

SeaSpeak

GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL NEWS
WINTER 2023



**Don't forget to
register your K9 friend**



Our loyal K9 friends play such an important role in our lives providing companionship, assistance, security, which may also lead to physical, social and psychological benefits to humans and their K9 friends.

Registering and microchipping your furry friend is the law and ensures its safe return should it become lost.

Please ensure that your dog is wearing its registration tag, it's the law. If a dog strays from home and can be identified, Council is able to ensure its speedy return home.

Under the *Dog Control Act 2000*, dogs aged 6 months and over must be registered by 1 June each year. Council offers a considerable discount to dog owners who register their dogs prior to the 31st of July 2023. Late payments will attract the full fee, and if you fail to register your dog within this time frame, you may receive an infringement notice.

If you have a valid concession card and wish to receive the concession on 1 dog, a customer service officer must sight this card to validate it.

In the unfortunate situation that your dog is deceased or no longer resides at your premises you are required to notify Council within 14 days. Once notified, officers will cancel the registration and you will not receive registration reminders. Please advise Council if you change your postal address to ensure that you receive your registration.

Be a responsible pet owner and register your pooch.

Premier's Visit

On Wednesday 19 April 2023, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council had the pleasure of hosting the Premier, the Honourable Jeremy Rockliff MP, the Deputy Premier, the Honourable Michael Ferguson MP and the Honourable Jane Howlett MLC, Member for Prosser on their visit to our municipal area.

Our distinguished guests had a very busy schedule, visiting the following locations in Triabunna:

- Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Offices
- Sea Forest

- Spring Bay Mill
- Sea Forest and the Spring Bay Mill are two best practice, leading examples of regeneration and renewal in the country.

We are grateful to be able to showcase our beautiful municipality and its great organisations and vibrant friendly people.

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 left: Councillors Robert Young, Neil Edwards and Greg Luck, Premier Jeremy Rockliff MP, Clr Rob Churchill (back row), Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Jane Howlett MLC, Michael Ferguson MP and Clr Carole McQueeney outside the council chambers in Triabunna



Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the Winter edition of SeaSpeak. The Communication Strategy that I mentioned in the last edition was implemented just prior to the Community Connect sessions that were held in the week before Easter. The new format of more time for questions and answers seemed to resonate with the people who attended the sessions. As a Council we decided that a community budget survey should be done to give those who generally cannot attend Community Connect sessions the opportunity to have a say in the future of our area. It is important for Council and the community to be on the same page when it comes to budget time. We were hoping for 100 responses. To have 452 complete the survey was well beyond our expectations and proved to us that our communities do want to interact with us in a positive way. It was interesting that the top 5 priorities dropping out of the survey aligned with Council's strategic direction and will inform our budget discussions going forward.

Something that became apparent in the first 100 days of being in office was that there are some in the community who do not necessarily feel comfortable sitting in a public forum but still want to have the opportunity to have a say. Councillors are elected to represent the whole of the municipal area and as a group we feel it is important to listen to the views of everyone. Please contact any one of the Councillors if you would like to have an informal round-table discussion and we can organise to get 2-3 Councillors (or all 8 of us!) to attend. We have had two such sessions to date with the Mahjong players in Coles Bay and a very passionate group of Buckland residents.

Just a reminder that if you do have a concern about a road or any Council service issue, please log it on the Council website: gsbc.tas.gov.au/fees-payments/online-requests/. It will be recorded and provide staff the opportunity to assess what the issue may be and potential remedy but more importantly how/when to fit it into our budgetary process. Councillors and staff alike rely on input from community

members as no amount of inspections or review of plans can make up for local area knowledge.

Over the past couple of months, we have had visits from various politicians both State and Federal. We were delighted to welcome the Premier Jeremy Rockliff and Deputy Premier Michael Ferguson in April for a whistle-stop tour. They were accompanied by the Member for Prosser, Jane Howlett. Whilst we were not able to take them on an extended tour of the area due to their limited availability, it did give us the opportunity to raise matters where Council and the State Government are joint stakeholders and included but was not limited to, the impact of tourism on the infrastructure we are expected to maintain, the state of roads, the lack of walking and cycling infrastructure across the municipal area and, of course, top of the list was the inequity in the Federal Assistance Grant for Glamorgan Spring Bay Council through the State Grants Commission.

