

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY CONNECT!

After a hiatus with COVID-19 impacts, Council is restarting *Community Connect* sessions across the municipality. Sessions will be held in early June 2021 at towns across the municipality. Please see venues and dates advertised.

The purpose of *Community Connect* is to enable council and the community to engage in discussions that will assist in strategic plan development and future decision making. Your input is valued and important.

At all the sessions Council will update you on key organisational matters and provide information on projects specific to locations. There will be opportunities for questions from the community and full and frank dialogue.

We wish to maximise participation and increase community satisfaction by giving this opportunity for more informed decision making. Elected members and management staff look forward to seeing you there.

Please note that these sessions will be in accordance with current COVID-19 restrictions and are not intended to be public complaint forums, as there is a separate process available for that.

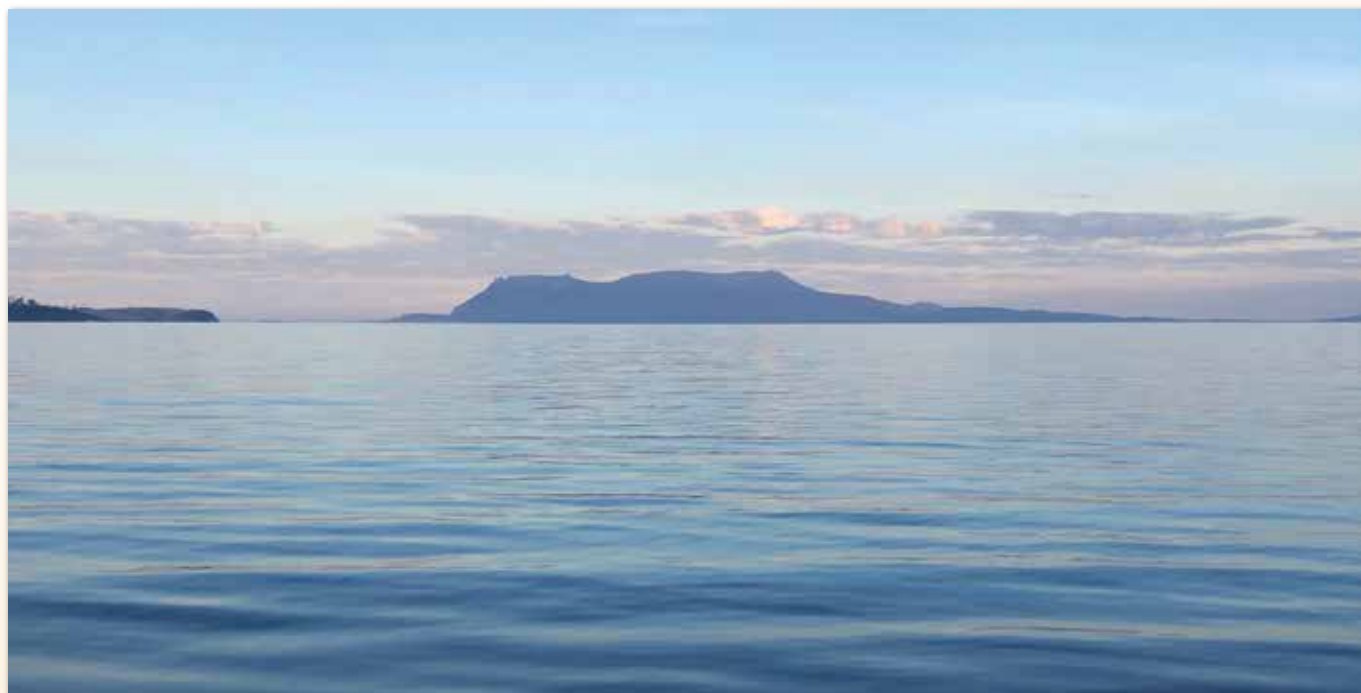


WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 2021

Time	Location
10:00am to 11:30am	Coles Bay Town Hall
2:00pm to 3:30pm	Bicheno Town Hall

WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE 2021

Time	Location
10:00am to 11:30am	Swansea Courthouse
2:30pm to 4:00pm	Triabunna Town Hall



A beautiful early Winter Maria Island, 2021

Mayoral Activity

Our Mayor Robert Young enjoys interacting with the community and has attended numerous engagements this year.

