

SeaSpeak

GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL NEWS
AUTUMN 2024



Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the Autumn edition of SeaSpeak.

It was a pleasure during the last 3 months to preside over Citizenship Ceremonies. It is a privilege to be part of what can be a long process for people to make what I am sure is a life-changing decision. There is a report elsewhere in this edition of SeaSpeak on this important occasion.

At the end of January, we celebrated the recipients of our Citizen of the Year and Community Volunteer. Nic Wardlaw was a very deserving winner of Citizen of the Year. Sophie Murfitt is a powerhouse when it comes to volunteering and the community and was a clear winner for Community Volunteer. Congratulations to you both.

The end of January was a busy time that included the resignation of Clr. Richard Parker that was accepted with regret. Clr. Parker and his wife Lyn sold their Triabunna home and moved to Sorell to be closer to their family. As a result of the resignation, there was a recount for Councillor. There were 3 eligible candidates from the 2022 election that indicated their willingness to be part of the recount. Council thanks Mr. Pat Gadd, Mrs. Annie Browning and Mr. Kenneth Gregson for their commitment to their community and willingness to be a Councillor. By the time you read this, Mr. Gregson will be Clr. Gregson and we welcome him to the Chamber.

Council has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State Government to progress some important matters for our area. It is not specific to Glamorgan Spring

Bay Council but rather a broader focus across the Break O'Day and Glamorgan Spring Bay Council municipal areas that will benefit all of us and future generations. The tourism sector is a signatory to the MOU and will take a lead role in some areas. One unexpected but very welcome positive to come out of the MOU discussions was a commitment for public amenities to support the youth of Bicheno (the skatepark). If you would like to read the Premier's media release, the following is a link to the Latest News page on Council's website <https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/community-projects/latest-news/>

Council is very pleased to be part of this exciting MOU project and looks forward to working with the government on achieving the outcomes outlined in the agreement. We have advocated for a very long time for Government support for our iconic areas and the impact the push for more tourists has on our ageing infrastructure. The support for Triabunna as the gateway to Maria Island is particularly pleasing with the planned influx of tourists to Tasmania and as the gateway to one of the most visited destinations in our State.

Don't forget – Councillors cannot direct staff on any operational matter but we can raise whatever might be concerning you. All Councillors can be contacted by email council@freycinet.tas.gov.au. Our individual contact details are shown in this publication.

Cheryl Arnol
Mayor

Injured giant fish found on Dolphin Sands beach

This strange looking fish was found on Nine Mile Beach at Dolphin Sands recently. The Ocean Sunfish is one of the largest bony fish in the world. Adults can weigh up to 1,000kgs. A sunfish caught in 1910 weighed an estimated 1,600kgs!

Sunfish are considered a delicacy in some parts of the world. They are known to bask on the surface of the ocean, on their sides, presenting their large profiles to the sun. This activity puts them in direct conflict with marine craft, potentially causing damage to both craft and the fish.

Sadly this juvenile, estimated at 100kgs, appeared to have wounds on its head that may have been caused by a water craft.





From the General Manager

Dear residents and ratepayers,
The new year started off with a bang!

The snap announcement in early February of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by Government has resulted in some great news for the East Coast region. The MOU is a strategic partnership between the State Government, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council, Break'O Day Council, Tourism Industry Council, East Coast Tourism and Regional Development Australia.

Council is committed to its vision of having a network of accessible, convenient, safe, clean and well maintained toilets to enhance our public areas. To assist in achieving this vision we are about to undertake a Public Toilet Strategy. A Strategy informs the design, upgrade and maintenance of existing and new public toilet facilities.

We have recently completed an audit of the municipality toilets and the results of this audit will be incorporated into the strategy to guide recommendations and timing of upgrades.

On the next page of this publication you have the chance to take part in the public survey by scanning the QR code, alternatively you can visit Council's website to complete the survey. Hardcopy versions of this survey are available on request from the Council Office. This survey contains questions that are engaging and quick to answer so we strongly encourage you to participate.

After gathering community input, we will create a draft of the strategy, considering your feedback. This draft will be presented to the Council in May/June for approval, and we'll seek your input again. We expect to finalise the Public Toilet Strategy in September 2024. Once adopted, we'll be in a good position to secure external funds for toilet upgrades and development. In the meantime, we are committed to keeping our facilities clean and tidy.

The Tasmanian Emerging Community Leaders award ceremony took place at Parliament House on Valentines Day!

The Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) recognises the value of developing leadership skills across the community that will enable them to help their community prosper. A Fund was provided by way of a grant through the Community Leadership Institute to enable the program to happen in conjunction with TCF.

