

## A Message from Deputy Mayor, Michael Symons regarding Incoming Council Chief Executive Officer, Greg Tory

We are excited to welcome Greg Tory as the new Chief Executive Officer of Glamorgan Spring Bay Council, officially starting in the role on 8th September. Greg is currently in the process of relocating to our beautiful region and is eager to begin this next chapter—both professionally and personally.

"I'm truly honoured to be stepping into this position," Greg shared. "What a wonderful opportunity Glamorgan Spring Bay has offered me—to serve as your new Council Chief Executive Officer in one of the most stunning and iconic areas of Tasmania."

Greg brings a strong focus on quality customer service, good governance, responsible financial management, and integrity. He's committed to working closely with Council staff and elected members to support professional development and ensure the organisation continues to deliver excellent service to the community.

"I'm particularly looking forward to meeting our hardworking staff and getting to know the local



community. I want to hear directly from residents about where we can improve and how we can grow as a Council. My aim is to foster a responsive and agile organisation that evolves with the needs of our community."

Greg and his partner Kerry are also thrilled to be making Glamorgan Spring Bay their permanent home. While they purchased their property here nearly five years ago, they are now looking forward to fully settling in, making new friends, and becoming active members of the local community.

"Our shared interests include fishing, golf, gardening, and bushwalking," Greg said. "I'm also into motorcycle racing, while Kerry enjoys sewing, cooking, and is an avid reader. We're excited to be part of such a welcoming and vibrant region."

Over the coming months, Greg is planning to visit community groups and attend local events to connect with as many residents as possible.



*Aerial of Bicheno area*



## From the General Manager's desk

From Peter Porch, Acting General Manager,  
The business cycle of council continues to revolve with next tasks including the development of the Annual Report incorporating audited financial statements and other statutory inclusions. The adoption in July of the Annual Plan provides direction for the core business activities and priority actions for council to achieve over this current financial year.

With a new Chief Executive Officer (title change from General Manager) commencing early September I can hand over the reins I will have held for a full twelve months, satisfied that disruptions to administrative turmoil have been at an absolute minimum during the change over from one administrative head to the next. In the last year Council has reviewed its risks and developed a half-term plan which marks the transition from budget repair to budget maintenance, allowing a greater focus on community to develop once more.

The Annual Plan was developed and adopted along with the budget for the 2025/2026 financial year and the day-to-day business of council continued.

The case for a realistic allocation of base grant funding has been taken to Canberra and continues to be brought to the doors of our state politicians and local office of the State Grants Commission. The activities of the Eastern Strategic Regional Partnership are bedding down, finding a foundation from which to advance projects of regional significance across the regions core areas of concern including education, employment and infrastructure.

How our region develops and how the needs of our communities are met into the future is dependent on the relationships and advocacy we can leverage; In the way that we work together as a region, as communities, as council. Slow to take offence and quick to provide help to achieve the common good.

Today's headlines are tomorrow's chip wrapping and what remains after any puff of unrest is the people and the relationships we rely on for building the future of Glamorgan Spring Bay's communities, its commerce and leisure.

Peter Porch  
Acting General Manager

## Real Stories, Real Change: An Afternoon of Inspiration and Impact

Community members came together for an unforgettable afternoon of storytelling, connection, and inspiration at *Real Stories, Real Change – Conversations with Australians Making a Difference*. Held as part of the **2025 Australian of the Year Awards Tour of Honour**, this free community event offered a unique opportunity to hear firsthand from some of Tasmania's most remarkable changemakers.

Attendees were treated to engaging, in-depth conversations with three of this year's outstanding recipients:

- **Arianne Titmus OAM**, 2025 TAS Young Australian of the Year – Olympic gold medallist and world-record-holding swimmer, shared insights into her journey in elite sport and the personal drive behind her achievements.
- **Sam Elsom**, 2025 TAS Australian of the Year – Environmental innovator and entrepreneur, spoke passionately about his mission to fight climate change by reducing methane emissions in agriculture through sustainable solutions.
- **Keren Franks**, 2025 TAS Local Hero – Founder of Young Leaders of Tasmania, inspired the audience with stories

of empowerment and transformation from her work creating leadership programs that are changing young lives across the state.

