



## 2021 EAST COAST CALENDAR

The 2021 calendar, which has been produced from the winning images entered in our photography competition, is now available for sale at \$12.00 each. All photographs have been taken in the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipal area.

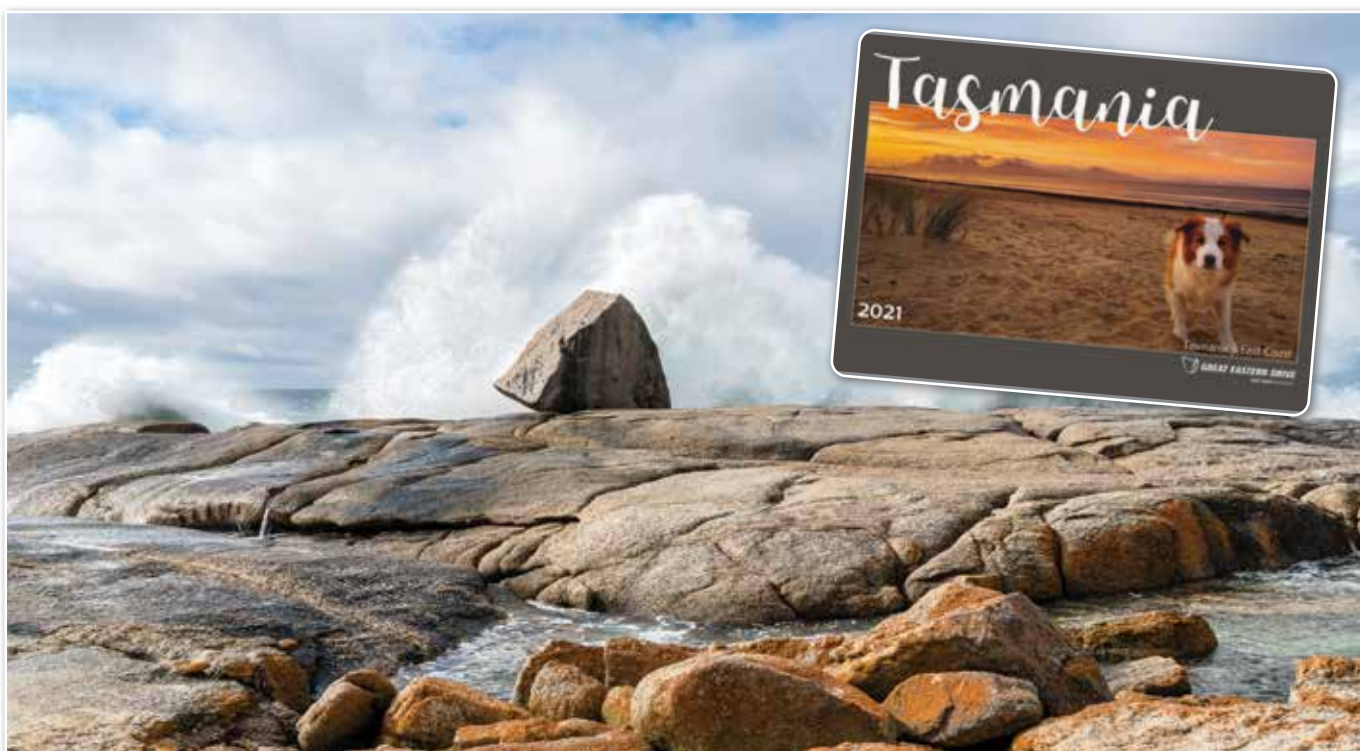
The calendars are available from the following outlets:-

- Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Offices, Triabunna
- The Hub (Orford Post Office & Newsagency)
- Triabunna Pharmacy
- Spirit of Maria Café and Bakery
- Me and Mums, Tasman Hwy, Little Swanport
- Devils Corner Cellar Door

- Swansea Corner Store
- East Coast Heritage Museum
- Bendigo Community Banks, Swansea and Bicheno
- Milton Vineyard, Cranbrook
- Illuka Caravan Park, Coles Bay
- Freycinet Lodge, Coles Bay
- Bicheno Post Office at The Farm Shed

The calendars make great stocking fillers and gifts for friends and family both here and overseas and also help to promote our beautiful east coast.

Profits from the sale of the calendar are used to support projects/activities for our youth and senior citizens.