Cheryl Arnol
Mayor

** At the time of writing, Council is awaiting a report with the recommendation following Stage 2 options from the Local Government Board for the Future of Local Government Review. There are many rumours circulating about the direction the review will take and the likelihood of amalgamations or boundary adjustments or resource/ services sharing. We may not be perfect as a Council and there will always be those who are not satisfied with how Council operates. Having said that, our stance and one of the Local Government Ministers principles has been, and always will be, that any changes to a local government area must bring demonstrated benefit to the residents and ratepayers. We have a committed group of employees who deserve our support as well so it is a position that we will continue to have robust discussions with the Board about as it has been proven in other States that bigger is not always better.*

Kerbside Collection 'TIPS'

Tips for ensuring kerbside bin collection:

- Place your bin out for collection the night before.
- Make sure there is a distance of at least 1 metre between your bins and any obstacles such as a pole or tree.
- Bins must face the road with handles facing your house.
- Don't place your bin behind a parked car or other obstacle.
- Please make sure your bins are not on the road obstructing the flow of traffic or other road users.
- Don't overload the bin. The lid should be fully closed.

DO NOT PLACE RUBBISH BESIDE OR ON TOP OF THE BINS.

What can't be placed in the kerbside waste wheelie bin?

Hot ashes, oil, paint, chemicals, solvents or other liquids, heavy builder's rubble, car parts, large timber, metal pieces, concrete or bricks, asbestos or other hazardous/toxic materials.

Please use this QR code with your phone camera to read what can and can't be put into your kerbside waste wheelie bins.





From the General Manager

Dear Residents & Ratepayers,

The Winter Season is now upon us, the East Coast's rugged beauty takes on an enchanted quality in winter. The weather on Tasmania's east coast is often milder than other parts of the island, thanks to the moderating influence of the ocean. The temperature of the water may be less enticing, but the beaches are just as beautiful.

It was very encouraging to have the participation rate we achieved in our municipal area in response to Council's Community Budget Survey. A big thank you to those that participated and responded to the survey. Your feedback is most welcome and valuable in helping us develop our 2023/24 budget.

Local Government Reform remains a topic of much discussion in our community. At the end of 2021 the State Government established a Board to review the way Tasmanian Councils work and to make recommendations about how the current system needs to change so that councils can meet the challenges and opportunities the community will face in the future. As I write this the final stage (stage 3) of the review process is well underway.

An Interim Report released in April outlines aspects

of reform that are critical to its success and MUST be achieved;

- a focus on community needs
- retaining jobs and service presence locally
- preserving and enhancing local voice
- smoothing financial impacts for communities
- appropriate resourcing for transition

The Review Board preference is for a structural reform pathway for Local Government in Tasmania that includes a combination of mandated boundary consolidation and shared service arrangements. The Interim Report provides the rationale and evidence for this in nine Community Catchment areas that cover the State.

The Board is seeking comment on aspects of the Interim Report until 21 June 2023. Glamorgan Spring Bay Council will be providing another submission. The Minister will receive the final recommendations in a report on 30 September 2023.

Greg Ingham
General Manager

Innovative Electrona charging

Council and Electrona Pty Ltd have collaborated to install a new and innovative Electric Vehicle charging station in Bicheno. This facility is now open for public use. Situated in the centre of town in the main shopping area carpark, it is the first Electric Vehicle charging station in Australia / New Zealand to offer a contactless payment (tap & go) facility fully integrated within the charging station itself.



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 June 2023
- Tuesday 25 July 2023
- Tuesday 22 August 2023
- Tuesday 26 September 2023
- Tuesday 24 October 2023
- Tuesday 28 November 2023
- Tuesday 12 December 2023



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Works and Infrastructure Update

Major Projects

Bicheno Triangle

The project's tenders have now closed and the scope of the project is being revised and repriced.

Bicheno Gulch

Key stakeholders are still reviewing information for the Development Application.

Coles Bay Walking Track

Tenders are closed, and the awarding procedure is underway.

Swansea Street Upgrade

The construction is progressing with footpaths past the IGA Supermarket now complete. The exposed aggregate from the boat ramp entrance to the store reflects a sand tint, softening and integrating with the beach behind.

Resealing and Pavement Renewal

This is the most important renewal program on council's list with priority being given to the roads in worst condition and with the highest traffic. In excess of \$700,000, including \$401,000 in road to recovery grant funds was used to complete the identified projects for this financial year with sections of road rehabilitated near Buckland, Bicheno, Coles Bay and Orford.

There are a number of unsealed roads being improved as a part of the Black Summer Bushfire grant program. This is to provide improved access in the event of a fire and passing bays for emergency services vehicles.