It was a privilege to attend the ceremony to witness one of our very own, Eliza Hazelwood, receive her certificate after successfully completing the 2023 Emerging Community Leaders Program. Eliza is Council's Community and Communications Officer, and we extend our congratulations to her on this wonderful achievement that will reap benefits for her, Council and the community. Minister Jo Palmer provided a moving address about leadership. Well done Eliza!



Greg Ingham with Eliza Hazelwood above and Kenneth Gregson below



At a 'Swearing In' Ceremony in Triabunna Kenneth Gregson signed a Declaration of Office in becoming a new Glamorgan Spring Bay Council elected member. Councillor Gregson replaces Richard Parker who resigned in January. We wish Councillor Gregson all the best in his new role and look forward to his contribution to Council.

Greg Ingham
General Manager

Your Voice Matters:
Glamorgan Spring Bay Public Toilet Strategy Survey Now Open!



Exciting news! Glamorgan Spring Bay is taking steps to enhance our public toilet facilities, and we need your input. Our *Public Toilet Strategy Survey* is now live, and we invite you to be a part of this transformative process.

Why Your Participation is Crucial:

Public toilets are integral to our community and tourism experience, and your insights will shape the future design, maintenance, and functionality of these facilities. The survey aims to address current and future demands, ensuring our public spaces meet community expectations.

How to Participate:

Scan the QR code visit the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council website to share your thoughts. Hard copies are available upon request.

Your contribution will make a significant impact on the vibrancy and accessibility of our community spaces. Let's work together to create facilities that truly reflect the needs and preferences of our diverse community.

This survey will close on 17 March 2024.

Thank you for being a part of this exciting journey!



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates

Ordinary meetings of Council are held at the Triabunna Council Offices typically on the **fourth Tuesday of each month commencing at 2pm.**

Meetings are live streamed on Council's YouTube channel and members of the public are invited to register to attend the Council Meeting in person.

Upcoming Dates at the Triabunna Council Offices:

- Tuesday 26 March 2024
- Tuesday 23 April 2024
- Tuesday 28 May 2024
- Tuesday 25 June 2024
- Tuesday 23 July 2024
- Tuesday 27 August 2024
- Tuesday 24 September 2024
- Tuesday 22 October 2024
- Tuesday 26 November 2024
- Tuesday 10 December 2024
- Tuesday 10 December 2024 (Annual General Meeting) – 5:30pm



Scan this QR Code for Council's YouTube Channel.

Rates Instalments

Mark your calendars! Your annual rates are payable in 4 instalments. Don't miss the remaining upcoming deadline on, 30th April 2024. Stay on top of your payments and avoid any late fees.

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Rates notice reprints

Charges may apply for re-issuing of notices for previous financial years, please keep your notices for your records. To view and download your rates notice from 2019/20 onwards free of charge, sign up for eNotices at gsbc.enotices.com.au

Works and Infrastructure Update

The patience and determination of the Bicheno community has been rewarded with the completion of the skate park. Funded predominantly by Tasmanian Community Fund, many community organisations, the Bicheno Community Development Association and Council, this is a great example of community working together for provision of facilities.



Further development proposed is public amenities and car park.

Parks and Reserves

A lonely slab of concrete at Duck Park has been re-purposed as a basketball half court with the installation of this hoop and backboard. Line marking of the court will complete the repurposing.



Waste Management

Waste oil from marina occupants can now be placed in sealed containers on the bunds provided on either side of the marina. Help us look after our environment by disposing of all wastes appropriately.

From February onwards no more burning will be permitted at Council transfer stations. All green waste delivered to the site will be chipped. Council's aim is to develop the process of mulch production to enable a product to be provided to the public. At present, there is a cost to deliver green waste to the site. Initially we propose to offer much, when it is available, to the public for free in



domestic quantities. Once we have a reliable process we will consider if green waste can once again be received at no cost and a satisfactory mulch product sold to the public.

Road works

Council's reseal and pavement rehabilitation program is the main road project for Council at present with just over \$1M going to these works each year. The program this year was completed before Christmas. From Buckland to Bicheno and in between, roads in the worst condition are progressively being shortlisted for inclusion in this program for renewal. Photo of Spring Beach improvement to drainage, parking and road rehabilitation and reseal and one of the courts where seal has failed now asphalted for a more robust surface.



