

# SeaSpeak

GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL NEWS  
WINTER 2024



## Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the Winter edition of Seaspeak

Feedback from community members on past community connects indicated that it was often difficult to spend a couple of hours in the hall listening to presentations from staff. We all are time poor these days so as a Council we took that on board and the concept of Pop-Up Community Connect was born. Across the municipal area, community members dropped by our gazebo when it popped up in their town. The concept was a great success that will be continued moving forward.

Don't forget - Councillors cannot direct staff on any operational matter but we can raise whatever might be concerning you if you don't have the opportunity to drop by a Pop-Up Connect. All Councillors can be contacted by email [council@freycinet.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@freycinet.tas.gov.au) Our individual contact details are shown in this publication on page 8.

As part of our connection with community members, I addressed the first assembly after Easter break of Triabunna District School. The main issue raised was anti-social behaviour at the Marina, but I took the opportunity to talk about what our towns mean to them and to us. It soon became clear that the youth across our municipal area feel left out of discussions on future activity spaces. The outcome is that the Grade 6 class sent some suggestions through their teacher within 48 hours of my talk!

Anna, Laura, Jacob, Matilda and Jimmy consulted with fellow students over a couple of weeks and came to the Council Chambers to meet with the Mayor and Acting General

Manager Peter Porch in late May. The students presented their ideas in a respectful and responsible manner, and we were able to provide them with some feedback on the feasibility of funding some of their ideas. It is easy for adults to incorporate a facility that doesn't exactly fit the vision of the youth, so the Acting General Manager has undertaken to review the facilities in activity areas raised by the students and consult with them before any work is undertaken.

Health has been in the news lately from the State Government with the pending closure of surgeries in Hobart and surrounding areas as well as the lack of acute service centres designed to take the pressure off the emergency departments at our public hospitals. Glamorgan Spring Bay is very fortunate that we have committed medical practitioners across our area. With increased population growth, gaps have been identified across some areas of medical services including aged care. In early 2023, the Federal Government made an announcement that our area had been successful in attracting a Primary care Rural Innovative Multidisciplinary Models (PRIMM) grant. The terms of reference is for a consortium, led by cohealth, to develop an innovative model to build integrated primary health care services and address health workforce issues on the east coast of Tasmania. The process is gathering data through a consortium committee, co-design committee and community surveys and engagement. It's important that this process is robust and delivers the information needed for the provision of health services in this area over

## Compulsory Microchipping and Desexing of Cats

### Book Your Cat a Date

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From 1 March 2022, all cats over the age of four months **must** be microchipped and desexed in accordance with the *Tasmanian Cat Management Act 2009*.

For more information on responsible cat ownership visit:

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or

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coming years. It should be noted that this grant process is distinct from cohealth's involvement in medical practices in our area.

By the time you read this Council will have been through several budget workshops in the lead up to the rates resolution. It is not easy, but we have been supported with robust data from the management team. It has given elected members the tools we need to recognise the current cost of living pressures whilst considering the operational needs of a rural local government area

Cheryl Arnol  
Mayor



## From the General Manager's desk

Council recently adopted a Climate Change Adaptation Plan, developed through the Southern Tasmanian Councils Association and modified according to individual Council highest climate change risks. This plan is a key step in guiding Council decisions where there is a climate change aspect affecting the community now and into the future. The plan also assists Council in applications for State and Federal Government funding where adaptation and community resilience are key criteria in the funding agency's goals.

Council work on budget is approaching the critical stage of rate modelling. The release, in mid-May, of land values from the Office of the Valuer General enables modelling

of the rates. Many people are concerned that an increase in land value of 50% for argument sake, is equal to a 50% rise in rates. That isn't the case. The total rates are based on the costs of the levels of service Council delivers across all its services. So the ratings per property are proportional to that total. The cost of Councils activities, while increasing due to CPI and building costs above CPI, hasn't gone up the same as land values. Council will consider models for cents in the dollar to the new valuations, that moderate the very diverse land value movements across the municipality.

Greg Ingham  
General Manager

## Home Fire Safety – Working smoke alarms save lives

The cooler months are around the corner, with this Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) sees an increase in house fires. A study of house fire fatalities nationally (2003 to 2017) found people most at risk of dying in house fires include people aged 65 and over, children and people with a disability. Tasmania has one of the highest fire fatality rates in Australia.

TFS provides resources and supports to assist people that are at an increased risk of house fires.

**Home Fire Safety Programs**  
Tasmania Fire Service

Resources and supports provided to community, health and housing workers to assist their clients or tenants who are at an increased risk of house fires.

