

## From the General Manager - John Brown

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending the Volunteer Film Festival at the Easy Tiger Complex, and it was an outstanding event. Eleven community groups showcased their activities through short films, and with over 70 attendees, there was a vibrant exchange of stories and experiences. Volunteering not only enhances the wellbeing of participants by fostering a sense of purpose and community connection, but it also strengthens the fabric of our community through collective efforts and support. This festival provided a wonderful platform for our volunteers to share their stories and allowed our community to celebrate National Volunteer Week together. The films, now available on the Council's YouTube channel, offer valuable insights into the work of these groups and hopefully inspire others in the community to get involved.

On the subject of wellbeing, our amazing Community Wellbeing project is heading into its fourth year with people signing up to be part of this annual program. This eight-week program is designed to enable people to connect and share while learning together in a fun and supportive environment. I have also had the pleasure of attending showcase events in the past where many incredible projects have been born and become integral parts of our community. An interesting aspect of the program is how it has provided a platform for newcomers to our community to meet others and form friendships, helping them to settle in and feel at home. This is a great chance for you to work on an idea you care about and create meaningful change. Who knows, maybe your idea could become an activity showcased in a short film at a future festival. Give Leah at the Council a call on 6376 7900 to talk to her or send her an email [leah.page@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:leah.page@bodc.tas.gov.au) doesn't hurt to have a chat about it.

## Celebrating Break O'Day Volunteers at the Volunteer Film Festival



Volunteers and their supporters getting ready to watch the amazing films about volunteering in Break O'Day.

The month of May saw us celebrate National Volunteer Week and so we encouraged our local volunteers to share their stories on the big screen at our Volunteer Film Festival. The Festival was created to celebrate and support Break O'Day volunteers' invaluable contributions to our community.

Council rolled out the red carpet and was joined by over 70 volunteers and spectators at the grand premiere and indulged in treats like popcorn and choc tops ahead of the screening. Our volunteers shined at the festival which was made up of 11 volunteer films and held at Easy Tiger Cinema on May 14.

The films captured the soul and experiences of volunteers within the community and highlighted the benefits and importance of volunteering in the area. It was a great way to support Break O'Day volunteers.

"Volunteering is the heartbeat of our community," said Mayor Tucker. "This festival celebrated our local volunteering heroes and their efforts and we were reminded of all the ways we can contribute to the heart of Break O'Day."

With this year's National Volunteer Week theme being "Something for Everyone," the film festival showcased volunteer opportunities from local charities, specialist skills sharing, to

recreation groups, showing that there really is something for everyone here.

It has been so joyful for the Community Services team to receive the films and help some groups with their videos. "Each volunteer story has themes of connection and generosity and one thing we all have in common is that we care about our community." Council's Mental Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator Leah Page said.



Clr Carter & Clr Oldham with volunteers Andrea & Lee..

Our Council team would like to say thank you to our local volunteers and the many ways they give their time and talents to serve others and Easy Tiger for hosting the event. As we reflect on volunteering in our community, take a moment to feel good about volunteering, thank a volunteer or explore volunteering opportunities in Break O'Day. For more information on volunteering opportunities, visit <https://www.bodc.tas.gov.au/community/volunteering/>.

## Golf Club Wins State Championships



Photo: Captain Jo Williams, Debbie Williams, Marion Green, Dianne Chellew & Kareena Gale celebrating their State Championship win

The St Helens Golf Club Women's Pennant Team competed in the 2024 Tasmanian Women's Pennant Finals, Division Three, at the Royal Hobart Golf Course on 1-2 June. The team, featuring Captain Jo Williams, Debbie Williams, Marion Green, Dianne Chellew, and Kareena Gale, defeated Devonport 3/2 on Saturday, securing a spot in the State Final against Orford on Sunday. They continued their success, winning the final 3/2 and becoming the State Premiers for Division 3 in 2024. Their path to the finals included victories in the East Coast Pennant, the Cons Pearce Trophy against Greens Beach, and the Watterson Shield against the North West.