The event sparked powerful conversations and left attendees feeling hopeful and energised about the positive change being driven by everyday Australians. It was a celebration not only of individual achievement but of the collective power of community, innovation, and resilience.

*Real Stories, Real Change* continues to highlight the extraordinary impact Australians are making – right here in Tasmania and beyond.



## Rates Information

To make rate payments easier, direct debit payments can be organised. Forms can be downloaded from our website or contact council to have one sent out, pay online via BPAY, or in person at your local council office.

Ensure your payment is made on time to avoid late fees.

If you're facing financial difficulty, contact the Rates Department to discuss support options.

If you're eligible for pension remission for 2025/2026, please contact the Rates Department on 6256 4782. If you received a remission last year, it should be applied automatically. New applicants or changes in ownership will need to apply.



## cohealth Community Update



### Farewell to Dr Grey

cohealth would like to acknowledge and thank Dr Grey for her many, many years of service to the region as a General Practitioner. Dr Grey will finish at cohealth Bicheno on Wednesday the 27th of August. We wish her well in her future pursuits and thank her for her care and commitment to the community.

### BreastScreen Tasmania

cohealth is continuing to work with BreastScreen Tasmania to set up free and supported services for people from the Glamorgan Spring Bay LGA. If you are interested in accessing this service, please contact cohealth Bicheno or Triabunna, or Swansea General Practice. The service will operate in September or October and cohealth will contact everyone who has registered interest in participating when dates are confirmed.

### Supporting our team

Rural and remote healthcare is rewarding and challenging. We are committed to supporting our team in maintaining and developing their skills and knowledge so that we can provide the right care at the right time for the community. In the last 4 months our team members have had the opportunity to refresh and develop emergency management skills with onsite training on sepsis, basic and advanced life support and emergency care for children provided by the EMET team from the Royal Hobart Hospital.

### Client Experience Surveys

cohealth wants to improve how we care for our patients by asking about their experience after each engagement. The new Client Experience Survey will help cohealth identify the barriers that patients face in our care.

The survey is for all clients. It is anonymous, simple and quick. It includes 4 questions;

- Did you feel safe today?
- Did you feel heard today?
- Do you know what to do next?
- Would you recommend this service to someone you care about?

The data collected from the survey will be monitored by cohealth's Senior Manager of Client Experiences. The analysis will provide insights into client experience at cohealth and identify potential areas for enhanced support.

### MyMedicare

MyMedicare is a voluntary patient registration model. By registering with MyMedicare, it provides benefits to the patients, healthcare providers and practices. Current patient benefits of MyMedicare are:

- Greater continuity of care with your regular GP to improve health outcomes and
- Access to longer telehealth consultations with your GP

Further benefits for patients will continue to be added over time. To register for MyMedicare, patients can complete the registration on their Medicare Online Account or by filling out a registration form at their regular practice.



### Bicheno Skate Car park - Asphalt Works





## Works Report

### Improving Stormwater Management at Holkham Court, Orford

We've recently completed important upgrades to the waterway at Holkham Court, Orford, aimed at reducing flood risk for local residents and enhancing overall stormwater management in the area.

As part of the project, a new waterway was excavated, rock-lined, and hydro-mulched to ensure durability and improved water flow. In the next phase, native vegetation will be planted on the affected properties, with planting plans developed in close consultation with landowners.

These upgrades are part of our ongoing commitment to building more resilient and sustainable communities.



### Stormwater Upgrade – Wellington Street, Swansea

A recent stormwater upgrade has been completed at Wellington Street, Swansea, to help reduce the risk of flooding during heavy rain events. The existing foreshore discharge pipe was prone to becoming blocked by sand and rock during high tides, which limited its effectiveness during storms.

To address this, a new 375mm stormwater pipe has been installed above the existing pipe. This acts as a secondary outlet, providing an alternative path for stormwater if the original outlet becomes obstructed. These works aim to improve drainage and enhance flood resilience in the area.



### Unsealed Road and Drainage Repairs following rain event

Following the significant rain event over the weekend of 26th July, repair works have been carried out across the municipality. These include maintenance on numerous unsealed roads, as well as repairs to drains and culverts impacted by the heavy rainfall.

Council crews responded promptly to restore access and ensure the ongoing safety of our road network. Thank you for your patience as these essential works continue.

