

# SeaSpeak

GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL NEWS  
AUTUMN 2023

## Australia Day Awards

It was with great honour that Council hosted the 2023 Australia Day Awards Ceremony.

The 2023 Australia Day Awards Ceremony was held on 26 January 2023 at the Bicheno Memorial Hall.

There was a large turnout of family and friends to celebrate 5 new Australian Citizens from far and wide, a momentous occasion for them. We're proud to welcome these new Aussies from all parts of the world.

Australia Day Awards were presented by Mayor Cheryl Arnol with the support of Councillor Jenny Woods and Australia Day Ambassador Mr. Robert Ravens.

Glamorgan Spring Bay Australia Day Awards also recognise individuals and organisations that have made a positive contribution during the year and/or have given outstanding service over a number of years, to their local community. Outstanding contribution

and community service includes areas such as education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment, or any other area that makes a real and positive difference in the community and helps to inspire others.

Council thanks you one and all for your significant contribution and the fine example you set for our communities.

Award winners were:

- Citizen of the Year, Helen Gamble
- Young Citizen of the Year, Abbey Quinn
- Emergency Volunteer of the Year, Ken Nichols

Congratulations to our award winners on their very deserving awards and again thank you for everything that you do in our community!



From left: Christopher Nichols, Helen Gamble, Abbey Quinn and Shane Nichols.



## Upcoming Community Connect Sessions

Council would like to invite you to the below Community Connect sessions to engage on the 2023/24 Budget. These sessions will be held with Councillors and Senior Management at the following locations:

### WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023

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

### THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2023

Time	Location
10:00am – 11:30am	Swansea Town Hall
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Triabunna Town Hall

We're committed to spending your rates wisely and providing community services, infrastructure and programs that suit your needs. To do this, we need to know what is important to you.

We've started working on the 2023/24 draft Budget and review of Councils 10 year financial plan and have launched a survey where you can provide feedback for the next financial year. We will present the results of the survey, and your feedback at the sessions. Your feedback will inform and help Council finalise the 2023/24 Budget for public consultation in May 2023 and later Council endorsement.

By getting your feedback, we can deliver a draft Budget in May 2023 that already largely meets your expectations and aspirations.

Your input on the priority areas of Councils strategic plans objectives is very important and we hope to see you at the community connect sessions.

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



## Message from your Mayor

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of SeaSpeak. The Councillors have all been busy with interactions with community members, workshops, Council meetings and lots of reading that comes with the life of a local government Councillor. It is wonderful to see those elected to Council late last year embracing their roles with enthusiasm.

All Councillors have established a solid working relationship with staff that is seeing some positive outcomes. I congratulate the General Manager and his senior staff for being so patient in answering all the questions that have arisen!

In another forum recently I wrote that I don't know where the saying originated from, but I have often said that too many times on any matter, people 'kick the gravel in the carpark' instead of raising their concern. It applies to many aspects of our life whether its sport or community or Council and often we don't raise a matter because we don't want to be seen as serial complainers or we may feel that we will be victimised.

Council and staff are currently working on a communication strategy to involve the community in our upcoming rates and budget discussion. Some things being planned are face-to-face discussions in a community connect style forum, a survey that will be available on Council's website and direct

communication with the chamber of commerce in each area and community associations. I would encourage you to get involved in any way you can. Council needs to hear from you about what you want for your community.

Council was delighted to be advised that a Primary Care Rural Innovative Multidisciplinary Model (PRIMM) Grant had been granted to cohealth to work with Glamorgan Spring Bay, existing general practices and Health Consumers Tasmania to co-design a local, integrated multidisciplinary model of primary care. PRIMM grants help rural and remote communities analyse their primary healthcare needs and design models of care that will work for them.

Our front page of this edition of SeaSpeak covers the Australia Day celebrations. It was my privilege to confer Australian Citizenship on five members of our community as well as present the awards to our Citizens of the Year.