Photo: The Club show off their accomplishments

Helen Krawczyk and Maggie Mills contributed in getting the team to the finals, with Helen serving as a reserve. This accomplishment is especially impressive given that no Pennant was played on the East Coast last year due to low numbers. The competition's revival this year has led to a fantastic outcome for St Helens. Congratulations to the St Helens Golf Club on their well-deserved win.

## Burn Brighter - Wood Fire Etiquette

Council has received a number of concerns from residents about wood fire smoke. While this is not something we can enforce, we can make sure residents have access to information on wood heater etiquette.

Wood heater etiquette is not just about reducing wood smoke but making sure you are getting the most out of your fire. This can save you money in the long run.

You can find more information on our website [www.bodc.tas.gov.au/property/wood-heater-etiquette/](http://www.bodc.tas.gov.au/property/wood-heater-etiquette/). On this page you will find links to the state government's Burn Brighter campaign, helpful videos as well as a fact sheet on burning safely and efficiently.

Fact sheets in hard copy can also be collected from the main office at 32-34 Georges Bay Esplanade, St Helens.

## New Shower Screen at Beauty Bay

Council have built a new shower screen for the existing shower at Beauty Bay. Swimmers can now enjoy the benefit of showering in private after a dip in the bay. The Happy Fish swimming group (pictured on the right) are delighted by this new addition. The group swim at Beauty Bay from October through to April every week and aim to have fun, swim, meet people and support each other. If you are interested in joining the Happy Fish Swimming group for a swim please contact Nat on 0400 750 364.



Photo: Members of the The Happy Fish Swimming Group.

## IN BRIEF

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Break O'Day Chamber of Commerce are currently looking for new members. The Chamber advocate and promote the interests of commerce & tourism within Break O'Day and being a member means your business will be supported and advocated for by the Chamber. Membership costs \$100 per year. For more information email [sthelenscoc@gmail.com](mailto:sthelenscoc@gmail.com).

### AQUATIC FACILITY UPDATE

The tender period for an Aquatic Feasibility Study has now closed. We received several high calibre submissions from consultants and the Aquatic Committee is now working through and assessing each submission. The Committee will meet later this month to discuss their preferred applicants. The Committee will then make its recommendations to Council. We look forward to being able to share more details on the consultant once they have been formally appointed.

### CECILIA ST STREETSCAPE UPDATE

Work at the Cecilia Street/Georges Bay Esplanade junction has been delayed pending remediation works by State Growth. Traffic control with a reduced speed limit of 40km/hr remains in place and motorists are asked to obey traffic signage. Council expects to be sealing the junction later this month followed by the installation of the pedestrian traffic refuge and construction of new footpath sections.

### CLOSED - ANSONS BAY TIP SITE

Due to illegal dumping of Asbestos, Council was directed to close the Ansons Bay Waste Transfer Station (WTS) by WorkSafe Tasmania.

To ensure the Ansons Bay community have access to a waste service, we are sending a waste collection truck to the township. The truck will be stationed in Acacia Drive near the community notice board on Sunday from 12-2pm and Wednesday from 2pm – 4pm.

Only general household waste in bags or wheelie bins will be accepted, other waste will not be accepted, normal fees will apply and we will only accept cash payment.



# HAVE YOUR SAY

## Community Engagement Updates

### WANTED: Your Thoughts on Improving the Binalong Bay BBQ Area

Council will be replacing the BBQ area at Binalong Bay and we would like the community's feedback on where they think the new facility should be located.

We are considering three potential new locations. You can find maps of these sites as well as a list of pros and cons on our website under My Community, Community Engagement. So that we can accurately record your feedback we have developed an online survey and you can find links

to this on our website or you can scan the QR code provided below. We will also make hard copies of the survey available through our office.

The survey will be open from May 31 to June 28.

We look forward to your feedback.



### Join One of The Break O'Day Economic Development Strategy Workshops

Stantec have been appointed as consultants to deliver an Economic Development Strategy for Break O'Day. Council's vision for the strategy is that it will be community focused and to do that we need to hear from you.

Stantec will be running two community sessions and we hope you can all attend;

#### St Marys/Fingal Valley

Date: Thursday, 20th June 2024

Time: 9am – 12pm

Venue: St Marys Hall.

