

Next Council Meetings:
20 May 2024 and 24 June at 10am in the Council Chambers

From the General Manager - John Brown

The Tasman Highway is the lifeline of the Break O'Day area, we all travel sections of this road to go to work, access services in the area or beyond for sporting and recreation activities, or to visit friends and relatives. For years the Council has been urging the State Government to address the poor quality of this road and we have had a little bit of success. Let's be frank, compared to other sections of the State Highway network, the Tasman Highway within the Break O'Day area could be considered appalling with the exception of the piece south of St Helens completed a few years ago and, the piece running along the coast between the bottom of the St Marys and Elephant Passes. Anyone who has travelled from Scottsdale to St Helens can't help but notice the dramatic difference which occurs east of the Gladstone Road intersection. We go from a well made and maintained road to rubbish. Recently the Department of State Growth has started a community engagement process for the Tasman Highway and is asking the community questions in relation to the Highway. I would urge community members to have your say on the Tasman Highway. I took the time to work through the survey, I was a bit frustrated by the nature of the questions and what I saw was a really superficial approach to information gathering. But at the end as they thank you for taking the survey, they ask for specific feedback on areas along the highway through an interactive map. This is the really important piece as you can make very specific comments in relation to problem areas. This is where I am going to put in my effort to share my thoughts and I suggest that you do the same at <https://stategrowthtas.mysocialpinpoint.com/tasman-highway-corridor-strategy/map#/>

This is a really important opportunity to send a clear message to the State Government and Department of State Growth with our views on this vital piece of infrastructure.

ANZAC Day - A Day of Remembrance



Photo courtesy of Clr Johnstone: Around 100 people attended the dawn Mathinna Service.

As the dawn broke over Mathinna, Fingal, St Marys, and St Helens, our community gathered in remembrance and gratitude on Anzac Day. 25 April is significant in Australia's history and pays homage to the brave service men and women who sacrificed their lives in Australia's times of need. It is a day to honour those who served and lost their lives and support those fortunate enough to return from duty. In our local townships, hundreds of people assembled at various services to reflect on this day. Among them stood veterans, families, and individuals from all walks of life, united by a shared respect and admiration for our veterans and the sacrifices they made for our country. Guest speaker Mr. Rob McDowell, a veteran himself, captured the essence of Anzac Day, sharing his experiences with those attending the St Helens service. Both of St Marys services had a wonderful turnout of around 120 people, a great example of a small town coming together in community respect and spirit.

Mathinna's dawn service had around 100 people in attendance and the community later gathered and prepared



Photo courtesy of Clr Drummond: St Marys service

breakfast at the Mathinna pub, a nice way for attendees to celebrate the past, present and aspirations for the future.

This year, the ABC network decided to shine a spotlight on St Helens to show what the East Coast does to honour and support veterans. The ABC met with



Photo courtesy of Clr Barnes: Students pay their respects in Fingal veterans, capturing their stories and experiences to share ahead of Anzac Day. Thank you to everyone for making the services a success, those in the



Photo courtesy of Mayor Tucker: Wreaths laid at the St Helens service in Memorial Park

community for their time and effort in organising the services and to the community for coming together.

On Anzac Day, we pause to remember, to honor, and to cherish the legacy of those who have served and sacrificed for our nation. Lest we forget.

Free Volunteer Film Screening - Join the Fun

The Break O'Day Volunteer Film Festival is a wonderful initiative, highlighting the importance of volunteering and its positive impact on communities. Volunteering is not just about giving back, it's also about connecting with others and building stronger communities. By highlighting the efforts of volunteers through short films, the festival celebrates their contributions and shows the opportunities available

for those interested in volunteering. Come along to the festival held on **Tuesday 14 May 3.30-5.30pm** at Easy Tiger Cinemas in St Helens. This is a **FREE** gala event with light refreshments included. RSVP by 7 May - Call Council on 6376 7900 or email admin@bodc.tas.gov.au. In Break O'Day, there is something for everyone to participate in and make a difference.

Scamander Bowls Club Triumph



Photo: Reigning State Champions- Scamander Bowls Club members celebrating their win.

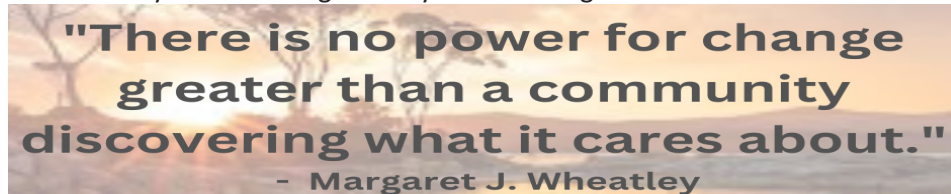
Scamander Bowls Club have won back to back the State Championships division 3. Their path to victory was cemented when they played Swansea in the East Coast bowls final and won on 13 April. This means Scamander have now won the last three finals which is quite a feat as previously they hadn't won a final for 21 years. This win advanced them to the State Finals on 20-21 April against the premier teams

from the South, North & North West. On the first day, each team had one win and one loss, that meant Scamander had to win against Turners Beach on the second day of the competition. After a tense and exciting match Scamander led to victory snapping up the State Champion title once again. Congratulations to the team on your well-deserved win.

