

**Next Council Meetings:  
16 May and 27 June at 10am in the Council Chambers, St Helens**

## From the General Manager - John Brown

The most anticipated event for the first part of the year is upon us, the Federal Election. This provides Council with the opportunity to advocate for projects that are important for our community and seek Federal funding to deliver these projects. Last election we received commitments which enabled us to complete the missing link of the Georges Bay Foreshore Multi-User Track and hasn't our community loved the opportunity to walk or ride from the St Helens foreshore around the Bay in safety. Other projects put forward were flood mitigation works at St Marys and renovation of the Old Tasmanian Hotel at Fingal. We received \$3MILLION in funding from the Federal Liberal Government as a result of commitments during the last election. This time around our main priority is the completion of the section of the Georges Bay Foreshore Multi-user Track along the Parnella cliffs and Aerodrome Hill area. This would link the Stieglitz, Parnella and Akaroa communities back to the centre of St Helens and something residents have been asking for for a long time. We are seeking funding of \$3.3 MILLION for this project and we have presented the project to both major parties. The Liberal candidate for Lyons, Susie Bower, and the Liberal Senate team have been onsite at Stieglitz to understand this project. Our Labor member for Lyons Brian Mitchell has met with the Mayor and myself on a couple of occasions to discuss the project and we have been advised that it has been submitted for consideration.

**STOP THE PRESS** – as the finishing touches were being made to this letter, we were advised that a re-elected Liberal Government will provide \$3million in funding for this project.

## Story of the Scamander Bridges



Pictured above: Liese and Paul Fearman checking out the new Scamander bridge panels

The coastal township of Scamander is well known for its bridges. For years the 'Old Scamander Bridge' proudly stood still in place even after being replaced in the 90s. The bridge was widely used by locals and visitors alike who walked and fished off the bridge. The Old Scamander Bridge was one of the last remaining Truss bridges designed by Sir Allan Knight and was installed in 1934. In 2017, after considering all options for the bridge, the Scamander community voted to remove the bridge. The bridge was removed in 2021 and this left a real hole in the community's identity. The community approached Council and asked if there was anything we could do to help tell the story of the Old Scamander Bridge so it could always remain a feature of the area. Council's Community Services Manager formed a working group with Scamander residents who decided that they would like to tell the story of the Old Scamander Bridge, as well as all the others through interpretive panels. Council then sought external funding from the Tasmanian Government to support the project.

The group researched all the bridges of which there were seven, and developed information panels to be installed along the banks of the

Scamander River. These were installed last week.

Mayor Mick Tucker said:

"Projects like these that are inspired by and led by our community are the best projects for our team to work on because the results are always so rewarding.

"The Old Scamander Bridge and the history of the bridges are really important to the Scamander community and so when they approached us to do something to honour this history we understood how important this project would be – and we are all pleased with the results." He said.

When the Old Scamander Bridge was removed State Growth allocated around \$250,000 to Council for community projects in beautifying/making the space more usable for community once the bridge was removed. The state has already used some of this ear-marked money to install the new pontoon on the Scamander River bank. Council is still negotiating with the State around this funding. Once this funding is received we will again engage with the Scamander Community to ensure plans for this space have community support.

## Foreshore Walking Track - Parkside link

Council has started Stage 1 construction of a foreshore footpath that will connect the Talbot Street Jetty with the Cunningham Street Jetty opposite the St Helens Holiday Park.

This first stage will see the works teams start work at the Cunningham St jetty working back towards the Talbot St Jetty.

The start of works will cause minimal disruption as it includes environmental protection measures and construction of an access point for equipment. Once this is completed, construction works will begin.

The works will involve rock filling to construct a shared pathway with wave protection in similar style to the existing Georges Bay Multi-user track

from the wharf to Lions Park.

No works will be undertaken in the road reserve of St Helens Point Road, but road users can expect some minor delays as trucks deliver material to the site near Cunningham Street.

The timeline for this project will be dependent on tide levels, daylight hours, weather conditions and logistics.

We expect Stage 1 to continue through the Month of May.

Once Stage 1 is completed we will start updating you on the next stages.

It is anticipated that the entire project which will see both jetties connect could take at least four months to complete this project.

## Mountain Bike Visitors - Who are they?

We are just in the process of collating a mountain bike rider survey that has revealed some interesting things about our mountain bike visitors.