#### St Helens

Date: Friday, 21st June 2024

Time: 9am – 12pm

Venue: Portland Hall.

#### Why Attend?

- Share your insights and priorities for the region.
- Participate in interactive discussions and action planning.
- Collaborate to create community-driven solutions.

Please confirm your attendance by Friday, 14 June by contacting Kyle Barrie on 0488 600 249 or

kyle.barrie@stantec.com.

### Thank You For Your Feedback

#### BEAUMARIS AND SCAMANDER SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback and your thoughts about the redevelopment of Beaumaris Park and the placement of outdoor exercise equipment in Scamander. We received 143 submissions from the community. All submissions have been reviewed and a report will be published in the June Agenda (available to the public) and presented to Council at the June Council meeting.

#### DOG MANAGEMENT SURVEY REPORT

Thanks to everyone who shared their thoughts on the Draft Dog Management Policy. We're reviewing all the feedback now and putting together a report. This report will be presented at a Council Meeting for approval.

Community is the  
foundation to success.  
– Kristen Jones

### WHAT'S ON

#### Bay of Fires Winter Arts Festival - Friday 7 June - Long Weekend

Indulge in some art from various artists and enjoy what the East Coast has to offer this June long weekend.

**Friday 7 June** attend the Gala opening at Panorama Hotel in St Helens at 6pm. Tickets online at Eventbrite.

**Friday 7 June - Sunday 9 June** experience the Youth Art Prize Exhibition at Portland Memorial Hall, St Helens.

**Saturday 8 June** at 7.15am Main Beach Binalong Bay, brave the cold and register for the Dawn Dash and Splash.

For more information visit [bayoffireswinterartsfestival.com.au](http://bayoffireswinterartsfestival.com.au)

#### Bay of Fires Youth Art Prize Exhibition -

**6-9 June 10am-4pm**

All welcome to support our youth's talent at the Portland Memorial Hall, St Helens. Judge's prize winners announced 11am

8 June. People's choice announced 11 June.

Gold coin donation to attend. More information at [www.buildingblockstas.com](http://www.buildingblockstas.com)

#### St Marys Car, Bike and Pedal Car Show -

**Sunday 9 June 8am-2pm**

Come along to a day of fun and experience one of the last true country car shows. Market stalls, raffles, food and drink, great prizes and more. Enjoy the local shops and eateries with live music by Clinton Hutton. For more information email [stmaryscarshow@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryscarshow@gmail.com)

#### Winter Lights -

**22 June 1pm-8pm**

Join the St Marys Winter Solstice celebration. Lots of great activities through the day for all ages. Lantern making workshop, story telling tent and face painting and more for children. Writers Hub – sessions with local authors, Q & A and more. Food Trucks and music by With One Voice Break O'Day, local musos and Moonshine Whiskey and the Ragged Pony (from 5pm) for a bush dance experience. Tickets on sale at the St Marys Post Office or at [www.events.humanitix.com](http://www.events.humanitix.com)

#### Live Music - Wolf Brothers -

**29 June**

Easy Tiger are hosting the Wolf Brothers. Spend the evening enjoying a beverage and listen to live music. Tickets are limited.

2.00-4.00pm – Wolfe Brothers

4.00pm – local artist/musicians

For more information contact Easy Tiger Cinemas on 6204 9516.

#### Wellbeing Certificate - July 2024

Starting July in St Helens and Fingal. Enrol now at [www.wellbeingaction.org/wellbeing-certificate](http://www.wellbeingaction.org/wellbeing-certificate) or contact council on 6376 7900.

#### LOCAL MARKETS

##### St Helens - Every Saturday

Location alternates between the Portland Hall and the Visitor Information Centre Carpark.

##### St Marys - First Saturday of the month

Held at the St Marys Hall.