- Fire safe at home**  
Refer your client for a home fire safety check to identify fire hazards and what you can do to help improve safety in their home. [REFER NOW](#)
- Fire safety publications**  
Ordering of fire safety publications. [ORDER NOW](#)
- Residential Hazard Notification System**  
A discreet electronic alert of hazards at an address to increase firefighter and community safety. [NOTIFY NOW](#)
- Fire safety training**  
Fire risk assessment and fire training for aged care, disability, community, health services and social housing sector workers. [REGISTER NOW](#)
- Person-Centered Fire Risk Assessment Form**  
Evaluate a person's characteristics and behaviours that may pose fire risks that impact their capacity to evacuate and understand personal safety. [ASSESS NOW](#)

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## Triabunna Relay For Life: A Day of Unity and Support

We are thrilled to share with you the remarkable highlights of the recent Relay for Life event, graciously hosted by the Spring Bay Rotary. The day was brimming with warmth, camaraderie, and an overwhelming show of support from everyone who participated.

A heartfelt THANK YOU extends to each member of our community for your steadfast dedication and boundless enthusiasm. We also extend our deepest gratitude to the Spring Bay Rotary members whose tireless efforts ensured the success of this event for the second consecutive year.

Together, we have achieved something truly remarkable – raising an incredible \$52,277 at the time of writing! This generous contribution will play a pivotal role in advancing Cancer Council's vital research, prevention, and supportive care services. Every single dollar raised and every effort made is a testament to our collective commitment to making a tangible difference in the fight against cancer.

Beyond fundraising, Relay for Life holds a special place in our hearts as a moment to unite and honor our local cancer survivors, those currently undergoing treatment, and their caregivers. It's

a time for reflection, remembrance, and, most importantly, spreading hope for a future free from the burden of cancer.

As we bask in the afterglow of this unforgettable day, let us continue to shine brightly and stand together in our ongoing battle against cancer. Together, we can make a meaningful impact and bring about positive change in our community and beyond.



Photo – Minch Media

## 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 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



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### Rates notice reprints

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## What's been happening in our Works & Infrastructure Department

As well as CPI which many are familiar with there is also a Building Index Other Residential Construction, which measures the movement in a range of products and services directly impacting the cost of construction and maintenance activities. For the 12 months to the end of March, the average increase in these services was 7% and more reflective than CPI of the movement we are seeing in the cost increases to our core inputs to infrastructure service delivery.

### Kerb and Channel/Footpath renewal campaign

Councils 2023/2024 Kerb and Channel/Footpath renewal campaign has been progressing well in recent months. A number of sections of footpaths and Kerb/Channel in poor condition has been removed and replaced, including upgrading stormwater assets where needed. The campaign is for renewal of existing footpaths/kerb & channel in poor condition, not for construction of new footpaths where there is no existing path.

Included in the work scope was renewal of a 300 metre section of footpath from Jetty Road, Bicheno to the Sealife Centre on the Tasman Highway. This footpath was previously gravel and has been renewed with concrete for safer access for the whole community.

In other locations old existing pedestrian access ramps were removed and replaced with compliant ramps for safer use by the whole community.

More existing footpaths/kerb and channel in poor condition will be identified and prioritised for the 2024/2025 financial year campaign.

### Pit and Pipe Renewal Campaign 2023/2024

Pit and Pipe Renewal Campaign 2024/2025 has been progressing. This capital for this campaign is to upgrade existing Stormwater (SW) infrastructure that is in poor condition or not suitable for the SW volumes experienced nowadays. Some of the locations identified for renewal in 2023/2024 are:

- **Morrison Street, Bicheno** heading towards the cemetery. Frequently floods during rain events due to SW pipe size not adequate. Upgrade pipework and pit/s.
- **Outside 80 Burgess Street, Bicheno.** Across from Lion Park. Upgrade two side entry pits and install pipework to discharge into existing Kerb and Channel.
- **Earlham Road, Rheban.** Existing culverts not adequate for SW flow and blocked regularly with debris causing damage to unsealed road- removed existing culverts and installed box culverts.
- **End of East Shelly Road, Orford.** Extend the SW discharge out to the foreshore at Luther Point
- SW pit upgrades (3) in **Cooks Court, Swansea.**



Selwyn Steet, Triabunna – After



Earlham Road - Stormwater Upgrade



Redecking Rosedale Road Bridge, Bicheno

## Engaging with Our Community: Successful Pop-Up Sessions

We recently completed a series of community pop-up sessions across various towns in our municipality and we were fortunate to have great weather throughout these events!

We extend our gratitude to everyone who participated and shared their concerns and ideas. It was encouraging to hear recurring themes that aligned with our earlier community survey.

Your feedback will play a crucial role in shaping the council's 2024/25 budget decisions. We are excited about conducting more pop-up sessions in the future, as the response to this new approach to community engagement has been overwhelmingly positive.