*The Blowhole, Bicheno by J Yates*

## Let's KEEP ON TOP OF COVID

The South East Coast of Tasmania is a beautiful place to live. With borders opening and a continually changing and challenging situation, it's really important that we all do our bit to keep ourselves, our family, our friends and our community safe from COVID-19.

**KEEP ON TOP OF COVID**

WASH HANDS

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

STAY HOME IF SICK

COVID SYMPTOMS? GET TESTED

FOLLOW CURRENT RESTRICTIONS

KEEP ON TOP OF COVID

Keep up to date.  
[www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au)

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## Message from the General Manager

Dear Residents and Ratepayers,

As a momentous and challenging 2020 draws to a close, Tasmania is well positioned to prosper in a post COVID-19 environment. Here in Glamorgan Spring Bay we have the privilege of living in a most beautiful place, full of history and culture and abounding with natural wonders. There is a sense of optimism in the community despite the tough times and that resilience that exists among us will stand us in good stead in 2021.



If there is any good to have come out of COVID pandemic impacts, it's that it has challenged people to think outside the square, to be innovative. We see this throughout our municipality.

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council is also going through significant change as an organisation. We have had to adapt and build capacity and capability in testing times. This is not easy in the current environment but I often reflect on the words of Charles Darwin – 'It is not the strongest that survive, nor the most intelligent, it is those that are able to change'.

There are a number of organisational statutory policies and plans that need to be developed or updated to meet the requirements of a Performance Improvement Direction issued by the Minister for Local Government. Council has made good progress on this in recent times and once the long-term Asset Management Plans and Financial Plan are complete, Council will be operating as a much-improved organisation.

Our goal is to be an organisation excelling in the customer experience and with a reputation as a desirable place to work. We want to provide the best services we can to our community but also to ensure that we are financially sustainable and that we abide by the principles of good governance into the future.

This year Council is delivering one of the largest capital works programs in its history and at the other end of the spectrum continuing to issue community care packs to our most vulnerable. This gives one a sense of the range of services that local government provides in today's world. It is a privilege to be part of it as a public servant.

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council remains committed to its vision. We want our municipality to be prosperous, vibrant and inclusive. A place where people want to live, work and visit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council staff for their ongoing great work through recent tough times. They have never wavered from the task despite what has been a never before experienced environment. A BIG thank you!!

Last but not least, best wishes to all for a most memorable and joyful Christmas season. Have a great time and keep safe.

Greg Ingham  
General Manager



## Works Department Update

### Dolphin Sands Shared Pathway Project

The Dolphin Sands Shared Pathway Project was started in January 2020 and is now nearing completion. This project was funded under the Morrison Government's Community Development Grants Programme.

Cyclists, motorists and pedestrians will all benefit from the upgraded Dolphin Sands Shared Pathway.

Liberal Senator for Tasmania Claire Chandler contacted Council to arrange to meet on site. This event took place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November at Dolphins Sands with Mayor Robert Young in attendance.

"The upgraded roadway has delivered a safer Cont. >>



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environment for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists who all use the busy road, and provides the necessary 1.5 metre clearance between passing bikes and cars," Senator Chandler said.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the Australian Government's \$1 million investment in community infrastructure would provide long-term benefits to the Dolphin Sands area.

This will encourage both locals and visitors to use the improved route and engage in healthy outdoor activities, which is expected to improve the health of the local community and the broader region.

Glamorgan-Spring Bay Mayor Robert Young said the completed project will be finished in time for the summer months.

"Two sections of Dolphin Sands Road were upgraded and now meet municipal standards that provides improved safety for cyclists and with the weather getting better as we head into summer, I'm sure more people will be out enjoying a walk or ride along the improved way," Mayor Young said.

#### **Bitumen Sealing Works**

- Nugent Road grading work has finished and the sections of road that could not be finished last winter will now be sealed.

#### **Gravel Road Maintenance**

- Ferndale and Rosedale Roads Bicheno nearing completion.
- Springs and Crossins Roads Swansea is planned for mid-November.
- Wielangta Road is planned for December.

## **End of an Era for Glamorgan Spring Bay Natural Resource Management**

Due to an organisational restructure, there will be significant changes to how Council fulfils its Natural Resources Management (NRM) functions going forward. Exactly how this will develop is still being negotiated. Some key NRM staff, including the Manager Natural Resource, will be leaving and others have been reassigned to different departments. Council's NRM staff and the Glamorgan Spring Bay

Council NRM Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the community of Glamorgan Spring Bay for supporting the many NRM initiatives, projects, events and functions over the past fifteen years. Together we have achieved so much. How this next era for natural resource management pans out is up to all of us. Please get involved and have your say.