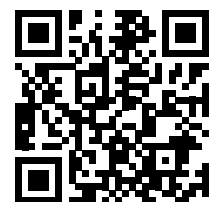
GSBC Relay for Life Team

– Striding forward together makes a significant impact

Come one, come all! Relay For Life – an event that is both enjoyable and touching - contributes to raising vital funds for the Cancer Council's research, prevention, and supportive care services. Relay offers a wonderful opportunity for the East Coast community to acknowledge and celebrate local cancer survivors, those going through a cancer experience and their caregivers, as well as pay tribute to loved ones lost and to raise money to help save more lives. Every dollar raised in Tasmania, stays in Tasmania! Be a part of the multitude of Australians who

participate in the Cancer Council's Relay For Life every year and help pave the way to a cancer-free future. Sign up or join a team in the Triabunna 2024 Relay today!

If joining isn't feasible, no worries! Consider supporting the cause by making a donation. Scan the QR code to contribute today or visit the Council Office in person.



Celebrating Australia Day in Glamorgan Spring Bay!

What an incredible day it was! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the official ceremony – your presence made the event truly special.

Today marked a significant milestone as we proudly welcomed 3 new Australian Citizens, each with unique stories and backgrounds that enrich the fabric of our diverse nation.

It was a joyous occasion filled with warmth, unity, and a true sense of community spirit.

Mayor Cheryl Arnol, supported by Councillor Jenny Woods and Australia Day Ambassador Mr. Paul Cullen, bestowed

Australia Day Awards upon deserving individuals who have made remarkable contributions to our community.

Our heartfelt congratulations to the winners:

Citizen of the Year: Nic Wardlaw

Community Volunteer of the Year: Sophie Murfitt

These exceptional individuals exemplify the spirit of generosity and selflessness, going above and beyond to make our community a better place for all.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributes to the well-being of our community, making Glamorgan Spring Bay a place we are all proud to call home.



Glamorgan Spring Bay Council

EASTER

Operating Hours

Council Office:
The Triabunna Council Office will be closed from 4:30pm on Thursday the 28th March and will re-open on Wednesday the 3rd April at 9:00am.

Waste Transfer Stations:
All Waste Transfer Stations will be CLOSED on Good Friday (29th March) All other days remain unchanged.

Kerbside Collection:
Kerbside Collection will remain the same over the easter period.

Weed Warning

Now is the time to check your property for the presence of Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*) and Spanish Heath (*Erica lusitanica*). Both these weeds are re-appearing in previously known areas.



Living with Snakes

The very thought of snakes fill some people with terror, whilst others are fascinated by these enigmatic creatures. Through the ages, humanity has been obsessed by snakes in myths, legends and superstitions. For example the northern Australian Aboriginal people believe that the creator of life was a giant snake, the Rainbow Serpent, which caused lightning and storm.

Sadly, snakes have been endlessly persecuted because of fear and superstition. Australians have often been guilty of killing snakes for no reason other than fearing them. It may come as a surprise to learn that snakes are not habitually aggressive and venom is used primarily to secure food and not as a defence. Only in the breeding season may they become territorial. Where humans are concerned, snakes are actually shy animals preferring to move away and hide or lie still in the hope of being overlooked. Their natural camouflage generally makes them inconspicuous.

Fortunately, attitudes are beginning to change and people are learning to respect these marvellous reptiles. So, before you reach for a stick, calmly assess the risks. You may even begin to admire them - certainly you should respect them.

Roles and Values

Like other natural predators snakes are important in regulating populations of their prey. Without such predators, prey species tend to overpopulate, leading to starvation and disease.

- Because Australia has few diurnal mammalian predators, birds and reptiles are very important. In Tasmania we do not have large goannas and therefore snakes are the most important reptile predators.
- Snakes are an important food source for a number of other animals such as birds of prey.
- Snakes eat introduced rodents and birds.

Snakes have other values. Many people enjoy watching them. Some populations, because of their long-term isolation, are excellent subjects for the study of evolution and competition. Like all native species they have a right to exist. Tasmania's snakes are protected by law in all state reserves.

Encountering Snakes

Snakes may be seen in the most surprising places (including cities) especially when water is in short supply. It is best to leave them alone or watch them from uphill. If they must be disturbed do it from a distance.

Although most will be just passing through, snakes do occasionally take up residence in suburban yards. During prolonged dry periods, they are attracted to gardens in search of water in rubbish, dog bowls, fishponds, swimming pools etc. Properties near scrubby creeks are especially prone to serpentine visits.

To minimise such presence in your garden keep:

- grass mown.
- garden debris to a minimum.