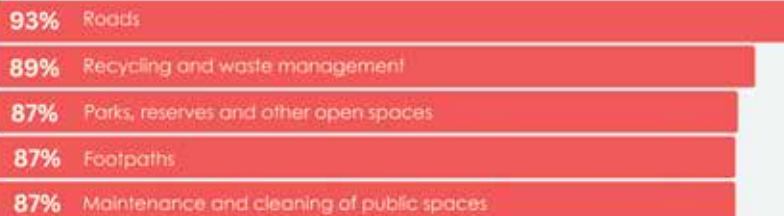
### SURVEY SNAPSHOT

The aim of the survey was to identify the community's priority spending areas for Council in 2024/2025

The survey was open to all community members and was promoted via several channels including the Council's website and Facebook page. To maximise participation the survey was available online and in hard copy. Council records show that 14% of respondents completed the survey in hard copy.



The community's top five priority spending areas for the Council are:



The community prefers to receive information from the Council via social media (specifically Facebook), the Council's website and SeaSpeak

## Introducing new staff to our team



### Natural Resources Management Officer – Tegan

Tegan joined Glamorgan Spring Bay Council staff in April 2024. As NRM Officer, she is looking forward to working with the community, including landholders and volunteer groups, to promote the unique

natural values of Glamorgan Spring Bay and ensure the sustainable use of our natural resources.



### Development Engineer – Vinay

Vinay has worked as a civil engineer in Australia for the past decade and brings a wealth of experience and talent to the role with Council. Vinay will be working closely with Peter, Director of Works and Infrastructure, and Darren, Works Manager, to progress Council's strategic goals and asset management plan, as well as liaising with third party developers and stakeholders to oversee the shaping of our communities.

To get in touch with our new staff, please contact **03 6256 7777**, [admin@freycinet.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@freycinet.tas.gov.au) or visit them at the Council Chambers 9 Melbourne Street, Triabunna.

## Green Waste Disposal: How Dispose of Your Garden Waste Responsibly

If you're someone who enjoys gardening or has a backyard with trees, shrubs, or a lawn, you will have faced the challenge of disposing of green waste.

Green waste has the potential to be a useful resource when disposed of responsibly. However, if this waste is contaminated by plastics or other non-organic material, it can become hazardous to our local wildlife and the environment.

### Why is responsible green waste disposal important?

When green waste is disposed of improperly, it can lead to soil and water pollution, cause unpleasant odours, and harm wildlife. In addition, when green waste is dumped in landfills, it contributes to the emission of greenhouse gases like methane, which contribute to climate change. By responsibly disposing of green waste, you can minimise these negative impacts and contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment.

### Responsible options for disposing of green waste:

- **Composting**

Composting is a cheap and environmentally friendly way to dispose of green waste. It involves breaking down the organic waste into nutrient-rich material that can be used to enrich garden soil. Composting is easy and can be done in a backyard compost bin.

- **Mulching**

Mulching is another sustainable way to dispose of green waste. It involves grinding or chopping the green waste into small pieces and spreading it over garden beds. Mulch acts as a natural fertiliser and helps retain moisture in the soil. This method is ideal for those who want to reuse their garden waste in their own yard.

- **Disposal at one of Council's Waste Transfer Stations**

Green waste can be disposed of at Council's Waste Transfer Stations where it is repurposed into mulch for use in public spaces across Glamorgan Spring Bay. Ensuring your green waste is not contaminated by non-organic material will help to ensure our public spaces are kept clean and tidy for everyone to enjoy.

### Tips to help you dispose of your garden waste responsibly:

- **Sort and separate green waste**

Sorting and separating green waste is essential to ensure that it is disposed of correctly. Make sure to separate



grass clippings, leaves, and other organic debris from non-biodegradable waste, such as plastics or metals. You can also separate food waste from garden waste to make composting more effective.

- **Use environmentally friendly disposal methods**

Whenever possible, use environmentally friendly disposal methods like composting or mulching. These methods not only reduce waste but also help to enrich the soil in your garden.

- **Avoid contamination**

Make sure that your green waste is free of any contaminants like plastics, metals, or chemicals. Contaminated waste cannot be composted or mulched and should be disposed of in your household waste bin or at Council's Waste Transfer Station.

- **Choose the right disposal method**

Choose the right disposal method based on the type and quantity of green waste you have. If you have a small yard or garden, composting or mulching may be the best option. Larger amounts of green waste can be disposed of at Council's Waste Transfer Station.

### What is green waste?

Green waste is organic waste material produced by garden or lawn maintenance activities. This includes grass clippings, leaves, weeds, tree branches and potting soil. Green waste also includes food waste, such as vegetable scraps.



