

# SeaSpeak

GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL NEWS  
SPRING 2022



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

Council had the pleasure of hosting the Local Government Minister Mr Nic Street at Triabunna on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. Councillors and senior staff attending the meeting.

Three important matters were on the table for discussion

- Local Government reform process
- State Grants Commission allocation of funding to Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
- Municipal medical practices.

The Minister gave an update on the Local Government reform review process and spoke to the Local Government Boards Interim Report released that day. The Report is available on Councils website. Stage 1 of the process – public consultation – has been completed.

The inequity of grant funding to Glamorgan Spring Bay was again raised with the Minister. Unfortunately at this stage, there has been no firm commitment to a review

of the methodology used to calculate the dividend of Federal Grant funds to the 29 Councils in Tasmania. Glamorgan Spring Bay Council continues to receive on average 1/10<sup>th</sup> of what other Councils receive. Council informed the Minister that the community is aware of the situation and is asking the same questions that Council is.

In regard to Glamorgan Spring Bay Council running medical practices in the municipality, the Minister, whilst recognising and commending the efforts of Councils in doing this, stated that this function is a Federal and State Government function not Local Government. The situation with the medical practices was explained to the Minister. It is hoped that the Government makes a concerted effort to ensure that the provision of medical practices in Glamorgan Spring Bay is sustainable and effective into the future.

**Robert Forbes Young, Mayor**

## Vale Geoff Whitton & Craig Johnston

It is with much sadness that Council acknowledges the recent passing of Geoff Whitton and Craig Johnson.

Geoff served as a Glamorgan Spring Bay Councillor for four (4) years and will be remembered for his dedication and positive contribution to our community. Geoff's former colleagues speak highly of his passion for Local Government and his understanding of the community.

Craig Johnson served as a Councillor for our municipality, dedicating his life to helping others and improving his community. Craig was awarded the Order of Australia medal in honour of his exceptional contributions and achievements. Craig was a very involved member of the community, giving his time to numerous community groups and organisations in our area. He had a special fondness for the May Shaw Health Centre and he accomplished so much with the aid of the community, while serving as Chairman.

These outstanding members of our community will be dearly missed by the Glamorgan Spring Bay community.



From left: Clr Craig Johnston, Clr Geoff Whitton



Top photo: Jubilee Beach, Swansea. Above: Maria Island



## From the General Manager

At a Special meeting in July 2022, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council adopted its 2022/23 Budget; Rates Resolution and Annual Plan, a significant milestone for the start of the new financial year.

I am pleased to report that Council performance is tracking well and according to plan with the Long-Term Financial Management Plan and Asset Management Plans now in place for over a year. It has been pleasing to note Council and the community collective journey over this period. Our performance has been verified by the Tasmanian Audit Office Annual Report and endorsed by the independent Audit Panel of Council.

What is particularly pleasing is, despite local and global impacts, such as the pandemic and war in Europe having a negative impact on the economy, Council has not needed to borrow money for operations, whilst continuing to reduce debt and repay loans. To be in this position is important for our future financial sustainability.

Over the past 12 months, Council has continued its focus on core business

and embedding the resources for essential functions to enable effective operations that serve the Glamorgan Spring Bay Community. Council has planned for \$6.9million of capital works for 2022/23 including the renewal of roads and improvements to the stormwater network.

Included in the budget is an increase rate revenue of \$1.25million. This increase has been managed by a small increase in the fixed general charge from \$300 to \$330 that applies to all properties with the balance collected through allocation across the Office of the Valuer General land use groups.

Industrial and Commercial properties moved from 9.70 cents in the dollar per AAV 2021/22 year to 10.18 cents in the dollar AAV for 2022/23. All other properties are paying the same rate of 5.12 cents in the dollar per AAV.

Council has carefully considered many alternative scenarios for levying rates within current legislation. Workshopping scenarios with the elected members and consulting with the community throughout the municipal area. Our community have provided valuable guidance to enable informed decision making. Whilst we have not always agreed the discussion has been respectful and constructive

and I thank you, the community, for your participation.