JANUARY	18	Attended meeting with Brian Mitchel MP
	21	Attended meeting with Swansea Doctors
FEBRUARY	02	Attended meeting with Cassy O'Connor MP & Alice Gilbin
	11	Attended East Coast Tourism Function at Spring Bay Mill
	23	ABC interview
	24	Attended meeting with MAST
MARCH	26	Attended Pollie Pedal barbecue at Bicheno
	14	Attended Bicheno Little Nippers
	22	Attended a meeting with a resident
	23	ABC radio interview



Polle Pedal Bicheno, 26 February 2021. From left: Greg Johnson, CEO Diabetes Australia, Guy Barnett and Mayor Robert Young

APRIL	7	Attended Freycinet Adventures 25 Years Celebration
	12	Citizenship Ceremony
	19	Orford Bridge Replacement Official Opening
	20	Attended Triabunna Football Ground Grant Announcement
	25	Attended Anzac Day Service in Bicheno

Message from the General Manager

Dear Residents and Ratepayers,

Welcome to the winter 2021 edition of SeaSpeak. Glamorgan Spring Bay Council has progressed significant matters in the first three months of 2021 and our region is looking up!

I had the pleasure of being part of a large crowd out at the Triabunna Recreational ground to watch Triabunna host Bothwell on a glorious first day of May. Triabunna had not beaten Bothwell for several years but they turned the tables on the visitors with a resounding 138 – 51 victory. Congratulations to our local lads!

There was an exciting vibe at the oval and it was great to see the local turn out. There were very positive comments made by host and visitor alike as to the condition of the ground and the sporting precinct generally. Well done to the Council maintenance team.

Several significant projects are currently underway, either in design or construction phase including but not limited to;

- A new foreshore walkway at Coles Bay which will have great vistas
- Upgrades to the Bicheno Gulch Esplanade area
- Refurbishment of the Bicheno triangle to create an exciting new public space

- Swansea main street upgrade
- Various new township footpaths



At the time of writing 18 active development applications were being assessed in our municipal area including in all of our larger townships, Bicheno, Coles Bay, Swansea, Triabunna and Orford.

This positive growth bodes well for our economy and our community generally. Council remains committed to ensuring a good balance is struck between growth and the potential impacts on our precious environment.

Greg Ingham, General Manager



Triabunna Score Board, 1 May 2021

April Citizenship Ceremony

On the 12th April 2021, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council welcomed new Australian citizens to our beautiful place. They came from as far and wide as Sweden, South Africa, and Columbia.

On behalf of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Community, we congratulate you and welcome you to the Australian family.

We wish you all the best in your new home and may you always reflect, remember, and rejoice each year on the 12th of April your commitment to becoming Australian citizens.

Congratulations!



Anna Jones and Ernest Jones, South Africa with Mayor Robert Young



Francisco Jose Guerrero Solane and Yurry Astrid Benavides Unigarro, Colombia with Mayor Robert Young



Emelie Fleming, Sweden with Mayor Robert Young

Anzac Day 2021

This year our community was again able to commemorate and honour the sacrifices of the ANZACS, it comes after much of the community marked the Nation's day of mourning from their driveways and homes due to the pandemic last year.

Sunday 25th of April, Services were held in the townships of Bicheno, Swansea and Triabunna. Community members gathered and paused along with other Australians to remember the sacrifices of our service men and woman in war.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn"



ANZAC DAY
Let's We Forget



BUILDINGS & MARINE

SUMMARY OF RECENT WORKS

Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program Phase 1 & Phase 2

Community infrastructure projects, funded by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 1 & Phase 2, have commenced across the municipality, some of the projects are complete.

Drought Communities Round Two Funding

Various projects across the municipality funded by the Drought Communities Round 2 funding are still under way, many have been completed.

Buckland Cricket Ground

The cricket practice nets at the Buckland cricket ground are now complete.



Bicheno Medical Centre

Renovations to the treatment room at the Bicheno Medical Centre will commence mid-2021.

Coles Bay Hall Tennis Courts



Work to remove invading roots and then re-surface the tennis courts at the Coles Bay hall reserve grounds have now been completed.

Swansea Child Care Centre

Improvements to the Swansea Child Care Centre are under way; most of the new fencing has been constructed.

