

## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD CEREMONY 2022

It was with pleasure that the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council held the 2022 Australia Day Award Ceremony on 26 January at the Swansea Community Hall, after COVID-19 cancelled the previous year event.

The Awards were presented by Deputy Mayor, Jenny Woods and Australia Day Ambassador, Dr Shane Gould. Dr Gould is known as one of Australia's greatest Olympian swimmers.

Gary Stoward of Swansea was presented with the Senior Citizen of the Year Award due to his outstanding contribution to particularly emergency services and his passion for land-care in his community. He is a tremendous role model and mentor for all volunteers young and old.

The Community Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Gwen Bryan of Swansea. Gwen is a very dedicated and passionate community member who works selflessly and tirelessly behind the scenes giving her time and skills for the benefit of the community. Her contribution is very much appreciated.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Kelvin Jones of Swansea, for his tremendous support to community safety and rescuing of lost or injured walkers and the provision of exemplary youth leadership. It is a safer more inclusive and colourful community with Kelvin around.

On behalf of the community, the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council takes the opportunity to sincerely thank those who provided the excellent submissions for the Awards and congratulates all Award recipients.



Deputy Mayor Jenny Woods & Kelvin Jones



Deputy Mayor Jenny Woods & Gary Stoward



Deputy Mayor Jenny Woods & Gwen Bryan



## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



General Manager, Greg Ingham

Dear Residents and Ratepayers,

Welcome to the first SeaSpeak edition of 2022.

As noted on the front page, we had the pleasure of hosting Dr Shane Gould as our ambassador, one of Australia's greatest Olympians, winner of

5 Olympic medals in the 1972 Munich Olympics, at the tender age of 15! Dr Gould and Deputy Mayor Jenny Woods presented three worthy recipients with awards recognising their outstanding service to their local community. The award winners were:

Gary Stoward – Senior Citizen of the Year

Gwen Bryan – Community Volunteer of the Year

Kelvin Jones – Certificate of Appreciation.

Congratulations again Gary, Gwen and Kelvin and thank you for your contribution to our community.

At the time of writing, Council has embarked on developing its 2022/23 annual budget. Council is also in the process of reviewing its ten year Long Term Financial Management Plan. To this end Council will be providing an opportunity for the community to engage on all things financial at upcoming Community Connect sessions to be held through the municipality in late April and early May. (Please see details on Page 5).

One of the key actions under the Community Health and Wellbeing pillar of the Community 10 year Strategic Plan, Council commits to

advocating for adequate healthcare services. Great success has been had in securing permanent doctors for your municipality and in running vaccination clinics. Glamorgan Spring Bay has consistently outperformed other regional areas in Tasmania in providing high quality consistent medical services so vital to our community.

We are privileged to have a wetland of international significance – Moulting Lagoon between Swansea and Coles Bay. In 1982 the site was listed as wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Ramsar being the city in Iran where the convention was signed in 1971. The lagoon is home to many rare and significant plants and animals and provides critical feeding and roosting habitat for migratory shorebirds.

Much like its larger cousin to the north, the Prosser River mouth bird sanctuary at Orford provides important habitat for migratory and resident shorebirds. Whilst not listed as a Ramsar site the sand dunes and backwater support Hooded Plovers and Fairy Terns, two threatened species, amongst other bird species. Even a Rakali (Whitetailed Water Rat) has been sighted in the backwater.

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council, Parks and Wildlife Services and an independent consultant have jointly developed a draft Master Plan for the ongoing management of this important location. The draft Master Plan is expected to be endorsed by Council for public consultation and feedback in February/March 2022.

Greg Ingham,  
General Manager

**STOP THE PRESS!** News just in that successful grant applications under the Australian Government Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program include 7 programs to benefit our Municipality. Around \$3M will flow to this Municipality through a range of programs targeted at building resilience and community. More information to come as details emerge.



Aurora Australis or southern lights

## MAYORAL MESSAGE

As you may have seen in the media last year, Local Government reform is back on the agenda and a review identified by Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) and endorsed by Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC) will be to create a more robust and capable system of Local Government to meet the current and emerging needs of Tasmanian Communities and support Tasmania's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I attended a meeting in Devonport in November last year where the Minister for Local Government outlined the scope and process of the review. It is important to note that the review will focus on the roles and functions of Local Government, not the performance of individual councils.

The review will be undertaken in three, six-month stages.

### **Stage 1 – Community engagement and fact finding (January to June 2022)**

This stage is underway and will focus on community level consultation with Local Government, Local communities, users of Local Government services and other stakeholders. Everyone will have the opportunity to be involved and you are encouraged to participate. A Board, with the statutory role of reviewing councils and recommending reforms has been appointed to lead the process.

### **Stage 2 – Analysing options (July to December 2022)**

The Board will use feedback to identify specific needs and opportunities for reform.

### **Stage 3 – Recommending solutions (January to June 2023)**

The Board will refine options to deliver final recommendations for Government. It will do this by considering your feedback as well as other evidence collected through the process.