In terms of other rates and charges, there is no change to the medical levy. Waste collection charges for bins increase by \$6 per ratable property to \$111 from \$105, and by \$13 per ratable commercial property to \$250 from \$237. Finally, the waste levy applied to all ratable properties will increase by \$5 to \$105.

It is a privilege to work in an organisation committed to best practice public service. A Council that many people I talk to in the community recognise as having transformed as it strives for leading practice transparency and accountability.

A big thank you to the elected members tasked with making tough but responsible decisions and providing a clear vision for our collective future. Thank you also, to all Council staff who have worked tirelessly to achieve our collective vision – that is for Glamorgan Spring Bay to be *prosperous, vibrant and inclusive, a place where people want to live, work and visit.*

We look forward to 2022/23 with confidence.

Greg Ingham  
General Manager



Prosser River by Diane Bricknell

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

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 COUNCIL DATES

- Tuesday 27 September 2022
- Tuesday 25 October 2022
- Tuesday 22 November 2022
- Tuesday 13 December 2022





## Governor of Tasmania - Official Visit

On Tuesday 14 June 2022, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council had the pleasure of hosting Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, and Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers AO on their Official Visit to our municipal area.

Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers had a full itinerary in our municipal area visiting the following locations throughout the day:

- Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Offices
- Swansea Primary School
- Swansea PCYC
- May Shaw Health Centre
- Spring Bay Mill
- Tasmanian Seafarers' Memorial
- Triabunna Community Health Centre

It was an honour to host Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers on what was a glorious sunny winters day on the east coast. There were many highlights from the visit, such as Her Excellency assisting students from Swansea Primary School plant a tree to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Civic Reception was held at the Spring Bay Mill where Her Excellency officially opened the facility.

On behalf of Glamorgan Spring Bay Council, we take this opportunity to sincerely thank those who were involved in making the day such a great success!



From top: Swansea Primary School, May Shaw Health Centre, Swansea PCYC

## WEED WARNING

Now is the time to check your property for the presence of Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*), Serrated Tussock (*Nasella trichotoma*), Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*) and Spanish Heath (*Erica lusitanica*).

These weeds are re-appearing in previously known areas. Glamorgan Spring Bay Council 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: [nre.tas.gov.au](http://nre.tas.gov.au)  
For additional information, or if you are concerned you may have an infestation, please contact our Weed Officers, Amanda Brooks or Nona Barker on 6256 4777.



Bridal Creeper



Serrated Tussock



Boneseed seedlings



Spanish Heath

## Works & Infrastructure Update

July and August are the months which usher in the new financial year Capital Works Program enabling the commencement of design and construction for projects which target infrastructure failures and inadequacies and, with the support of grant funding, some of the desirable projects which support community aspirations.

Projects included in the capital program to be delivered this year are:

- Replacement of a decaying wooden footbridge near 5 Tasman Highway Bicheno
- Bridge Deck Replacement Woodsden Road
- Resealing and pavement repair program
- Unsealed road Resheeting program
- Unsealed road accessibility upgrades – Black Summer Bushfire Program Funded
- Targeted small scale stormwater projects to reduce flooding hotspot risks

Other projects continuing include:

### Swansea Main Street Project

Tenders have been reviewed and as expected with rising costs of work, there has had to be a reduction to the extent of the works that can be funded. Works will focus on key deliverables of the funding program and hazard removal. Works on site are scheduled to commence in Spring.

### Bicheno Gulch

Lodgment and assessment of the Development Application and project consultation review continues.

### Coles Bay Foreshore Walk

Redesign of the route to reflect the original concept is being developed to re-present for public consultation.

### Bicheno Triangle

Tender document continues in development and will be opened for pricing as soon as documentation is available.

### Holkham Court Culvert Upgrade

Works are almost complete with

culverts placed recently and overland flow paths to be modified in private property as the ground dries out. The photo shows the pre-cast culvert installation taking place.

The first job completed from the new financial year project list was the replacement of the wooden deck on Woodsden Bridge where there was a significant risk of destruction of tyres to vehicles crossing. Before the repairs, bridge spikes were becoming exposed around the rotting board ends. Bridge decks on Brockley and Nugent Road have had individual rotted boards replaced to extend the life of the decks on these at the same time.