Councillors cannot direct staff in any operational matter but we can raise whatever might be concerning you. Don't forget that all Councillors can be contacted by email [council@freycinet.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@freycinet.tas.gov.au). Our individual contact details are shown on the back page of this publication.

Cheryl Arnol  
Mayor



Left to right: Councillor Jenny Woods, Mr Chandra Kanth Vennu, Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Ms Devi Uprety, Mrs Warakorn Bunarraksitthi, Mrs Susan Lucas. Front Row: Mr Avik Acharya.





## From the General Manager

Council wants to hear from you!

As part of our community engagement process we wish to assess our customer perceptions of council performance. Your feedback will be used as a benchmark for future consultation to enable measurement against objectives set by council in its strategic planning process and statutory functions. Your voice will also help guide council in its budget deliberations and formulation of the 2023/24 budget.

We propose to consult with you through three key mechanisms:

1. A community survey. A telephone survey of a portion of our residents will be conducted in addition to online and hard-copy options.
2. A review of customer requests over the last two years to establish those areas where works have been most requested will assist in establishing areas of greatest need.
3. Direct community consultation in a series of Community Connect sessions – four sessions held early April in our major population centres of Triabunna/Orford, Coles Bay, Bicheno and Swansea. The dates, venue and times for these sessions are advertised on the front page of this publication.

Please look out for information on Councils website in regards to the community survey and budget.

On another important matter of consultation, the Tasmanian Government has commissioned the Local Government Board to undertake a review of the role function and design of local government in Tasmania. This is a critical opportunity for all of us to be involved. The review is a once in a generation opportunity to design a

local government system that can respond to the growing demands and changing needs of our communities, now and in the decades ahead.

In December last year, the Board released an *options paper*. This paper lays out a broad and ambitious set of ideas and options for improving Tasmania's current system of local government. You can read the proposed options at:

[www.engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au](http://www.engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au)

Three potential pathways for re designing Local Government in Tasmania have been identified:

1. Significant (mandated) sharing and consolidation of services
2. Boundary consolidation to achieve fewer larger councils
3. A 'hybrid model' combining both targeted sharing of services and targeted boundary consolidation.

By the time you read this the Board will have hosted a series of Community Meetings across Tasmania including Bicheno in our municipality in February. The meetings will have provided the opportunity to discuss draft options for local government reform.

A final report on the Local Government review with recommendations on structural reform going forward is expected around June 2023.

The newly elected Glamorgan Spring Bay Council has settled in well. Since the Councillor Swearing in Ceremony in November, Council has held two Ordinary Council meetings and three workshops. 2023 promises to be another very busy year.

Greg Ingham  
General Manager

Scan the QR code to have your say about the 2023/24 budget! >>



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## Works and Infrastructure

### Annual Road Re-sealing Campaign Snapshot of asset condition

The past 6 months have been dominated by stormwater complaints and enquiries and drawn staff away from construction activities to respond to critical issues. In January, customer requests for works to sealed roads exceeded stormwater requests for the first time in two years and reflects the impact rain is having on the sealed road condition.

Council is very aware of the overall condition of the road networks Staff continue to prioritise works in accordance with available funds. The wet weather is impacting roads across Australia with increased pavement failure and more rapid deterioration as a result.

Council is yet to achieve the financial sustainability position required to replace or renew assets as they fail which means the condition of the overall road network is in decline. The Long Term Financial Plan seeks to resolve this situation.

### February/March 2023

Schedule change maybe subject to weather.

#### Freycinet Drive, Coles Bay

Road surface re-claiming and resealing. Work scope area- from approx 100m south of Esplanade, for approx 1600m along Freycinet Drive towards the Fisheries. Proposed completion Feb/March 2023.

#### Charles Street, Orford

Road surface reclaiming and resealing. Work scope area- from Prosser River Road (Highway) to approx #8 Charles Street (up to section previously resealed in 2022) Proposed completion Feb/March 2023.