*NRM Committee Meeting held at the Spring Bay Mill discussing "Where to from here?"*

## **Friends Of Triabunna Reserves**

The Friends of Triabunna Reserves (FoTR) is a little group of locals who work collaboratively with Crown Land Services, Council, local business and the general community to ensure that the public reserves in Triabunna are well managed for current and future generations. Although things have been quiet during COVID-19 times, the FoTRs have worked away on a few activities including clean-ups around the town, planting coastal plants, together with the kids from Triabunna School and helping the Council staff with weeding the

Gatehouse Garden. If you would like to join in with the Friends group contact Maggie on 0417 342 031.



## Creating a Dementia Friendly Community

*(This article was written by Jazzmyn Pennington, who was on work experience from the Triabunna District School and attended the event.)*

On 10<sup>th</sup> November, Council's Community Development staff held a dementia information session and morning tea in Bicheno. Guest speakers for the session were Dr. Pat Baines from Dementia Australia Tasmania and Shirley Raspin, May Shaw Health Centre Inc.

Dr. Baines discussed common misconceptions surrounding dementia and how the community can become dementia friendly. Possible solutions included: More descriptive signs, classes focussed on relearning skills lost through dementia and providing pictures on menus, to name a few.

Based on a survey of 5,000 people living with dementia,

65% felt excluded and avoided by past friends and family members, 74% said that friends had not stayed in touch and 71% said they are not included in family activities. People with dementia don't want to be ostracised and want respect and acceptance from their community. Pat said that the key to making a dementia friendly community is kindness and to remember that it doesn't take training to be kind.

Pat discussed how everyone's experience with dementia is different. However, the universal need to live in a safe and accommodating community will remain constant.

## Live Theatre held at Swansea Town Hall

On 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, two productions by the Hobart Repertory Theatre Society and Square Pegs, titled *A Rich American* and *Analysing Ern*, were performed at the Swansea Town Hall to an audience of 40 which was the maximum number allowed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

*A Rich American* was written and directed by Scott Hunt and played by Peter Miller and Meredith McQueen. Scott won best writer award at the Deloraine One Act Play Festival and Meredith McQueen and Ian McQueen won best actress and best actor respectively for their roles in *Analysing Ern*.

This event was organised by Council in collaboration

with Salon South and provided a wonderful opportunity for our community to experience live theatre in one of our towns.



*Square Pegs Theatre Group receiving their Award at Deloraine One Act Play Festival*

## Seniors' Week

To celebrate Seniors' Week, Council Community Development and Natural Resource Management staff organised a Zero Waste Picnic at the Tasmanian Bushland Garden at Buckland. A bus was provided from Bicheno and community members from all of our towns attended the event. It was a great opportunity for our seniors to enjoy a social outing after the isolation everyone has experienced this year.

The audience was entertained by local singer Ange Boxall who sang a variety of songs, including some "golden oldies", some of her own creations and other well-known lyrics.

Everyone brought their own plate and cup to reduce waste and Gert & Ted Catering

provided a very tasty lunch of rolls and cake.

By all accounts, everyone had a most enjoyable day and was able to wander around the Gardens to check out the beautiful display of flowering natives, as well as following the sculpture trail which was still on display following a recent Open Day.



## Do you have an Emergency Plan and Emergency Kit in place?

Have you ever thought about what you would do in the event of a natural disaster? Do you have an emergency plan in place? What about an Emergency Kit? Good preparation is the key to surviving a disaster event. With bushfire season fast approaching your safety and that of your family has to be a priority. If you live in a bushfire area you should have a plan that tells you when to leave, where you should go and what steps you will take to protect yourself and your loved ones.