**Glamorgan Spring Bay community members get involved in designing health services. People in remote, rural and regional areas more likely to end up in hospital; community health could help reverse this trend.**

A new Community Advisory Group has been formed, comprised of eight locals from GSBC who are working with not-for-profit community health service, cohealth, to design improved health services.

Local nurse, and manager of cohealth Tasmanian Operations, Katie Pennington, says that cohealth is working with the newly formed Community Advisory Group to identify solutions to the health inequity experienced in Glamorgan Spring Bay.

The Community Advisory Group (CAG) was created as part of the Primary care Innovative Multidisciplinary Models (PRIMM) project, which is being led by cohealth thanks to a Federal PRIMM grant.

The PRIMM-CAG members are Jen Hackett, Rachel Jaeschke, Ayeshea Lefel, Robyn Moore, Jill Morgan, Phil Pyke, Sophie Sliscovic and Michael Symons, and the group had its first meeting at the beginning of May.

The PRIMM-CAG members were selected via a public Expression of Interest process, and the group represents a diverse cross-section of the community.

**At the first meeting, the group identified several priority areas including:**

**1. Improving information provision**

There is a need for single source of current information on health services, referrals, and availability. This information could be written and online, and ideally could also be accessed via an in-person role who could be available via phone and online.

**2. Introduce online appointment booking of health services**

**3. Improve transport to make travelling to appointments easier:** Understanding and improving current transport services to better meet GSB residents' health and wellbeing needs.

"It was a really productive and successful first meeting with our PRIMM Community Advisory Group," said Katie.

"No-one knows this community better than the people who live and work here, and the enthusiasm and drive from this group of people to find solutions is inspiring."

"Regional and rural communities like Glamorgan Spring Bay wouldn't have higher rates of hospitalisation if we had the right mix of health services available locally, so that people could manage their chronic health conditions before they snowball," said Katie.

cohealth says that the community health model can reduce health disparity among rural, regional and remote

communities, following the release of new Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) which shows people in remote areas were hospitalised at almost twice the rate of those in major cities, and had the least access to general practitioners.

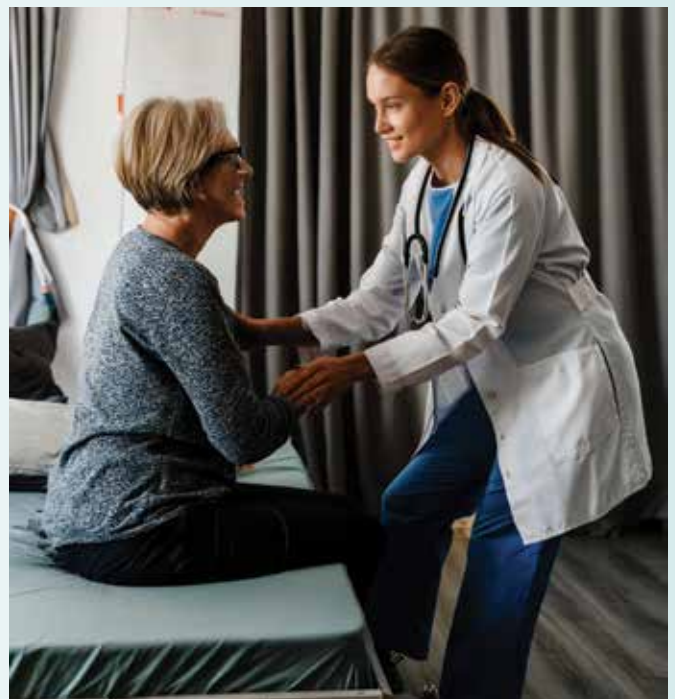
cohealth, which recently began operating the medical clinics in Triabunna and Bicheno, says that the community health model - a multi-disciplinary, team-based approach to healthcare - is the key to improving the health of regional, rural and remote communities.

cohealth also says it has a keen focus on co-designing services with the community, as evidenced by the formation of a Community Advisory Group.

The community health model uses a team-based model of multidisciplinary care under one roof, including GPs, nurses, allied health, mental health and alcohol and drug support services.

The community health approach aligns with the Primary Care Rural Integrated Multidisciplinary Health Services (PRIM-HS), a model of care which has long been advocated for by the National Rural Health Alliance as an evidence-based policy solution that improves access to affordable, high-quality, culturally safe care when and where it is needed.

More info about the cohealth PRIMM project: <https://www.cohealth.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/improving-primary-healthcare-in-tasmanias-east-coast/>



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**Waste Transfer Station Winter Hours April 2024**

All four Waste Transfer Stations across the municipality are operating on winter hours from 29th April 2024 till November 2024.

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

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