There have been several reports on reform in Local Government including community surveys, both on the mainland and in Tasmania. The reports have had, as a major focus, the question of optimum size and efficiency of Local Government organisations.

Reports have investigated a range of options including shared services delivery, regional collaboration, boundary adjustments, and voluntary, forced and failed amalgamations.

The established critical principles determined by the Minister for Local Government in Tasmania are that reform outcomes should always:

- be in the best interest of the community
- reserve and maintain local representation
- ensure financial sustainability of Local Government organisations
- improve the level and value of service for communities

I encourage you to read the following historical documentation that provides a good background to the Local Government reform.

- Report on a potential merger: Break O Day and Glamorgan Spring Bay Councils, October 2009
- Consolidation in Local Government Australia and NZ, May 2011
- KPMG South East Councils Feasibility Study, September 2016
- GSBC Community Survey, October 2017
- GSBC Special Meeting decision, January 2018

The Minister for Local Government will be visiting Glamorgan Spring Bay Council in March and the Local Government review is on the agenda for discussion. At the time of writing, the board are still settling the details of the Statewide Community Engagement Program.

For more information, refer to the review's website at [www.futurelocal.tas.gov.au](http://www.futurelocal.tas.gov.au)



Mayor Robert Young



Wineglass Bay

## WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE

### Road Reseal Works

If you have seen the presentations at community connect or through the website links, you will have some appreciation for the need for reseal works and the significant unfunded backlog requiring attention. With as many funds as are available, the annual reseal program got under way in February with priority works targeted at roads very close to road seal disintegration.

The condition of sealed roads throughout our area will be an ongoing concern for council and residents for some years as we look to renew roads in a timely way and address the backlog of previously underfunded works identified through the development of asset management plans.

### Rheban Road Bridge Griffiths Rivulet

Thank you for the patience of affected residents and road users of Rheban Road. The bridge is in. The divide is no more, and this popular link road can provide the level of service expected of it!

Thanks also to the Australian Government Road to Recovery Program and Community Infrastructure Fund Round 2 for providing the funds to replace and improve on what washed away.



Rheban Road bridge before additional safety barriers installed.

### Bicheno Transfer Station – New Entry Road

Council has been working with State Growth and Wallaroo Contracting to improve the safety of transfer station access off the Tasman Highway at Bicheno. Works are commencing on a new entry off the recently constructed Industrial Road.

To improve visibility, provide more room for maneuvering and provide a single entry off the highway these works should be completed soon. The existing entry will be closed as a transfer station access point when the new entry is operational.



## WASTE TRANSFER HOURS

### SUMMER HOURS

Open: Monday – Friday (2:30pm–4:30pm)  
Sunday (10:00am–2.00pm)  
Closed: Saturdays

### WINTER HOURS

Open: Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
(2:30pm–4:30pm)  
Sunday (10:00am–2.00pm)  
Closed: Saturdays

### WHEN THE HOURS CHANGE

The opening hours change at the end of October to the Summer Hours, then change to the Winter Hours at the end of April. Refer to the Council website for the specific dates of these changes. \*Open all public holidays except Christmas Day & Good Friday

## RECENT MEDIA RELEASE – Fairer Rates Model Adopted by Council

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council has approved its budget for the 2021-22 financial year, including an \$8.5 million capital program that invests in the future of the municipality.

Council has also agreed to the adoption of a fairer rates model that will better meet the needs of the community and help put the Council on a sustainable financial footing.

General Manager Greg Ingham said: “The Council had faced significant challenges, including the financial impact of COVID-19, which have contributed to a projected operating loss of \$787,000 in the coming financial year and a legacy of unfulfilled statutory requirements (with their inherent financial implications).

Importantly, our Long Term Financial Plan provides a roadmap to deal with these challenges and get back on a path to sustainability.

I wish to thank Councillors for making the difficult but responsible decisions to ensure the Council can

better meet the needs of residents into the future.

The Assessed Annual Value rates model that has been adopted is fairer, more equitable and reflects the growth in the region.

Under the old system a flat rate was applied to all residential properties in each town.

Moving to a system that is based on the value of individual properties means a significant number of residents will see a reduction in their rates, while others with high value properties will see their rates increase. Even where rates increase, however, they will still be in line with rates charged in neighboring municipalities.

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council offers financial hardship assistance for individuals experiencing genuine and serious financial hardship. The Council also offers rates remissions for eligible concession card holders, as well as community groups.”

Mr Ingham said: “Capital works priorities had been guided by new asset management plans.”

## COMMUNITY CONNECT

Council would like to invite you to the Community Connect sessions shown here. These sessions will be held with Councillors and Senior Management at the following locations:

### WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL

TIME	LOCATION
10:00am to 11:30am	Coles Bay Town Hall
2:00pm to 3:30pm	Bicheno Town Hall

### WEDNESDAY 4 MAY

TIME	LOCATION
9:30am to 11:00am	Swansea Town Hall
2:30pm to 4:00pm	Triabunna Town Hall

Community Connect will enable Council to inform the community of important and relevant matters within the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipal area. There will also be an opportunity for the community to ask questions of Council to facilitate improved understanding of issues. To manage the time efficiently for all, and keep the session focused strategically, routine complaints/requests (e.g.,

roads / potholes) should be forwarded to Council's Customer request system rather than be raised at these sessions.