#### Rosedale Road, Bicheno

Road surface reclaiming, stabilisation and resealing. Work scope area- from Apsley River Bridge to approx the Eastern side of Ferndale Road. Extra drainage works to be completed also Proposed completion Feb/March 2023.

#### Buckland Rd, Buckland

Road Surface reclaiming and resealing. Work Scope area- numerous areas from Sand River Road west to approx 2km before end of existing seal.

### Major Projects

#### Bicheno Triangle

Tenders for the project closed. The scope of the project is being revised and repriced.

#### Bicheno Gulch

Information for the Development Application is still being assessed by key stakeholders.

#### Coles Bay Walking Track

The tender is being developed with a view to construction in the near future.

### Swansea Street Upgrade

Construction is progressing. The Taswater main replacement is partially complete with another section to do prior to footpath completion.

### Resealing and Pavement Renewal

Commenced with works in the Bicheno, Coles Bay, Orford and Buckland areas commenced or programmed.

### EV Charger is up and operating

Triabunna's fast charger for electric vehicles is operational. Located in the car park between the Hall and the Gateway amenities, the charger will assist electric vehicle drivers to access the East Coast with confidence.



To assist in making the area safer for pedestrians, Speed humps have been installed in two locations at the Triabunna Marina.



### Do you have a problem near you?

–Let Council know by filling out a [Works Request](#)

Please scan the QR code to submit a Works Request to notify Council of the following:

- Missed kerbside collection
- Footpath and walking track maintenance
- Stormwater
- Trees
- Signage
- Public amenities
- Road maintenance (on council roads only)





## Buildings and Marine Update

### Triabunna Recreation Ground – Changeroom upgrade

Construction work to upgrade the players toilet and shower facilities at the Triabunna Recreation ground is now complete. The upgrade to the clubroom facility includes separate shower and toilet cubicles for both home and visitor teams. New plumbing and separate drainage have been installed. This grant was funded by the State Government, Department of Communities Tasmania, as an election promise to the Triabunna Recreational ground committee. The funding has also paid for new vinyl floor covering in the clubroom's kitchen which has recently been installed.



### Swansea Recreation Ground – Cricket Practice Nets

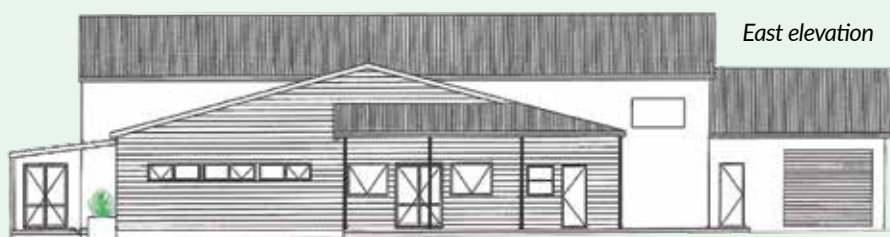
The concrete slab for the Swansea cricket practice nets, has been installed at the recreation ground. This construction was delayed because of the unprecedented wet weather the East Coast has experienced. When the concrete has cured, the fencing nets will be installed along with the synthetic grass. Cricket practice nets have already installed at Buckland, Orford, Triabunna, and Bicheno.



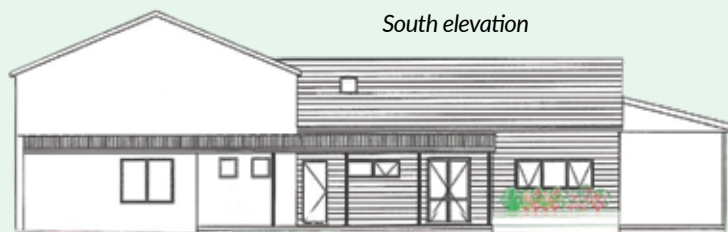
### COLES BAY HALL – ANNEXE REPLACEMENT

A grant application that was submitted to the Tasmanian Community Grant Fund was approved. The Coles Bay Hall committee members Nigel Carins, Kristin Hoerlein along with the Mayor, Cheryl Arnol, gave a presentation to the selection committee in Hobart which no doubt contributed to the successful grant. The replacement of the Coles Bay Hall annexe has been a work in progress for several years now.