Other bridge maintenance works being undertaken on Rosedale Road Bridge with clearing of river rocks to increase the volume of flow under the bridge and reduce flooding incidents. Bridge culvert repairs on Wielangta Road near the Quarry entry at Orford. Minor works are planned on other bridges also.

### Waste

Council has recently tendered the Kerbside Waste and Recycling tender with the current contract expiring at the end of September. This contract includes the provision of bulk bins at all councils transfer stations and servicing of these between the transfer station and the landfill site at Copping or the Recycling centre at Derwent Park.

Council participates as a member of a joint council's contract for the sorting of all general recycling collected in our area and within the South of the State. The joint contract is a means for collecting a critical mass of the kerbside and general recycling materials collected. Other recycling is achieved through specific material type collections and even locally through the Swansea Men's Shed initiative.

### Stormwater

Here's a few fun facts. Did you know that the Highest annual Rainfall for a year in Bicheno is 1240 mm and it was recorded in 1934. The lowest rainfall year for Bicheno was 224mm in 1918. That makes 5.5 times the difference between lowest and highest rainfalls.



Holkham Court culvert upgrade



Rosedale Road bridge before and after



A significant range (BoM annual rainfall statistics for station 92003).

Swansea has a range of 305.8mm in 1968 to 1052mm in 1956. A range of 3.4 times from lowest to highest (BoM stations 92040 and 92041).

The highest rainfall in any month for Bicheno is 386.8mm while for Swansea 258.3mm.

In stormwater system planning for subdivisions, we work on 20 year average return intervals for modelling the stormwater systems that it is reasonable to ask a developer to provide for the community. In recent years councils began adding a climate change factor as well.

With the extreme weather patterns and above average rainfall occurring every second year, it is unfortunate but little surprise that properties are often waterlogged and systems overflow. As one of our priorities, Council staff continue to work on system improvements, upgrades and sources of funding to bring flooding risks down where they are highest.

### 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)

### Kerbside Collection

All kerbside collection days and times remain unchanged, to view the Garbage & Recycling Calendar please scan the QR code displayed.



A light covering of snow on Nugent Road in July is an indicator of the weather extremes our infrastructure and staff contend with through the colder months

## WASTE TRANSFER STATION HOURS

### AUTUMN/WINTER OPERATING HOURS

Commencing Monday 2 May 2022 the following opening hours will apply to the Orford, Swansea, Coles Bay, and Bicheno Waste Transfer Stations:

- Open:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
2.30pm – 4.30pm
- Open:** Sunday 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Closed:** Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

### SUMMER/AUTUMN OPERATING HOURS

Commencing Monday 31 October to April 2023 the following opening hours will apply to the Orford, Swansea, Coles Bay, and Bicheno Waste Transfer Stations:

- Open:** Monday to Friday  
2.30pm – 4.30pm
- Open:** Sunday 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Closed:** Saturday

\*Open all public holidays except Christmas Day & Good Friday – Normal operating hours apply.



Maria Island National Park – a great place to visit!

## Building & Marine

### Summary Of Recent Works

#### Buckland Hall

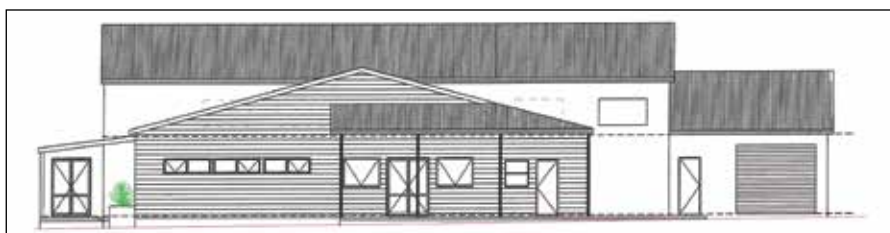
The new entrance to the Buckland Hall is complete. The new entrance includes a disability access ramp. These works were funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant Phase 1 and the Drought Communities Grant Funding Round 2.



Coles Bay Community Hall

#### Coles Bay Community Hall

Funding towards the new annexe at the Coles Bay Community Hall has been approved under Phase 3 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant.



