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**Priority Projects 2024**

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# Message from the Mayor and General Manager

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council is situated on the beautiful east coast of Tasmania and incorporates some of Tasmania’s most iconic national parks, including Freycinet and Maria Island. It also is home to the beautiful seaside towns of Orford, Triabunna, Swansea and Bicheno to name a few. In recent years there has been a considerable increase in demand for development opportunities on the coast. This has not only increased demand for housing, but also other important investments.

The purpose of our prospectus is to share more about our municipality with our funding partners, to highlight that Glamorgan Spring Bay is an attractive area for investment, and to make future planning and delivery of vital community projects a smoother and more efficient process. Projects recommended here proceed from councils Ten Year Strategic Plan 2020-2029.

The projects in this document complement existing government strategies and policies and highlight our enthusiasm to improve our region. We are willing to discuss options for funding for any or all of these priority projects and look forward to working with you on building a better community for all of our residents and visitors.



Mayor Cheryl Arnol



Greg Ingham

## Our area

Glamorgan Spring Bay is an extraordinary place to live, visit and work. It has some of the most spectacular landscapes and coastlines in Tasmania and strong, independent communities that know what they like and value about living here – as well as what they don't!

Bounded by the Denison River in the north and the start of Bust Me Gall Hill 160 kilometres to the south, our municipality covers an area of over 2,522 square kilometres, including the remarkable National Parks of Freycinet and Maria Island. The western boundary follows the ridgeline of the Eastern Tiers – and the eastern boundary is set by the low-tide mark of Great Oyster Bay and the Tasman Sea.

A snapshot of the latest Census shows that the population of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Local Government area is 5,012 people, which is 0.89% of Tasmania's population. Indigenous people make up 4.4% of the population and live mainly in Triabunna and Orford. Seventy seven percent (77%) of the population is born in Australia.

The main townships include Bicheno, Coles Bay, Swansea, Triabunna, Orford and Buckland. Bicheno has the largest population (1049), followed closely by Swansea (997). Swansea and Orford have the highest median age at 62 years and Coles Bay the lowest at 38 years.

Our population is ageing and the median age is 57 years compared to 42 for Tasmania. The average number of persons per household is 2.1 and the average number of children per family is 1.7. There is a high percentage of couples/families without children, which reflects the age of the community.

The 2021 census data tells us that 572 people attend an educational institution. Of these 24.2% are in primary schools, 14.5% in secondary schools and 9.7% are undertaking technical and tertiary studies. Additionally, 8.3% of people are undertaking university studies.



## Priority Projects

### Orford Foreshore Masterplan

This masterplan conserves and protects the natural values of the Orford foreshore and Prosser River Mouth while developing naturally inspired tourist and visitor experiences that complement this beautiful location. Following extensive community consultation, the Masterplan was adopted and is now ready for implementation. Funding of \$4M will enable the project to be delivered in its entirety.

### Triabunna Marina Precinct

Council has an endorsed Triabunna Marina Masterplan which has a vision to transform the infrastructure of the Triabunna Marina and Maria Island ferry terminal. The extent of the project provides for private investment and partnership with all levels of government. Funding is envisaged to be approximately \$40M.

### Glamorgan Spring Bay Walking & Cycling Strategy

This project brings together community aspirations for strategically prioritised and developed networks of connectivity for our aging populations, tourists and visitors. This Strategy in the order of \$150,000 and multiple projects flowing from it would benefit from funding ranging from \$1M - \$3M.

### Wielangta Forest Reserve Mountain Bike Trails

Proceeding from the "Southeast Tasmania Mountain Bike Proposal" this trail development embedded in the stunning Wielangta State Forest Reserve combines the essentials for tourism for the young and the mobile. Centred around the Sand Spit Reserve Picnic Ground an identified network of trails is ready to develop with funding of \$1M - \$3M. This initiative would close the gap in a state wide approach to providing mountain bike facilities in all corners of the state.

### Bicheno The Gulch Stage 2

The Gulch project is now in the construction of stage 1. To enable completion of the project additional funds are required to complete the redevelopment of this key location in Bicheno. Funding of \$1.5M would enable completion of this project.

### Bicheno Skate Park

The Bicheno Skate Park has now been complete is highly utilised by visitors and locals alike. Given the small budget, other components of the project were postponed until funding could be sort. This includes the construction of a car park and amenities for users of the park. It is estimated that the cost for this project would be in the order of \$200k.

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