The new annexe once complete, will have a new consultation room, disabled accessible toilet, shower and changeroom. The new annexe will be connected to the existing hall for better connectivity. In addition, it will house a new meeting room, kitchen and deck overlooking the community tennis courts and playgrounds.



East elevation



South elevation

## New Community Health service plan for Tassie East Coast

For a while now council has been looking at how we can help improve the health outcomes of people living in Glamorgan Spring Bay Council.

Rural and regional communities deserve the same high-quality, accessible services as everyone else, but too often we miss out.

People living on the East Coast of Tassie are an older population with more chronic health issues but sometimes can't get the services they need to stay healthy, or cost can be a worry.

Fewer people would end up in hospital if they could get the right health support when they need it, close to their home.

On 3 February the Federal Government announced that the East Coast community of Tasmania would receive a Primary Care Rural Innovative Multidisciplinary Models (PRIMM) grant to co-design a new community health service for our region over the next two years.

We have partnered with one of Australia's leading not-for-profit community health services, cohealth, who will work with several East Coast medical centres and the broader community to co-design a new, more accessible health system that meets everyone's health needs.

We're pleased that the Federal Government has recognised some of the issues facing our community and have responded. We're excited to be partnering with experts in community health design.

### What is community health?

Community health centres are a team-based, multidisciplinary approach to healthcare that bring GPs, allied health, nurses, dental, mental health and alcohol and drug support together to work as a team so people can live healthier lives.

### What you need to know!

1. YOU will be part of designing health services that suit you, and during 2023 there'll be lots of community consultation
2. Your current health services and GPs will not change and you'll still get the same great support from the clinicians you know
3. This is a great opportunity for our community

For more information, contact: Katie Pennington, local PRIMM project officer [katieruthpennington@gmail.com](mailto:katieruthpennington@gmail.com)



## Our History

In a Leap Year on Wednesday, 29 February 1860 residents of Glamorgan made history when they gathered at the Pier Hotel, Swansea and at Gala Kirk, Cranbrook in order to elect Tasmania's first rural Council.

The following month, Council applied for the municipality to be declared a road district. Today roads remain a major portion of Glamorgan Spring Bay Council infrastructure assets.

One of the earliest decisions the new formed Council had to make was introducing a stock slaughter fee of 5 shillings. In May 1860 tenders were invited for the construction of

a suitable Council Chambers. A local builder, submitted a tender in which he agreed to carry out the work for the sum of 600 pounds. This tender was accepted by Council but unfortunately the contract price swelled to 700 pounds through the construction period. The entire project was financed out of municipal revenue.

This original building, now known as the Court House, is owned and managed by Council through a dedicated volunteering committee and is used by various community groups for events and functions.



## The March Charge – helping to save lives

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council are taking on Cancer Council's The March Charge to help people impacted by cancer and really tell cancer where to go!

Sadly cancer still takes too many of us. 1 in 2 Australians will be diagnosed with cancer by the age of 85. Research sees more people than ever survive but we've still got a way to go. And we need your help to end cancer.

We've set ourselves individual KM targets for the month of March (check out our team members' pages to see the distance we're aiming to conquer!) It's going to be a challenge, but it's nothing compared to what those who experience cancer go through.

Please sponsor one of our team members today to support their challenge and join us in telling cancer where to go!

[www.themarchcharge.com.au/fundraisers/glamorganspringbaycouncil](http://www.themarchcharge.com.au/fundraisers/glamorganspringbaycouncil)



Your donation will help Cancer Council support all those affected by cancer, and fund life-changing research to help more people survive.