The threat can escalate very quickly and if you're running around your home looking for important documents or precious items as the fire approaches, it could mean the difference between getting out safely or leaving it too late to leave. **BE PREPARED.**

### An Emergency Kit checklist includes the following:-

- Warm, waterproof clothing and a change of clothing
- Blankets / sleeping bag
- Rubber shoes and/or gumboots
- Hats, sunscreen
- Camping stove or small barbecue
- A food kit filled with foods that don't require refrigeration. Make sure it includes bottled water and sufficient to last for 4 days
- Pet food (if applicable)
- List of emergency telephone numbers
- First aid kit with essential medications
- Mobile phone and charger
- Portable radio with spare batteries tuned to local ABC Radio
- Candles and matches
- Torch with spare batteries
- Alcohol wipes and hand sanitiser
- Toiletries
- Important papers – including insurance documents, credit cards, passport, drivers licence
- Valuables and cherished articles

### Have you considered and made plans for your animals?

It's important to consider animals, big and small, during an emergency. Be prepared well ahead of any emergency event with a basic plan to protect them.

At the early signs of an emergency, try to confine your animal to a small space which will make it easier to catch them if you need to evacuate. For smaller animals like cats, dogs, rabbits and birds, have a pet cage lined with a blankets or newspaper ready.

Ensure your animals have identification. Your details can be attached to collars; otherwise large animals can be marked on their hooves with permanent ink or with a sticker folded in to hair.

If you're evacuating your home and can take your animals with you, include items in your Emergency Kit for them such as, pet food, blankets, toys, litter, vet details, paper towel and leads.

Be aware animals can sense anxiety in people, so try and keep calm around them.

If you own livestock and plan to evacuate without them, move them to a bare paddock with water and room to move. Don't shut your animals in sheds or stables or tether them and under no circumstance should you cut boundary fences or let animals loose on the roads as this can cause major traffic accidents. It's also a good idea to remove gear such as rugs and head collars from livestock. The Department of Primary Industries has more information about how to plan for livestock welfare during and after a bushfire.



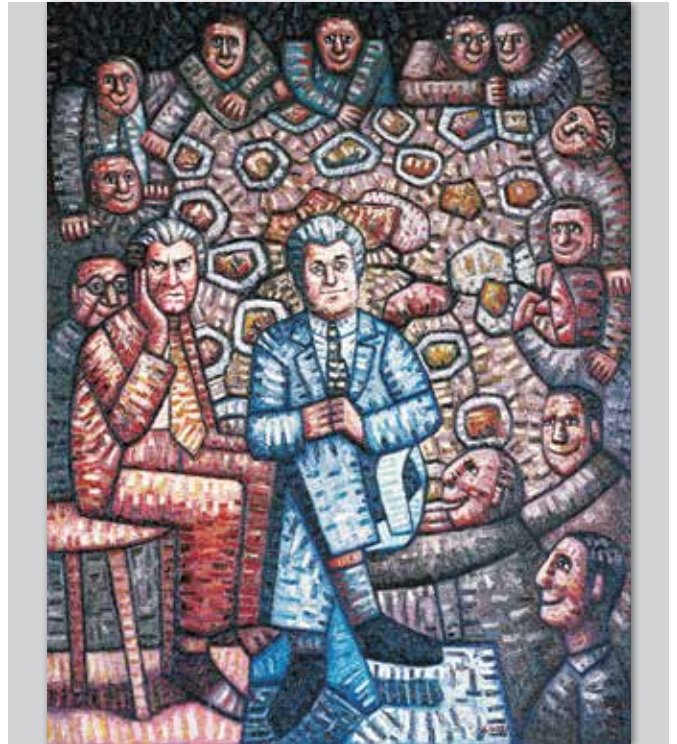
## Coming Soon – Keith Looby winner Archibald Prize 1984 – title Max Gillies

To mark 100 years of the Archibald, a free documentary film, *Looby*, about Australian artist, Keith Looby, who won many major awards, including (in controversial circumstances) the Archibald Prize, will be screening in the Swansea Town Hall and Triabunna Community Hall on 22 and 23 February 2021.

*Looby* premiered at the Melbourne Documentary Film Festival and (pre-COVID-19) went on to packed screenings at the National Art School, Sydney; Canberra Museum and Gallery; and the Queen Victoria Museum and Gallery, Launceston.

There is a Tasmanian and east coast connection with Keith Looby who lived at “*Muirlands*” at Little Swanport during the 1980’s with his then wife, artist Kerry Gregan. Kerry also spent a lot of time painting at “*Lisdillon*”, south of Swansea.

This is a FREE event so mark it in your calendar now. The screening will be subject to any COVID-19 restrictions at the time.