Resealing of Alma Road, Orford



Bicheno Skate Park

To complete this project this year, which is primarily funded by the Tasmanian Community Fund, Council is collaborating with the Bicheno Community Development Association (BCDA).

The application's objections have been addressed, and a tendering process has been conducted. When the full funding has been arranged, the tender is expected to be awarded.

Swansea Courthouse Amenities Upgrade

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund-funded project is well under way and includes the construction of updated and accessible amenities as well as some floor repair, painting, new window installation, and electrical upgrades.



Waste

Following an expression of interest procedure, Council has chosen Southern Waste Services to continue receiving landfill waste on its behalf. This is a pricey service for homes, but the cost can be minimised by recycling effectively and consistently and reducing landfill waste from red bins. Residents are urged to recycle as much as they can and to re-use organic materials in their gardens.

Community 2023/24 Budget Survey Results



452

SURVEY RESPONDENTS
FROM A TOTAL
POPULATION OF 5012


OVER FOUR WEEKS
FROM 20 FEBRUARY
TO 20 MARCH 2023


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




1. Roads
2. Maintenance and cleaning of public spaces
3. Drainage and stormwater management
4. Footpaths
5. Recycling and waste management


120
new subscribers
to SeaSpeak


63%
of the community
are at least
somewhat
satisfied with the
community halls
and spaces**


60%
of people are
at least somewhat
satisfied with
Council’s
performance***


80%
of participants
reside in Orford,
Triabunna,
Bicheno, Swansea
and Coles Bay


57%
of participants
were aged over
55. While 10%
were under 24 and
33% were aged
between 25-54

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

Common themes across your written feedback:

-  Improve the roads
-  Prioritise stormwater drains and sewerage management
-  Build more footpaths, walkways and cycle tracks and fix the existing ones
-  Increase waste management services through green waste and hard rubbish collections

-  Upgrade playgrounds and open spaces
-  Lift the presentation and cleanliness of public spaces and toilets
-  Improve healthcare services and accessibility
-  Build new recreational facilities including a skatepark and swimming pool

Reducing Emissions

Environmental responsibility is a key pillar of Glamorgan Spring Bay Council’s Community Plan. Reducing emissions is becoming an expected priority of Local Governments as the effects of climate change become evident worldwide. This means managing the use of well-known polluters, such as the transport industry which is Australia’s third largest source of greenhouse gas emissions.

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council has embraced the roll out of electric vehicle stations in our municipality and has partnered with key stakeholders to install Electric Vehicle

stations in Bicheno, Swansea and Triabunna to date. We intend to continue the roll out in other locations.

Councils’ vehicle fleet contribute significant emissions to the environment and to this end Council will ensure that it is at the forefront of Local Government transition to electric vehicles and finding sustainable solutions.

The reader may be interested to know that Councils Office in Triabunna has a solar energy system in place that powers most of the office day-to-day use.

Leut Eleanor (Nell) Burbury – nurse extraordinaire

As part of ANZAC Day 2023, the East Coast Heritage Museum hosted a temporary exhibition featuring Lieutenant Eleanor (Nell) Burbury TFX6032. Unit, 2/1 Australian General Hospital. Australian Army, better known as Sister Burbury to the Swansea Community.

Nell Burbury was born in 1906 and grew up in York Plains (Oatlands). She completed her nursing training at Launceston Hospital in 1932 and undertook additional training in Burnie to qualify as a midwife and infant welfare nurse before enlisting in the Australian Army in 1939.

Leaving Australia in February 1941 she served with the 2/1st Australian General Hospital (AGH) at Gaza Ridge in Palestine and in the Southeast Pacific in New Guinea and Bougainville Island.

The 2/1st established a hospital near the Gaza Ridge in Palestine in 1941; they had 50 patients by 23 Mar 1941. On 5 May 1941, 229 patients and by 8 Jun 1941, 484 patients. Soon after, the 2/2nd AGH (1,200 beds) joined them at Gaza Ridge, and with the arrival of the 7th Division, the 2/5th AGH, another 1,200-bed unit helped lighten the load.

On 1 October 1944, the 2/1st Australian General Hospital boarded the *MV Duntroon* for Torokina on Bougainville Island. By the end of that month, they had 1202 beds available for patients.

During her service, Lieutenant Burbury was awarded two Oak Leaves for Distinguished Service in the South West Pacific.