Want To Attend A Council Meeting?

Our public meetings are held once a month at 10am and you are welcome to sit in and listen to the discussions and decisions that shape our community. Each meeting allows for public question time, giving you the chance to ask Council about any matters that concern you. A member of the public will have five minutes to ask up to four questions. Your questions will be recorded and a response published in our meeting minutes that we send to you. This is a great way to

get your queries addressed by Council. Before every Council meeting, an agenda is prepared which outlines all the motions and topics that will be discussed in the meeting. These are made available to you on our website, our office, St Marys and St Helens Libraries and the St Helens History Room. Can't make a meeting? Our Council meetings are also live streamed. For more information visit www.bodc.tas.gov.au/council/council-meetings



IN BRIEF

SPEED LIMIT CHANGES ON TASMAN HIGHWAY

You may have seen the recent speed limit changes on the Tasman Highway between St Helens and Scamander.

The community's concerns about this stretch of road have been constant. Safety on our roads is important and it is reassuring to know that community concerns have been taken seriously and addressed. Keep an eye out for the 'new speed limit ahead' signage in the new speed limit areas on the Tasman Highway. For more information visit www.transport.tas.gov.au

TASMAN CORRIDOR STRATEGY

The Department of State Growth is developing a corridor strategy for the Tasman Highway between Sorell and Launceston which extends along Tasmania's east coast, and inland from St Helens to Launceston. Visit www.transport.tas.gov.au/roadworks/current_projects/

and click on Tasman Highway Corridor Strategy to complete the survey and have your say.

BEAUMARIS AND SCAMANDER PROJECTS

Share your ideas on two Council projects, the redevelopment of Beaumaris Park and location of outdoor exercise equipment in Scamander.

Visit www.bodc.tas.gov.au/community/community-consultation/
Survey closes 6 May 2024.

Hardcopies of the survey are available at the Rivermouth Café, Coffee Mug, Scamander Sport Complex, Scamander IGA and the Council Office. Just post back with the pre-paid envelope provided or drop it in to the Council office.

Call Council on 6376 7900 or email admin@bodc.tas.gov.au for more information.

VOTE FOR BINALONG BAY

Binalong Bay is a finalist in Tassie's Top Tourism Town Competition.

Use the QR code below to check out the video, editorial and itinerary and vote for our town!

Vote for Binalong Bay today



East Coast Swans Pyengana Heritage Game - A Day of Community Spirit



Photo courtesy of Hayden Cook: Senior Swans in the Ringarooma guernseys

The Pyengana Heritage Match between the East Coast Swans and the Perth Magpies was a fantastic community event. It's always special when communities come together to celebrate their heritage and love for football. The idea for the Pyengana heritage game originated with Michael LeFevre, a local from Pyengana, who saw it as a fitting tribute to teams from the past. It all kicked off in 2016, when the Swans donned the blue and yellow guernseys once worn by the Pyengana Football Club, which disbanded in the 1950s. Since then, it's become a beloved tradition, with the Swans showcasing a variety of guernseys, drawing large crowds and earning a permanent spot on the football calendar. This year, the traditional guernseys from Ringarooma were worn with pride by our senior players in a local tradition that added nostalgia to the occasion. After each game, the guernseys are auctioned off, with proceeds going towards the club.



Photo courtesy of Hayden Cook: Swans players defending the ball

The event saw its largest turnout yet, with approximately 2000 attendees. A visit from the Head of AFL Tasmania, Damian Gill, was a surprise for the club and supporters with Mr Gill excited to be among the spectators at the well-known country match.



Photo courtesy of Hayden Cook: Ethan Crossingham taking a mark

Despite not getting the desired result on the field, the turnout and atmosphere made it clear that there were plenty of positives to take away from the day. A terrific turnout, lots of community participation, and a festive atmosphere with camping, pork rolls, and live music, made for a memorable experience for everyone involved.

The footy festivities continued into the next day, with many sticking around to catch the Swans' junior teams in action. Thank you to the Club, volunteers and organisers for the opportunity to come together, enjoy various activities, watch some footy and overall experience a great day showcasing community spirit.

WHAT'S ON

The Lighthouse - Every Wednesday

Serving the Break O'Day community, The Lighthouse is a safe place where you can enjoy a free cuppa, hot soup and roll, warm beanies and scarves or a friendly chat. Open every Wednesday, 11am-1pm at the Anglican Hall - 56 Cecilia Street, St Helens.