## A Perfect Place for a Picnic

If you haven’t been to the Tasmanian Bushland Garden at Buckland you should pay a visit. The Garden is one of the very few public gardens in Tasmania devoted entirely to Tasmanian native plants. Located beside the Tasman Highway a few kilometres south of Buckland, it features two hectares of enclosed display gardens set in a 20 ha bushland reserve in a peaceful rural setting. The gardens have been entirely developed by volunteers passionate about native plants.

The display gardens are laid out in natural communities, with rocks and logs a feature of the landscaping. Communities from granite and sandstone areas are included, as well as displays of some of the rare and threatened plants of the region. Signs and labels give explanations and names for the communities and plants, and also explain other aspects of the landscape.

A large landscaped quarry with a waterfall and pond is a popular attraction, as are a number of sculptures around the gardens. A picnic shelter, toilets, electric barbecue and picnic tables are available, making this a perfect place for a lunch or tea stop.

The bushland area has walking tracks to a hilltop lookout, a grassy valley with majestic white gums, and a delightful wading pool in the local creek. Birds and wildlife are plentiful. Walks range from 20 minutes to about 45 minutes.

<https://sites.google.com/site/tasbushlandgarden/>



## Buildings and Marine – Summary of recent Works

### Drought Communities Grant Program Round 2

The Glamorgan Spring Bay Council has secured a second grant of one Million dollars in funding from the federal government under the Drought Communities Programme Round 2. The Council focused their list of projects mainly on new footpaths across the municipality. They have also included new stairs to the Buckland Hall and cricket practice nets at both Buckland and Triabunna.

The Council has also secured Community Grant funding from the Federal Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

The Council list of projects for this grant across the municipality include the following:

#### Bicheno

Funding to renovate the treatment room at the Bicheno Medical Centre.

A new culvert bridge for walking and cyclists.

#### Buckland

The Community infrastructure grant will fund a disability access ramp to be built in conjunction with the new stairs being built under the Drought Relief grant program at the Buckland Hall.

#### Coles Bay

Funding to re-surface the tennis courts and provide an additional root barrier at the Coles Bay Hall tennis courts has been included.

#### Swansea

Improvements to the Swansea Child Care Centre under the grant allocation will include a new fence on the eastern side, repairs to the paving and canopy replacement has been included.

A report and a schedule of works has been prepared to improve the stormwater drainage to the western side of the Swansea Court House. These works are included in this round of Community Grant funding.



Swansea Courthouse

The Swansea Community Hall will have the toilets re-furbished, which will include a new disabled accessible toilet, and a baby change table.

The Swansea Community hall is currently having an NBN connection provided in the building. This connection will be required if the hall is used in emergencies. The connection will provide a continuous limited use free Wi-Fi connection.



Swansea Hall

#### Swansea Heritage Centre

Two additional Planners have been recruited to work for the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council.

A senior Planner will be working out of the Triabunna office.

Another planner engaged will be working two days from the Triabunna office and two days at the Swansea Heritage Centre on the Corner of Franklin and Noyes Streets, Swansea. A Council Planning Administration Officer will also staff the office in the Heritage Centre five days a week.



East Coast Heritage Centre, Swansea



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## Litter and Dumping

Tasmania prides itself on its clean air, water and land, yet litter is often visible in our parks, reserves and roadsides. Not only is litter unappealing, it ends up in our waterways and in the ocean. Reducing and preventing littering and dumping is everyone's responsibility: governments, businesses and individuals. The State Government is addressing these problems by increasing the penalties for littering and releasing a Report Rubbish web application to facilitate more litter clean-ups.

## Report Litter and Dumping

Make a report if you saw someone littering.  
Make a report if you found litter or a dump that needs to be cleaned up.

[www.epa.tas.gov.au/sustainability/litter-and-dumping/report-litter-and-dumping](http://www.epa.tas.gov.au/sustainability/litter-and-dumping/report-litter-and-dumping)

## GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL OPERATING HOURS CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

### COUNCIL OFFICES

The Council Offices will  
**CLOSE at 4.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
and **RE-OPEN at 9.00am on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

### WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

#### WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

All waste Transfer Stations will be **CLOSED** on Christmas Day.  
All other days remain unchanged.

Monday to Friday 2.30pm to 4.30pm • Saturday–Closed  
• Sunday 10.00am to 2.00pm

Open all public holidays – normal operating hours apply.

#### KERBSIDE COLLECTION

Due to Christmas Day being on Friday this year the **ORFORD** normal kerbside rubbish and recycling collection will be undertaken on **SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**(Please ensure bins are out by 6.00am)**

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