Thank you for your support.

## Buckland Church Story

Our municipality is blessed with beautiful historic churches that have played a significant role in our Tasmanian heritage. None more so than the St John Baptist Church in Buckland serving our community for more than 175 years.

After fighting for years to save the church and cemetery, dedicated community members through the Friends of the Buckland Church (FOBC), raised the funds to purchase the property from the Anglican Church. This significant effort will hopefully ensure that the property again becomes a focal point for the community and achieve the vision of the FOBC as a - 'much loved and treasured space where communities and family's come together'.

Stop by on your travels and admire these magnificent 14th century styled Gothic architecture church.



## East Coast Heritage Museum

Cobwebs, rust, and wood borers are not everyone's cup of tea; however, the staff and volunteers of the East Coast Heritage Museum in Swansea are enjoying getting their hands dirty as they clean, identify, and catalogue a vast range of items recently donated by the Morris Family.

Since its construction in 1838, the present three-story stone and brick store on Franklin Street has operated continuously as a business. Selling everything from groceries, oilmen stores, drapery, English and colonial boots and shoes, saddlery, hardware, ironmongery, stationary, glassware, and according to their advertisements in the day, a range of fancy goods –has helped the Morris Store in Swansea build a mighty reputation over its 185 years of operation.

The Morris Store collection is large and only a small portion was previously on display in the rear room of the store.

Interesting finds from the collection included a Boroughs calculator – a mechanical adding machine produced in Detroit in the 1930s and a McDowell's Garment Drafting Machine – originally patented in 1879, this brass framed contraption was used by professional tailors and dressmakers to make clothing patterns more accurate.

The Museum will put the Morris Store collection on public display in an exhibition opening later this year. For more information on this and other Museum events, contact the Museum Manager Cecilia Broderick on (03) 6256 5066.



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## Council Meeting Dates 2023

Ordinary meetings of Council are held at the Triabunna Council Offices typically on the fourth Tuesday of each month commencing at 2.00pm. 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.

Meeting Date	Location	Time
Tuesday 28 March 2023	Triabunna Council Offices	2.00pm
Tuesday 18 April 2023	Triabunna Council Offices	2.00pm
Tuesday 23 May 2023	Triabunna Council Offices	2.00pm
Tuesday 27 June 2023	Triabunna Council Offices	2.00pm
Tuesday 25 July 2023	Triabunna Council Offices	2.00pm
Tuesday 22 August 2023	Triabunna Council Offices	2.00pm
Tuesday 26 September 2023	Triabunna Council Offices	2.00pm
Tuesday 24 October 2023	Triabunna Council Offices	2.00pm
Tuesday 28 November 2023	Triabunna Council Offices	2.00pm
Tuesday 12 December 2023	Triabunna Council Offices	2.00pm



Missed a meeting? Scan the QR Code for Council's YouTube Channel, or search for Glamorgan Spring Bay Council in YouTube.

## Waste Transfer Station Hours

Monday to Friday 2:30pm to 4:30pm • Saturday - Closed • Sunday 10:00am to 2:00pm • Open all public holidays, except Good Friday 7 April – normal operating hours apply.

## Eftpos Now Available!

The Orford and Swansea Waste Transfer Stations now have Eftpos available! Please note that the other Waste Transfer Stations do not have Eftpos in place as of yet, Council will be rolling out Eftpos machines to the other Waste Transfer Stations soon!

## Easter Office Closure

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council's hours of operation during the Easter break are as follows:

- **The Council Offices at 9 Melbourne Street, Triabunna will be closed** from 4:30pm on Thursday 6 April and will re-open at 9am on Wednesday 12 April.
- **Council Waste Transfer Stations will be closed** on Good Friday (7 April), all other days remain unchanged.
- **All kerbside collections will remain as normal** throughout the Easter period.
- **East Coast Health, Bicheno and Triabunna will close** on Thursday 6 April and re-open Tuesday 11 April.

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