Community participation in direct conversations with Council contributes to more informed decision making. We are very pleased to offer this opportunity to anyone who wants to come along, have a tea/coffee and an informal catch up.

Please note that COVID-19 restrictions current at the time will apply.



## THE HAPPY PLACE – MILLINGTON'S BEACH



George

**Y**oung George enjoys travelling from Ballarat to the East Coast to visit his grandmother and the Millingtons Beach Reserve!

George has been visiting Orford since he was a baby and considers it to be his happy place! He enjoys many of the same activities that we do on the Coast, such as fishing, river kayaking, walking, and exploring. George's passion for nature has made him aware of litter and the importance of protecting our beautiful environment.

He was upset to see litter in his happy place while exploring the forest through to Millingtons Beach and decided to do something about it.

He quickly went to the reserve with a garbage bag and began working, collecting rubbish, and depositing it in the Council garbage bin.

Council is grateful to George for his assistance in keeping the paradise that we call home beautiful. Our future rests in young people like George.

## LOCAL WOMAN'S CRICKET STAR

**Did you know that Glamorgan Spring Bay has an Australian woman's cricket star?**

Veronica Pyke from Orford is a cricket icon who played for the Tasmanian Roar and Hobart Hurricanes.

Veronica was the first captain of the Tasmanian Roar when the that team joined the National competition. Originally she was known as a left-arm bowler, but over time she has developed into an all-rounder. During the 2012-2013 Woman's National Cricket League competition, she scored a total of 151 runs.

In 2013-2014 Veronica won the Tasmanian Roar Player of the Year award, after also being named the Womans National Cricket League Player of the Year and WT20 Player of the Year.

Veronica was part of the Hobart Hurricanes squad for the Women's Big Bash League inaugural season in 2015-16. She finished second on that season's table of the leading WBBL wicket takers, with 22 wickets at an average of 13.09, and a best performance of 3 for 19 against the Melbourne Renegades. At the end of the season, the Australian Cricketers' Association selected her in its WBBL

All Star Team of the Year. She was also a member of the Hurricanes squad for the 2016-17 WBBL season. In November 2018, she was named in the Hobart Hurricanes' squad for the 2018-19 Women's Big Bash League season.

Veronica is a talented athlete and has done well to represent Tasmania doing what she loves, she first begun playing cricket locally in the league with the men. Off the field, Veronica is a very valued member of Council's Parks & Reserves team.



## SPRING BAY TABLE TENNIS by Cheryl Weily



Spring Bay Table Tennis became operational on Wednesday August 4, 2021. This was made possible by some passionate table tennis players in the community banding together to set up the Club and much appreciated financial support was provided by Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and the local Pop-Up Book Stall.

The Orford Community Hall houses our gathering every Wednesday between 1pm and 3 pm. Spring Bay Table Tennis have a regular group of around 20 who arrive each week, help set up and then the games begin.

The original goal was to provide access to table tennis, but also, for this to be an additional social opportunity within our community. If laughter and banter are the gauge to success, then Spring Bay Table Tennis has been a winner. Each week, someone arrives with cake or biscuits to share, and we all enjoy a cuppa and catch up as a welcome break between games.

Occasionally there is a roster competition for table tennis singles and doubles games. However, the favourite for everyone is just 'come and play' table

tennis. It is great to see how everyone mixes and joins in.

Spring Bay Table Tennis originally thought and applied for funding for two tables. However, we quickly realised that we needed more. A community member kindly loaned their table to the group and all three tables are consistently in play.

Spring Bay Table Tennis have made a friendship with Port Sorell Table Tennis group, and they have been supportive in helping the group in becoming operational. We have met with them at Campbell Town and there are future plans for them to come and visit.

Spring Bay Table Tennis have our own Facebook page that is updated and viewed by many each week.

We have had requests for additional night-time sessions to enable people who work, the opportunity to join in as well, pending booking this will occur early 2022.

Come along and join in the fun!





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## EASTER PERIOD OPERATING HOURS

### Council Office

Council Offices will close at 4:30pm on Thursday 14 April 2022 and will re-open on Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 9:00am. The Council Office will also be closed on ANZAC Day 25 April 2022.

### East Coast Health Medical Centre

Please be advised the Triabunna and Bicheno practices will close at 4:30pm on Thursday 14 April 2022 and re-open on Tuesday 19 April at 8:30am.

Closed ANZAC Day – 25 April 2022.

### East Coast Heritage Museum

The East Cost Heritage Museum will be closed from Good Friday 15 April until Wednesday 20 April 2022.

The Museum will be opening on ANZAC Day after the Service.

### Waste Transfer Stations

All Waste Transfer Stations closed on Good Friday, 15 April 2022.

### Kerbside Collection

There will be no interruption to kerbside collection over the Easter period. Our contractors will be operating on all public holidays during this time.



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