Be Road Safe In Break O'Day - Monday 13 May

Learn how to communicate the road rules to Learner Drivers. A train the trainer workshop with Kim Smith.

A FREE workshop at Portland Hall, St Helens at 11.30am-1.30pm. Light lunch provided.

To RSVP call St Helens Library 6387 5600 or book at Eventbrite.

Disability Support Worker: Pre-Employment Program - Tuesday 14 May

Wanting to join the disability support workforce? This FREE program will be delivered 2 days a week - Tuesdays and Wednesdays over 6 weeks. Commencing 14 May 10am-2.30pm at St Helens Neighbourhood House. Places are limited.

To register your interest or for more information call Avidity Training on 6339 2813 or email admin@avidity.com.au

Circular North: FREE & Safe Disposal of Household Chemicals - Wednesday 15 May

Dispose of old and unwanted household and garden chemicals from your home. St Helens Waste Transfer Station at Eagle Street, St Helens between 1pm-4pm.

To find out more visit www.nrmnorth.org.au 2024 Wellbeing Certificate - 31 May 2024 (Enrolments Close)

Grow your confidence and discover ways to create wellbeing for yourself and others. Connect with others in your community with this 8 week program available in St Helens or Fingal.

Starts in July. Enrol for FREE by 31 May 2024.

For more information call Council

on 6376 7900 or email

admin@bodc.tas.gov.au

Scan the QR code to enrol

All welcome!

Long Table Lunch for Lifelong Respect - Wednesday 12 June

Break O'Day Council is supporting elder abuse awareness by hosting a FREE community lunch. Join us in supporting lifelong respect for all people.

12pm-2pm at Town Hall, Main Street St Marys.

Please book by 5 June.

Call Council on 6376 7900 or email

community.services@bodc.tas.gov.au

Local transport is available.



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

- Upper Scamander roadworks completed.
- Resheeting of Germantown Road has been undertaken along with some culvert upgrades.
- Slashing continues around the municipality.
- Parks & reserves and town maintenance is ongoing.
- Some minor resheeting works around Fingal will commence in early May, resheeting of Evercreech Road to follow.
- Maintenance grading around St Marys has been undertaken.

MULCH
\$13.50M³

Single shredded mulched green waste suitable for garden use available from the St Helens Waste Transfer Station.
Bring your ute or trailer and we will load it for you.

AVAILABLE BETWEEN
10AM AND 4PM
MONDAY - FRIDAY

WEED MANAGEMENT

- **Fingal** - Gorse, Broom, Spanish heath
- **St Marys** - Gorse, Broom, Spanish heath
- **Cornwall** - Gorse, Broom, Spanish heath

DOG STATISTICS 6/03/2024 - 4/04/2024

Urban Patrols = 11
Beach Patrols = 4
Infringements = 1
Unregistered Dog = 0
Impounded dogs = 1

Weed of the Month - gorse

Gorse is a declared weed in Tasmania and a Weed of National Significance. Break O'Day has a large infestation of gorse making it important to prevent the spread to areas that are currently unaffected or areas where numbers are small. Gorse spreads predominately by being carried in soil and mud on machinery or boots, therefore machine and equipment hygiene is essential in preventing the spread.

Depending on the plant, gorse can be physically removed or treated with herbicide (spraying or using the cut stump method). If using a herbicide,

please follow the label instructions. If possible, removal or treatment is best before plant has matured and is producing seeds (approximately 18 months).

For more information on identification, treatment and control look up gorse on the 'declared-weeds-index' at nre.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds



EPA Oil Spill Training - Supporting Local Networks

The Environment Protection Authority held a successful oil spill response day at the St Helens wharf recently. Georges Bay's marine, port, aquaculture and emergency services interests were all well represented and engaged in the hands on event discussing how to work together in the event of a spill incident. Fuel and oil spills pose a significant risk to commercial and recreational fisheries, public recreation and Georges Bay's marine and shoreline habitats and wildlife.

Various floating booms and a skimming machine were deployed from the boat ramp to demonstrate and practice their use. The EPA is working to support local networks to develop

skills and processes for responding to marine fuel and oil spill incidents that are small or distant state and national response capacity can't get to quickly.



Photo: EPA trainers demonstrating useful skills for spills

DRAFT DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY 2024

We would like your feedback on our revised Dog Management Policy and dog zones. All input will be considered before updating policy.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KC8NJT6>

or scan the QR code to complete.



Submissions close midnight 14 May 2024

View the revised policy and dog zones at www.bodc.tas.gov.au/dogs
For more information call our office 6376 7900
or email admin@bodc.tas.gov.au