridge – Rheban Road (Southern End)

Council has secured disaster relief funding for part of the cost to replace this bridge. MB & A Consulting will be project managing this project. We have received the geotechnical report and we will shortly receive the survey and hydraulic assessment report. This will give Council the information needed to proceed with concept design and the tender for the detailed design and construction of the replacement bridge. We are hoping to be underway as soon as the above allows.

Community Development Grant (Federally funded projects)

The following projects are now in the design phase:

- Coles Bay Foreshore Trail
- Swansea Streetscape
- Bicheno Gulch
- Bicheno Triangle

Drought Relief Funded projects

Construction of new concrete footpaths are underway and are programmed to be completed this year:

- Elizabeth Street, Orford
- Charles Street, Triabunna
- Wellington Street, Swansea

The following projects are in the design & planning phase:

- Noyes Street, Swansea – footpath and parking bay upgrade.

- Bicheno Triangle to Harveys Farm Road – footpath.

Bitumen Sealing Works

- Friendly Beaches 700 metres of road into the National Park has been sealed.
- Dolphin Sands Shared Pathway has been sealed and only minor works remain.
- Nugent Road (sealing parts of) is planned for the next month.

Swansea Boat Ramp trailer parking extension is waiting on Crown Land approval and detailed design completion.

Staff

The outdoor works department has been busy with rainfall events cleaning gully pits; maintenance of gravel roads from the north moving through to the south; drainage works; Wielangta Road grading will start shortly.

Our crews do an amazing job under difficult weather conditions this year that have been extreme in both fire forecasts and rainfall events. COVID-19 has also been difficult and we have relied on the outdoor crew to keep public areas clean and safe. They are our frontline workers and it's not always the easiest of places to work.

Leo Crosswell celebrated 30 years of loyal service to the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and a morning tea was organised to acknowledge his anniversary.

We also welcome on board a Hydraulic Engineer working on Council's Stormwater Strategy two days a week. Council has employed a Project Engineer who is developing our Asset Management Plans. There is also a GIS Officer/Engineering Surveyor who will be working on updating stormwater asset records, which is vital for our asset management plans and stormwater management plans.



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Are you bushfire ready?

With all the rain we've received recently it's wonderful to see some green around!

However, we still need to have our bushfire plans and preparations in place. While we've had a lot of rain it doesn't mean we can become complacent with our preparations. With all the rain brings additional growth that will need to be cut back, cleared and maintained.

The most important thing you can do is prepare a defensible space around your home and remove flammable material.

Do you and your family have a Bushfire Plan in place?

What about your pets and animals – what plans do you have in place for them so they won't be caught or injured in a bushfire?

Will you leave to avoid danger, or will you stay and defend your property?

Leaving early, well before fire threatens your property is always the safest option for you, your family and your pets.

Do you have a prepared Emergency Kit?

Emergency kits consist of all the things you would need to survive for up to four days. You should also have an emergency kit prepared for your pets and what they would need to survive for four days.

Tasmania Fire Service have a wealth of information to assist you with developing your own plans and preparing your property.

Know YOUR bushfire risk and make a Plan

Visit:

<http://www.fire.tas.gov.au>Show?pagelD=colbushfirePrepareActSurvive>

Useful publications can be found:

<http://www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pagelD=colPublications>



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