## Council Works Reports

- Unsealed road re-sheeting in the Fingal and Mathinna areas are completed.
- Storm damage to Medeas Cove Road and Argonaut Road have been completed.
- Playgrounds at Cornwall, St Marys and Four Mile Creek have had softfall replaced.
- The Ansons Bay toilet block has had a makeover.
- A privacy screen has been installed at the Beauty Bay outdoor shower.
- Ansons Bay Road grading commenced and will continue into June.
- Shoulder widening and sealing work on St Columba Falls Road has been completed with bridge approach barrier work scheduled for June.
- Scamander Avenue - upgrade of footpath segments and installation of new pedestrian crossings completed and funded by the Australian Government Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program.
- Lower German Town Road and Cecilia Street bridges – new concrete superstructure components were prefabricated for installation early in the 2024/2025 financial year.

### WEED MANAGEMENT

- **St Marys** - Gorse, Spanish heath, broadleaf
- **Irishtown quarry** Pampus, gorse, broom, Spanish heath.
- **St Helens** - Broadleaf, thistles, blackberry, broom, multiple weed varieties.
- **Seymour** - Gorse.
- **Argonaut quarry** - Thistles, fox glove, cape spurge
- **Binalong Bay** - Bridal creeper.

### DOG STATISTICS 5/04/2024 - 9/05/2024

Urban Patrols = 11  
Beach Patrols = 10  
Infringements = 0  
Unregistered Dog = 0  
Impounded dogs = 2

## Weed of the Month - broom

Both Montpellier and English broom are woody shrubs growing to 2-3m with bright yellow pea flowers and hard long-lived seeds that can be flicked more than 3 metres when the pods pop open. They are both Declared Pests in Tasmania.

Brooms can establish themselves just about anywhere and take over paddocks or out compete native vegetation and change the habitat of fauna.

Small plants can be easily hand pulled from the ground, larger isolated plants might need digging, or try cutting them close to the base and quickly painting the stump with herbicide. Larger infestations

can be sprayed and maybe cut back and treated with herbicide when the new growth develops. Biological controls such as sap-sucking psyllids on Montpellier broom are a help.

Make sure you have a sensible long-term control plan and follow-up. For more information please visit [www.nre.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds/](http://www.nre.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds/)



## Natural Resource Management Activity

Fonzie, the conservation detection dog, recently sniffed out 500 serrated tussocks on two properties in Break O'Day, following a similar number removed by contractors and landholders the previous month. This is half of what was removed in September 2022. Fonzie found no serrated tussock on surrounding areas, confirming containment. This was Fonzie's last visit for a Weed Action Fund project in Break O'Day aimed at eradicating serrated tussock.



Photo: Fonzie on his search for the weed.

Farmers from the Meetermer/George River catchment recently gathered at a field day to share knowledge on improving soil and pasture health. Organised by local farmers with NRM North's

Soil Extension Officer Tahlia Kinrade, the event featured pasture diversity specialist Robin Tait and Dr. Rowan Smith from the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture. Held at Martha Vale Park in St Helens, discussions covered applying liquid seaweed, diversifying pastures with resilient plants, and indicators of healthy soil biology like worms.



Photo: The field trip was a success amongst farmers.

During a BBQ lunch with local produce, participants agreed that the event was valuable both socially and professionally. Farmers interested in future events can contact Tahlia at NRM North on 6333 7777 or Polly Buchhorn, Council's NRM Facilitator on 6376 7900.

## Sign Up To The Drought Resilient Impact Preparedness (DRIP) Workshop

Tasmanian Leaders are offering an exciting leadership opportunity. This is a no-fee four-day workshop aiming to improve resilience in response to droughts. It is designed for community leaders e.g. local government officers, farmers, First Nations individuals and young emerging leaders. DRIP will be held on a farm to provide a hands-on learning experience ran by experts in leadership, social impacts of drought, and community resilience.

The program will be held 15-18 September 2024 in North East Tasmania and is suited to people aged 25-35 actively involved in their communities or seeking greater involvement. You can apply by 1 July. All meals and accommodation is included.

For more information, please contact Ros Young on 0429 950 578 or email [ros.young@tasmanianleaders.org.au](mailto:ros.young@tasmanianleaders.org.au). To register please visit their website [www.tasmanianleaders.org.au/drip](http://www.tasmanianleaders.org.au/drip)