The survey was sent to the St Helens MTB trail newsletter database, promoted on social media and via QR codes on posters at the trailhead.

When the report is finalised it will be made publically available on our website, however there have been some interesting statistics we thought the community may be interested in.

The average rider at the St Helens network is/has:

- Tasmanian and travelling with their family
- Travelled specifically to ride the St Helens trails

- Aged between 36 and 45
- Staying in St Helens for 1-3 nights
- Spending around \$50-\$100 a day on food, beverages etc
- Spend around \$100- \$200 on accommodation

The survey also asked riders to tell us what we did well and what improvements they think we should consider in the future. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive with the majority of respondents saying we were doing great!

Any suggestions for improvements will be archived and included in the decision making process around the future development of the trails.

## Development Service Information Sessions

Are you in the building, real estate, plumbing or building design industry? If you are, have you received an email from us regarding Information sessions on changes to the planning Scheme and building and plumbing regulations? If not, it means that you are not on our database, to sign up please email [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au).

The Development Services Team will be holding three information sessions on development in Break O' Day specifically developed for industry professionals. If you are planning on attending one of these sessions please email [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au) and advise which session you will be attending.

The sessions are as follows:

### Real Estate and Designers Sessions:

Thursday 12 May from 4-6pm @ the Council Chambers.

### Builders

Thursday 19 May from 4-6pm @ the Council Chambers.

**Back Up Session – for those who are unable to attend the sessions above**  
Thursday 26 May from 4-6pm @ the Council Chambers.

(Please send an email to [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au) if you would like to attend this session and which industry you are part of.

For more information on what topics each session will include please see our website; My Community / Community Engagement.

## Congratulations to our Tasmanian Volunteering Awards Finalists

Education, Science and Technology Volunteer Award

Finalist: Rosina Gallace - St Helens Online Access Centre

Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Award  
Finalist: Barry Le Fevre - East Coast Swans Football Club

Volunteer Program or Group of the Year Award

Finalist: St Helens Hospital Auxiliary Recycling Shop

You can find out more about the awards and the finalists here: [volunteeringtas.org.au](http://volunteeringtas.org.au)



# ANZAC Day in Break O'Day

ANZAC Day was celebrated across the municipality with numbers up at every service location.

Mayor Mick Tucker attended both the dawn and 11am services at St Helens and Deputy Mayor John McGiveron attended the dawn and 11am services in St Marys. There were also counsellors in attendance at the Fingal Service.

Mayor Tucker said: "I would say there were around 500 people at the dawn service in St Helens and 300 at the

11am service. It was a great turn out and an honour to see so many people commemorating and remembering our fallen soldiers.

Deputy Mayor McGiveron said: "There was a lovely morning in St Marys for the ANZAC Service and there was a great turn out. One of the highlights for me was the father and daughter performing the last post and reveille, it's wonderful to see the importance of the service being handed down through the generations."



Left: St Helens Service



Right: Fingal Service

## Are you a Break O'Day Business?

### You could win a \$50 voucher to Raida

Are you a Business in the Break O'Day area? We want to hear from you and you could win a \$50 voucher to Raida! Last week we sent out our new and improved Business Survey which aims to understand the challenges and opportunities for businesses in our area.

We have made a few changes to the survey this year to better capture data that we can compare and collate with other sources. We have also included some questions that ask you about assistance and what you think Council could do to help businesses more.

Once the survey is closed on 30 June, we will collate the data and publish a report of our findings on our website under My Community/ Community Engagement.

This information is not just helpful to us in terms of understanding growth and gaps in the business community

but we can also send individualised reports to businesses if requested.

If you are a business owner in Break O'Day we would encourage you to take part in this survey by either using the link on our website or sending us an email so that we can add you to the business database as well as send you the link.

To win the voucher, all you have to do is complete the survey and we will add your email address to the draw.

The winner will be announced after July 1. Use this QR to take the survey.



# WHAT'S ON

## NTFA Football Game - Pyengana

### Saturday 7 May

East Coast Swans vs Meander Valley Suns at the Pyengana Recreation Grounds. Kick-off 10:30am. East Coast Swans will be wearing the St Marys Football Club guernsey. Evening events after the game include: Awards, Spit Roast and Guernsey auction. Music by Double Vax and The Super Spreaders.