Swansea Court House

Work at the Swansea Court House to address the stormwater rising damp issue is almost complete. Rubble drains and vents have been installed around the building to help aerate the ground water causing the rising damp.

Coles Bay Boat Ramp



The new fendering system has been installed at the Coles Bay Boat ramp. This Fendering system will help docking while launching and retrieving vessels at the boat ramp.

Triabunna Recreation Ground

The new cricket practice nets including synthetic turf at the Triabunna recreation grounds are complete.



WORKS DEPARTMENT

MAJOR PROJECTS

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council is the recipient of grant funds through the Federal Government's grant rounds for Community Development. The following projects are being funded through this source.

Orford Rivulet Bridge Opening

The Federal Government provided funding of \$1.02M for the replacement of the Orford Bridge and associated works on Rheban Road in Orford. Senator Claire Chandler (right) discussed the completed project with Mayor Robert Young at a visit to the site to view the outcome.



The former two concrete box culverts were replaced with a bridge structure and associated road works. The project was divided into two contracts/parts: Bridgeworks and Roadworks. Of the funds requested and provided, the bridge replacement cost was in the order of \$500,000 with the associated road and footpath works making up the balance.

Council, consultants, and contractors worked together to achieve a project of high quality in a tight time frame with some unique challenges. Added to the usual difficulties of infrastructure delivery was the inconvenience of heavy rains which produced a flood that in turn washed away a temporary bridge structure at a critical stage of the works. South Orford was briefly cut off with no alternate route until new temporary arrangements could be implemented.

The project significantly improves the delivery of high-volume storm water flows under Rheban Road with a widened flow path and contoured rivulet channels to reduce the likelihood of floodwaters breaching the road. Footpaths for pedestrians and bollards for driver safety complete a well landscaped project which enhances the streetscape.



Temporary Bridge washed away, 2020



Orford Rivulet Bridge – Reconstruction underway, 2020

The Gulch – Foreshore & Esplanade Upgrade, Bicheno

Council has obtained Grant Funding for the upgrade of parking, pedestrian pathways and walking trails, for the installation of Little Penguin nesting boxes and associated works at the Bicheno Gulch area. After consultation and development of a comprehensive scope to meet the many needs of the area, it may be necessary to stage the works with current grants unlikely to be enough to fund all the elements of the project at once.

The Gulch Foreshore and Esplanade Upgrade at Bicheno comprises the significant reconstruction and extension of two adjacent car parking areas along the Bicheno Esplanade. The 'car-parking' serves local business, tourist and community car parking and boat trailer/vehicle parking. The majority of the existing parking areas are deficient due to the existing steep gradients and vehicle access onto the Esplanade, as well as vehicle-pedestrian interaction and require upgrading to improve safety, and require extending to reduce congestion.

The principle elements of the design stage include:

- Information gathering and investigation associated with public interest, land management, heritage and environmental, usage statistics and business requirements
- Concept design for public consultation.
- Public consultation including government agency stakeholders and amendment of concept plans as necessary to obtain preliminary design.
- Preliminary design for submission for Department of State Growth permission to submit for Planning Permit Application.
- Detailed design and documentation.

The information gathering and consultation phases (1) of the project are complete along with the concept design (2) that is being reviewed at present prior to public consultation (3) commencing.

Coles Bay Foreshore Trail

A component of the Freycinet Peninsula Master Plan is the formalization and implementation of a walking and cycling trail around the Esplanade linking the town centre and Iluka Village.

Council has grant funding to implement this project and has been developing concept plans in conjunction with State Government agencies, and developing the necessary information to inform an achievable design for this busy area.

Key considerations are the business and private landowner requirements in addition to Parks and Wildlife key concerns in managing the natural values of the location.

Once plans are sufficiently developed and agreed with key stakeholders the consultation will widen to the general public.

Waste Management

Do you have difficulty handling your wheelie bins?

If you are having difficulties with your garbage/recycling bins due to age or physical disability, please contact Glamorgan Spring Bay Council offices to request assistance.

'Driver assist' is a service that Council offer, where the driver will hop out of the truck and collect the bins from your home empty the contents and then wheel the bins back to your house.

Lost/stolen or damaged wheelie bins?