- wood heaps away from the house, and/or elevated 0.5m above ground level.
- under the house well sealed or very clear and dry.
- standing water and wet spots to a minimum.
- seal cracks in concrete which may shelter lizards. Rockeries are a major attraction for lizards.
- have a well maintained paling fence.

If you like snakes and want to encourage them it is easy to create an attractive habitat.

Living with Snakes | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (nre.tas.gov.au)



For more information go to:

<https://nre.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/living-with-wildlife/living-with-snakes>



Have Your Say in Shaping Our Community's Future!

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Annual Community Survey 2024/25

Your voice matters! Glamorgan Spring Bay Council invites you to participate in our Annual Community Survey for the year 2024/25. This survey is a crucial tool that empowers you to influence the focus areas for the Council's service provision in the upcoming year.

Why Participate?

Shape the Future: Your insights help us evaluate and enhance our performance for a more effective service delivery.

Your Satisfaction Matters: Share your thoughts on the services and facilities we provide to ensure they meet your expectations.

Addressing Local Issues: Contribute your opinions on significant local issues, guiding our efforts to better serve the community.

How to Participate:

Scan the QR code to complete the survey, visit the Council website <https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/community-projects/community-consultation> or request a hard copy from the Council Office to complete the survey, sharing your valuable perspectives.

Your feedback is instrumental in guiding our efforts to create a vibrant, responsive, and thriving community.

Together, let's make Glamorgan Spring Bay an even better place to live!

Greg Ingham
General Manager



Dear Kate in Swansea – Exhibition

Dear Kate is an exhibition of the art and life of Catherine Penwarne Mitchell (1847 – 1878) currently showing at the East Coast Heritage Museum. The exhibition highlights the artistic legacy of the Mitchell family – the talents of Catherine Augusta Mitchell, her daughters Catherine Penwarne and Sarah Elizabeth, who lived on Tasmania's east coast in the 1860s.

Through their intricate drawings and paintings, the Mitchell sisters captured their adventures exploring wild forests and windswept coastlines with pets, picnics, boating and hunting featured in the visual stories they created.

At the heart of this exhibition is the remarkable respect and bond evident between Catherine Penwarne, or 'Dear Kate,' and her sister Sarah. Even after Kate's passing in 1878, Sarah with the support of their niece Grace Mitchell devoted nearly seven decades to preserving their shared artistic efforts. The resulting The Mitchell Scrapbook, chronicle the life-long work of these women, and remain a precious handmade treasure for all Tasmanians.

The *Dear Kate* exhibition was developed by Jane Giblin, a modern-day descendant of the extended Mitchell family and includes new works by Jane. These works breathe

new life into Kate's drawings, revealing the fascinating stories and timeless spirit of the Mitchell women.

Whilst the exhibition is in Swansea, Jane will hold workshops in March and April aimed at gathering writing and imagery based on family stories.



Sarah at the Tiller

Please call the Museum 03 6256 5066 to register your interest in these small group sessions and find out more.

DISCOVER THE RICH TAPESTRY OF LOCAL HISTORY!

The East Coast Heritage Museum is on the lookout for passionate volunteers to join our team as visitor liaisons and curatorial assistants.

Whether you're a history buff or simply love engaging with visitors, we have exciting opportunities waiting for you.

Ready to make a difference? Call us today to express your interest or drop by for a firsthand look at the museum and explore the possibilities that await you. Contact Maree Pyke or our dedicated Museum Manager, Cecilia Broderick, at 03 6256 5066.

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LOCAL MARKETS

Triabunna

Third Sunday in each month, from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Bicheno

17 March 9:00am to 1:00pm
31 March 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Swansea

Second Saturday in each month from 9:30am to 1:00pm starting in September



Waste Transfer Station Winter Hours May 2024

Commencing Monday 6th May 2024 to Sunday 27th October 2024 the following opening hours apply to Orford, Swansea, Coles Bay, and Bicheno:

Open: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Open: Sunday 10.00am – 2.00pm

Closed: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Closed: Christmas Day & Good Friday

*Normal operating hours apply on all public holidays.

Please Note: The Orford Waste Transfer Station may close with limited notice due to adverse weather conditions (such as excessive wind gusts), for the safety of customers.

Eftpos is available at all Waste Transfer Stations.

Stay informed on issues you care about

Did you know? that Council regularly uses email databases to directly communicate with our communities on a variety of issues.

We have databases for:

- Various Townships
- Community Groups
- The Business Community
- A Newsletter Database

We use these to share information about Council activities relevant to you and is one of the easiest ways for you to know what is happening in our area. If you would like to join one of our databases please email: community@freycinet.tas.gov.au and advise which databases you would like to join.

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