### Footpath Renewal Works Underway – Boyle Street, Triabunna

Footpath replacement works are currently underway on Boyle Street, Triabunna, as part of Council's annual Footpath Renewal Program. These upgrades aim to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility in key areas across the municipality.

Additional footpath renewal works are scheduled to take place soon in other locations, including Swansea, Orford, and Coles Bay. Council thanks the community for their patience during these important upgrades.



Garden bed maintenance underway across the municipality. These works include weeding, pruning and mulching of garden beds.





### Bicheno Triangle

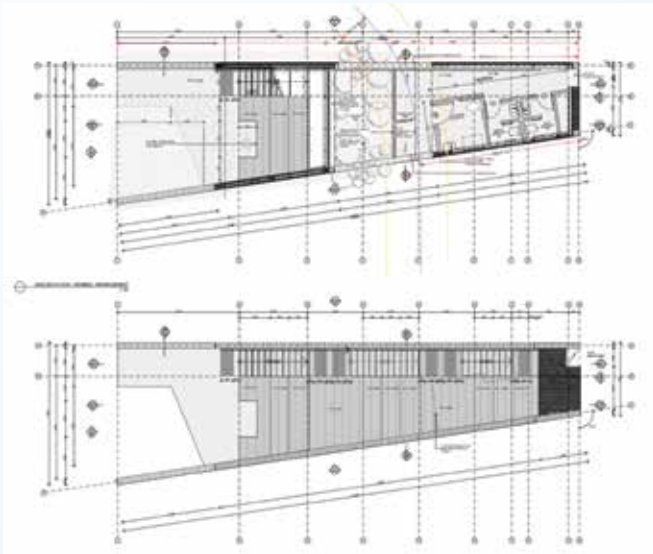
The Proposed Amphitheatre and Amenities at the Bicheno Triangle has commenced construction with preliminary site works including footings for the amphitheatre structure completed in July 2025.

The fabricated steel frame for the amphitheatre will be erected during August 2025.

The Contractor, East Coast Constructions, plans to complete the project by the end of November 2025.

The design of the Amphitheatre structure has been based on the triangle shape and provide a visual anchor being approximately 22.5 metres long by 7 metres tall.

Bicheno Triangle – Amphitheatre and Amenities Floor Plans.



Bicheno Triangle – Site Location for Amphitheatre and Amenities.



Bicheno Triangle – 3D View of Amphitheatre



### Coles Bay

The last section of the Coles Bay Foreshore Path up Jetty Road and the two elevated walkway sections completing the path link between Muir's Beach/Illuka and Garnet Avenue precincts are now finished.



Jetty Road – Asphalt Path in Shared Zone section of road.



Elevated walkway sections – linking Jetty Road shared zone path to existing path from Jetty Road through to Garnet Avenue.

View of Coles Bay Hazards from Elevated Path.



## Food Business Registration now due

Annual food business registration renewal application forms and fees for 2025/2026 now due.

Food business registration renewal application forms and associated fees for the 2025/2026 financial year were sent out to food business operators in June, with reminder emails sent out in early August. The registration period covers 1 July–30 June and is subject to renewal at the end of each financial year.

Registration is a set requirement for businesses offering/handling food for sale in accordance with the *Tasmanian Food Act 2003* and plays an important part in both protecting and promoting public health. The statewide Priority Classification System is applied by Council, ranking food businesses based on risk categories determined the type of food prepared/handled, method of processing and customer base. Fees are then allocated to align with the appropriate risk category applied.

This process ensures Council has an up-to-date and accurate record of food businesses operating throughout the community. In turn, this enables Council's Environmental Health Officer to ensure food safety standards are maintained in accordance with state and national standards through engaging with food business operators and conducting routine inspections of food premises. Information is also provided on a broad range of food safety issues, including accessing free food safety training for food handlers, food labelling, allergens in

food, food re-calls and the fit-out of food premises – both temporary (such as stalls at events) and permanent (including shops/restaurants and mobile food vans etc).

All food business operators that have not done so, are now reminded to complete their renewal application forms, including payment of their annual renewal fee.

Food businesses no longer trading are also advised to notify Council.