If you require a new bin, lid or wheels due to it being damaged/lost or stolen please

complete a request on Councils website <https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/fees-payments/online-requests/> or contact the Council office on 6256 4777.



Weed Warning

Now is the time to check your property for the presence of Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*) and Serrated Tussock (*Nasella trichotoma*). Both these weeds are re-appearing in previously known areas. GSBC Weed Officers are inspecting and notifying ratepayers of the presence of these weeds and their obligation under the *Tasmanian Weed Management Act 1999* to eradicate them from their property.

For treatment information please go to:
dipwe.tas.gov.au

For additional information, or if you are concerned you may have an infestation, please contact GSBC Weed Officer, Amanda Brooks or Terry Higgs on 6256 4777.



Serrated Tussock



Serrated Tussock closeup



Bridal Creeper

Community Group and Council Collaboration

Across the municipality Council staff have been working with community groups to add to and improve our special natural environment. The countless hours our community members put in to improve our local parks and gardens is very much appreciated and valued. Long may the collaboration between council and environmental interest groups continue.



Cat Management

A 2020 paper estimates that in Australia 240 million native animals are killed by domestic cats annually. A roaming pet cat kills an average of 115 native animals a year and as a result millions of animals are killed in Tasmania each year by pet cats, in addition to the impact of stray and feral cats! Our special place doesn't deserve this.

In April Council considered a presentation and discussed a draft Southern Tasmanian Regional Cat Management Strategy. The draft Strategy has been developed to provide an aspirational and long-term framework within which partner organisations can voluntarily contribute, collaborate and align cat

management efforts within the Southern region. Partner organisations include Glamorgan Spring Bay Council, several other southern councils, Biosecurity, Parks and Wildlife authorities, RSPCA Tasmanian and Ten Lives Cat Centre.

If we, as a community value our native wildlife, then as a community we need to value responsible cat ownership.



It's Dog Registration Time 🐾

Our loyal K9 friends play such an important role in our lives providing companionship, assistance, security, and variable health benefits to us all.

Please be a responsible pet owner and register your pooch. Registering your furry friend increases the likelihood of your pet returning should it become lost. Please ensure that your dog is wearing its registration tag, it's the law. If a dog strays from home and can be identified GSBC will notify pet owners.

Under the *Dog Control Act 2000*, dogs aged 6 months and over must be registered by 31 July each year. This year, GSBC will offer a considerable discount to pet owners that register their dogs prior to the 31st July 2021.

Late payments this will attract the full fee, and if you fail to register your dog, you may get an infringement notice. If you have a valid concession card and wish to receive the concession on 1 dog, a Customer Service Officer must site this card to validate it.

In the unfortunate situation that your dog is deceased or is no longer at your premises you are obligated to notify Council. Once notified, Officers will cancel



the registration and you will not receive registration reminders.

Please advise council if you change your postal address to ensure that you receive your registration.



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Royal Flying Doctor Service
TASMANIA

The RFDS was created more than 90 years ago to address the absence of health services in remote and rural areas.

Royal Flying Doctors operate a wide range of aero-medical and primary care services in all states and the Northern Territory. These range from aero-medical evacuation, inter-hospital transfers, repatriation of patients, primary care clinics, aero-medical, road-based dental and other services.

Three RFDS Sections operate in Tasmania: SE (Aeromedical, aircraft, pilots and engineer; contracted to Ambulance Tas) Mobile Patient Care for low acuity road transfers and RFDS Tasmania.

The RFDS contributes \$623 million to GDP in Australia, and \$7.66 million in Tasmania with most of this in regional and remote areas.

RFDS has a strong commitment to the future rural and remote workforce. In its 60th year of operation in Tasmania they awarded their 60th UTAS/TAFE student scholarship to support medical, nursing and dental assistants that allows them to experience working rural and remote areas.

Prime Mover Program

Improving the Health of Rural and Remote Tasmanians

The Royal Flying Doctor Service Prime mover program supports people with heart and lung conditions to better self-manage their health and wellbeing.

It combines safe and effective tailored exercise programs, lifestyle education and skills development to motivate and enable participants to make changes to improve their physical, emotional and social health.

How to get involved?

To book into the Prime Mover Program please call the Physical Health Worker in your area.

GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY
Physical Health Worker
Phone: 0447 036 888



If you would like more information, please contact the physical health team leader on 0447 388 755.

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