\*\*Camping facilities available\*\*

## Bay of Fires Winter Arts Festival

### June 10 - 13

Including the Bay of Fires Art Prize, Secret People Secret Places Arts Trail, Local Art Prize, Youth Art Prize, Markets and more.

## Township Plan Review Dates

### Scamander 4 May

4:30 - 6:30pm @ Scamander Sports Complex

### St Marys 11 May

4:30 - 6:30 @ St Marys Community Hall

### Falmouth 18 May

4:30 - 6:30 @ Falmouth Community Centre

### Binalong Bay 21 May

9:30 - 11:30am @ Foreshore carpark near tennis courts.

If you are unable to make one of these sessions or missed your town's session you can still have your voice heard by taking our survey. You can find the survey on our website under My Community/Community Engagement

## Community Wellbeing Conversations

### Scamander Wednesday 4 May

5:30-6:30pm @ Scamander Sports Complex.

### Fingal Monday 9 May

1:00 - 2:30pm @ Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House.

### St Marys Wednesday 11 May

5:30-6:30pm @ St Marys Town Hall.

### Falmouth Wednesday 18 May

5:30-6:30pm @ Falmouth Community Centre.

## LOCAL MARKETS

### St Helens - Every Saturday

The Markets alternate between setting up their stalls at the Portland Hall or in the Visitor Information Centre Car-park.

### St Marys - First Saturday of the month

Held at the St Marys Hall.

## Council Works Reports

- Medea Cove Esplanade pathway – work continues
- St Marys Footpath – work continues
- St Helens Point Road / Parkside foreshore path – work has commenced
- Upper Scamander Road – maintenance grading underway
- Resheeting Ansons Bay road is programmed, weather permitting mid May
- Maintenance grading around Lottah area – weather permitting mid May
- Roadside slashing Mathinna and surrounds
- Tree maintenance as required
- Road sealing continues as weather permits – Mathinna Plains Road, Binalong Bay Road



Pictured above: Mathinna Plains Road sealing



Pictured above: Foreshore footpath works near Parkside

## Weed Management

- Fingal Main St, Grant St, Gray St, Victoria St, Albert St, Seymour St Broadleaf weeds.
- Stieglitz - Thistles, mullein, caper spurge, mirror bush, African daisy.
- St Helens Macmichael Terrace -
  - Blackberry, African boxthorn, mirror bush, thistles

## Weed of the month - Mirror bush



Mirror bush (*Coprosma repens*) is considered a significant environmental weed in Tasmania. It spreads by seed

which is dispersed by birds, animals and garden waste dumping. This species also reproduces vegetatively by sprouting and taking root from branches on the ground. It can form dense colonies in native bushland, displacing native flora and fauna and the canopy will smother all other vegetation. It is very hardy, tolerating drought, salt, frost and most soil types, common in coastal environments.

**Treatment** – spraying and cut stump for larger plants. Small plants can be hand pulled

**Time of treatment:** Between June-Nov

## St Helens Recreation Ground Update

Council has been receiving a lot of great community feedback on the St Helens Recreation Ground (Sports Complex) Draft concept plan.

We will be accepting submissions on the draft concept plan until 13 May and we are asking people to make sure their submissions address the following questions:

- What do you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan?
- What don't you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan?
- Have we covered everything?
- Are there any other comments you would like to make?

Once we have closed off the submissions we will then start collating your feedback together. This feedback

will then be used to further develop the Draft Concept Plan.

As we have been receiving a lot of feedback just on the pool, we will also keep all this information together which will be used in the development of a business case for a pool. Council voted to develop a business case for the pool at the May 2021 meeting.

Developing the business case will include things like a feasibility study and therefore will take funding and time to develop. We will keep the community updated on this project via our website (My Community/Community Engagement) and the newsletter. In the meantime we ask for your patience while we undertake this project.



## Certificate in Creating Wellbeing

APPLY NOW

Are you ready to nurture wellbeing in your community?

Do you want to learn about the science of wellbeing?

Build new skills to create wellbeing in your community on things that matter to you.

Applications close 29 May 2022.

No fees for community members. Course runs 9 July – 22 October.

Find out more at [www.bodc.tas.gov.au/community/health-and-wellbeing/](http://www.bodc.tas.gov.au/community/health-and-wellbeing/) or email or call

Leah at council on [wellbeing@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:wellbeing@bodc.tas.gov.au) or 6376 7900.