Food safety information and resources can be accessed on Council's website here <https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/services-facilities/environmental-health/>

Council's Environmental Health Officer can be also contacted at [health@freycinet.tas.gov.au](mailto:health@freycinet.tas.gov.au) for further assistance on food safety and other environmental and public health matters. We are always happy to assist in providing information regarding health information.



## Dog Registration Reminder

Dog registrations were due by close of business 30 June 2025. In accordance with the *Dog Control Act 2000*, every dog over the age of six months must be registered by its owner with Council and must be microchipped. Council needs to be provided with the microchip number as part of the registration process. For more information or registration forms, please call Council on 03 6256 4777 or visit Council's website at [www.gsbc.tas.gov.au](http://www.gsbc.tas.gov.au) and go to 'Dog Registrations'.



## 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, unless otherwise stated below.**

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 23 September 2025
- Tuesday 28 October 2025
- Tuesday 25 November 2025
- 3.30pm Tuesday 9 December 2025
- 5.30pm Tuesday 9 December (Annual General Meeting) 2025

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## Weeds to Watch

This time of year brings a surge of weeds, many now in flower. It's the perfect time to inspect your property, identify problem species, and plan control measures.

### Protecting Our Waterways This World Rivers Day



The council's Natural Resource Management and Climate Resilience Strategy aims to protect the region's treasured landscapes and biodiversity. One key objective is to improve the health of freshwater, estuarine and coastal ecosystems, and that starts with looking after the vegetation along our rivers and streams.

Riparian vegetation or plants that grow along the edges of rivers, streams and wetlands, play a vital role in keeping waterways healthy. These plants reduce erosion, filter runoff, and provide habitat for wildlife. Larger trees and shrubs provide shade, reducing evaporation and helping to regulate water temperature for fish and aquatic insects.

Healthy riparian zones directly improve water quality. By slowing down runoff, they help reduce dissolved salts and pollutants. Plant roots hold soil in place, keeping the water clearer and allowing more sunlight to reach aquatic plants,

which in turn helps maintain oxygen levels.

World Rivers Day on 28 September is the perfect time to connect with your local waterway. Take a walk along a creek or river on your property or nearby, collect any rubbish you find (where it's safe to do so), and think about how the riparian vegetation could be improved. If weeds or willows dominate the banks, consider a staged removal and replace them with native species that stabilise the soil and support local wildlife. Even small actions contribute to healthier waterways for future generations.

Photo: Healthy saltmarsh on Maria Island, Credit J. Kelman

### Serrated Tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*)

Serrated tussock is a highly invasive grass that outcompetes native and pasture species, reducing agricultural productivity and damaging natural values. Once established, it's costly and time-consuming to control.

Thanks to diligent landowners, some infestations have been contained, but ongoing, coordinated action is vital to protect our economy, environment, and lifestyle.

This weed is often mistaken for native tussock grasses and spreads quickly via windborne seeds. The best time to control it is now—while soil moisture is good and before seed set.

In partnership with Enviro-dynamics, the Landscape Recovery Foundation has applied for Tasmanian Weeds Action Fund support to tackle serrated tussock and other weeds. If funded, the project will map outbreaks and assist landholders with control.

For more information, contact [mel.fazackerley@landscaperecovery.org](mailto:mel.fazackerley@landscaperecovery.org).



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**Kerbside Bin Collection – Friendly Reminder**

We kindly remind all residents to place their kerbside bins out the night before collection day, or no later than 6:00am on the morning of collection.

Please avoid putting bins out several days early, as this increases the risk of them being blown over or damaged, which can result in litter being scattered. If you're away (such as shack owners), you might consider asking a friendly neighbour if they could assist with putting your bins out at the appropriate time.

In the event your bin is not collected due to unforeseen circumstances, such as a truck breakdown, please leave it out—our waste contractor will make every effort to collect it as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping keep our community clean and tidy!



For more information go to the council website or scan the QR code above.

**Waste Transfer Stations – Operating Hours/Days apply from April 2025 to October 2025**

The following operating hours now apply from Monday 28 April 2025 – October 2025 at 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**

Eftpos is available at all Waste Transfer Stations.

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

**BUILDERS WASTE IS NOT ACCEPTED AT ANY OF GLAMORGAN SPRING BAYS WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS.**

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