Concept Plan - Coles Bay Community Hall

Construction plans are now finalised and building estimations complete. Additional funding will be applied through State Community Grant funding which applications open on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2022.

#### Bicheno Boat Ramp

Work to extend the two jetties at the Bicheno boat ramp is now complete.

These jetty extensions were fully funded by Marine and Safety Tasmania. The new extensions to both jetties at the ramp will help alleviate congestion on busy days.



Bicheno boat ramp

#### Saltworks Boat Ramp

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council is working with Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) to install a single disabled accessible toilet at the Saltworks boat ramp. PWS funded an Aboriginal Heritage survey to identify the cultural heritage footprint at the site. The toilet will be installed outside this area.

Future funding will be sought after to move the boat trailer parking area.

Funding has been provided to Council by Marina and Safety Tasmania to fund a new jetty adjacent to the Saltworks boat ramp. This Jetty is currently subject to Planning permission.



Saltworks boat ramp plan



## Local Government Elections

Council elections are held every four years and all Councillors, Mayors and Deputy Mayors are elected for four-year terms.

The next Local Government elections are due to be held during **September and October 2022** and elections for Tasmania's 29 Councils will be conducted by full postal ballot. This means that voters do not attend a polling place to vote, like they do for State and Federal elections. Instead, information required to vote is sent directly to each voter's address, however you must be enrolled to vote to participate in a Local Government Election. For more information in regard to voting in a Local Government Election, please visit Council's website:

<https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/council/elections/>

### Considering Standing as a Candidate?

If you're considering becoming a Councillor, please visit the following links for further information.

- Local Government Association Tasmania Website
- Tasmanian Electoral Commission Website (tec.tas.gov.au)
- Information for Candidates Booklet (Tasmanian Electoral Commission)
- Information for candidates in Tasmanian Council elections (Local Government Association Tasmania)



## A bit about Friends of Triabunna Reserves



Friends Of Triabunna Reserves purpose is to undertake activities such as:

- weed control
- revegetation
- rubbish collection activities

on Crown Reserves within the Triabunna township.

We work collaboratively with Crown Land Services, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council, local business and the general community to ensure our reserves are well managed for current and future generations.

We also provide educational opportunities for the local community and schools to learn more about our fabulous public reserves.

We welcome any opportunity to connect with the local community to hear their thoughts, ideas and concerns about our local public reserves. For more information please contact chairperson, Maggie Mars on 0417 342 031.



### Expected Election Calendar

The expected 2022 election calendar is detailed below:

<b>Saturday 3 September</b> Notice of election published		
9am	<b>Monday 5 September</b>	Candidate nominations open
6pm	<b>Thursday 8 September</b>	Electoral rolls close
12 noon	<b>Monday 19 September</b>	Candidate nominations close
12 noon	<b>Tuesday 20 September</b>	Announcement of nominations
<b>Monday 3 October</b> Polling opens		
From	<b>Monday 3 to Friday 7 October</b>	Postal ballot packs delivered to electors
2pm	<b>Tuesday 25 October</b>	Close of poll



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## Local Market Dates



BICHENO MARKET – Bicheno Lions Park (78 Burgess Street, Bicheno)	
Sunday 18 September	9:00am to 1:00pm
Sunday 16 October	9:00am to 1:00pm
Sunday 13 November	9:00am to 1:00pm
Saturday 17 December	3:00pm to 7:00pm (Twilight Market)
TRIABUNNA MARKET – The Village (20 Melbourne Street, Triabunna)	
Sunday 18 September	10:00am to 1:00pm
Sunday 16 October	10:00am to 1:00pm
Sunday 20 November	10:00am to 1:00pm
SWANSEA MARKET – The Swansea Hall (12 Franklin Street, Swansea)	
Saturday 10 September	9:30am to 1:00pm
Saturday 8 October	9:30am to 1:00pm
Saturday 12 November	9:30am to 4:00pm
Saturday 10 November	9:30am to 4:00pm

## 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 our databases please email: [community@freycinet.tas.gov.au](mailto:community@freycinet.tas.gov.au) and advise which databases you would like to be on.

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