In 1947 Nell Burbury left the army. She, her father and her mother moved to Swansea, where she worked at the hospital (bush nursing post), tending to accident victims, women in labour and educating young mothers on child health matters.

In 1964 she managed the newly opened Cottage Rest Home, the first aged care home in Swansea. The home operated until 1983, when the May Shaw Centre was officially opened. She was awarded a lifetime service medal from the Australian Red Cross as well as an Australia Day Medal in 1990. Nell Burbury passed away on 3 January 2006 at the May Shaw Nursing Home, Swansea.



Lieutenant Eleanor (Nell) Burbury TFX6032 (Courtesy of Glamorgan Spring Bay Historical Society)



Photograph of 2/1st Australian General Hospital at Gaza Ridge with a group of nurses. Photo from Australian War Memorial website.

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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

Burn brighter this winter

Smoke reduces the quality of the air we breathe. Prolonged exposure to smoke from wood heaters is a significant problem for people who have chronic illnesses like asthma and heart conditions. In Tasmania, poor air quality is common during the colder months when the air is calm, as wood smoke tends to build up and linger for days, particularly in low-lying areas.

If you use a wood heater you can reduce smoke pollution and help your neighbours to breathe easier. Simply follow these steps to burn your wood heater brighter, warmer and cleaner, this winter:

- Always burn with a flame - don't let your fire smoulder
- After adding wood, open the air control for 20 minutes, before shutting down for the night
- Only burn dry, seasoned wood

- Ensure your flue is clean

Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Tasmania air monitoring data shows

that some of the worst air quality is at night when people shut down the air intake before going to bed. Overnight, cold air traps the smoke in a layer around homes. By following the simple tips above, you can reduce smoke emissions from your wood heater by up to 90 percent, reducing the health risk to your neighbours.

For a step-by-step printable guide that explains how to light your wood heater please visit the EPA website:

<https://epa.tas.gov.au/Documents/Burn%20Brighter%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>



BirdLife Bird Count results

Birdlife Australia have just released the results from the 2022 Aussie Bird Count held last October. Over 77,000 people across Australia braved variable weather conditions to record more than 3.9 million birds of 620 species.

Tasmania which counted 128 885 birds in total, is blessed with a diverse range of birds including several endemic species not found on the mainland of Australia, such as the common Green Rosella, unique to our island. Some birds sharing our beautiful island are threatened or endangered species such as the Orange-bellied parrot, Swift Parrot and Hooded Plover.

The next Aussie Bird Count is 16 -22 October 2023. Please visit Birdlife Australia website for information on how you can participate.

A very sombre outcome of the Bird Count was that the top three bird species counted in Tasmania were feral (introduced species).

- House Sparrow
- European Starling
- Common Blackbird

Feral cats have a major impact on bird and other native wildlife, unfortunately it seems, not on the feral species. Please take responsible ownership of your pet cats.

As well as controlling cats you can have a native friendly garden. You don't have to have a large space to provide a native bird friendly garden helps our environment as a whole. Many native birds rely on our parks and gardens for survival. You will note Glamorgan Spring Bays Councils

focus on retaining and enhancing natural landscapes in public places. Think about planting native trees/shrubs that attract honeyeaters. Native vegetation is maintenance free and brings nature to your garden in many forms.

Twenty two species of bird have become extinct in modern Australian history and more are on the way out. Native forest logging, land clearing, urban sprawl, marsh drainage, feral predators, and weeds contribute to the spiral of extinction. The biggest killer is habitat destruction.

Lets give our native bird species a fighting chance.



The Government has released the **Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan 2023**. It establishes a long-term, strategic framework to guide the priorities for the Tasmanian salmon industry.

For more information and to read the Plan, visit <https://nre.tas.gov.au/salmonplan> (QR Code for link).

All submissions on the Draft Plan are also available on the Natural Recourse Tasmania website.



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LOCAL MARKETS



TRIABUNNA

Third Sunday in each month
from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

SWANSEA

Second Saturday in each
month from 9.30am to 1.00pm

BICHENO

Held monthly from September
to April on the 3rd Sunday at
Lions Park overlooking beautiful
Waubs Bay, Bicheno.

Autumn/Winter Waste Transfer Station Hours

Autumn/Winter Operating Hours commence on Monday 1 May 2023

The following opening hours will apply from Monday 1 May 2023 to Sunday 29 October 2023 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

Closed: Christmas Day and 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 now 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
- The Business Community
- Community Groups
- 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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