



**DECEMBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022**

### **Message from General Manager John Brown**

Christmas has come around so quickly this year and once again I am thinking where has the year gone and what the year ahead may hold for us. I know there is a degree of trepidation in the community in relation to what will happen when the borders reopen and undoubtedly there will be a rise in cases of Covid within the State. What we can do is our bit to keep ourselves safe as well as help authorities trying to trace close contacts. I do think that we have become less focussed on doing a few things, it is easy to forget to use the Check-In Tas App, yet some people deliberately don't do it. We need to lift our game. How often do we do the sanitisation of hands now? I bet the sales of sanitiser have been gradually dropping. We can lift our game with this as well. What about face masks? This is really important in protecting ourselves.

In closing I would just like us to take a moment to pause and let our thoughts be with those families who have just lost their beloved child or grandchild in the tragedy in Devonport. The human life is so fragile and can be taken for granted. No doubt this Christmas we will hold our loved ones a little bit tighter.

Take care and have a great Christmas and New Year.



## **St Helens Lions Club - Last Gift to Community**

The St Helens Lions Club has been a pillar of support to the Break O'Day Community for decades. Annually the Club has donated funds to local not-for-profit community groups and Clubs and has organized and run Christmas Parades and other events.

Sadly, this year the Club folded, but not before they handed over one last gift to the Break O'Day Community.

The Club donated \$12,000 to Council for the refurbishment of the Lions Park

BBQ shelter and the installation of new seating around the area.

Council staff undertook the refurbishment work with Council making up the remainder of funding to complete the project.

The refurbishment included: relining and re-painting the interior and exterior, a new BBQ, table and seating and is now ready for the community and visitors to enjoy over the summer holidays.

## **Congratulations St Marys Tennis Club**

The St Marys Tennis Court will be getting a make-over thanks to the dedication of the local Club and community.

The St Marys Tennis Club members were concerned about the deterioration of the court surface and held concerns that this may cause injury to players.

Unable to finance the entire cost for the resurfacing themselves, the Club applied for a State Government, Sport and Recreation Grant; Improving the Playing Field. Their application was

supported by the Council and local excavation business C&D also donated their time and equipment to undertake the work.

The grant was successful and the Club are excited to be able to undertake and deliver this project to the St Marys Community.

Council would like to thank the St Marys Tennis Club for being so proactive and dedicated to supporting their community.

**COUNCIL OFFICE  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
OPEN HOURS:**

**We will be closed from  
3.30pm 23 December and  
reopen at 9am on 4 January**



Despite COVID it has been a massive and productive year for Break O'Day Council.

All the projects that Council deliver and the day to day tasks are the result of a real team effort and while I get to stand out the front and to some degree

## Christmas message from the Mayor

take the kudos, behind me stands a massive, dedicated and hardworking team of people.

Without the team of competent Council staff working hard behind the scenes, the services and projects of Council simply would not happen.

Sometimes I think some members of our community forget that Council staff are actually Break O'Day community members as well. At the end of the day our staff are the same as anyone else, they are just employed by Council, they live and work here for all the same reasons the rest of us do... they love our beautiful piece of paradise. The wellbeing of our community and our environment are just as important to Council staff as the rest of us.

Not only do the staff work really hard

Monday to Friday for their community, there is also a high number of staff who volunteer their own time to give back to the community. This is something I am really proud of as it shows the level of dedication our staff have to our community. Some of the roles our staff volunteer for include; the local fire brigade, the SES, Mentoring, local sporting clubs and community groups. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the Council team whose commitment to our community is unwavering. Thank you for showing up every day and thanks for all you do for our community.

**MICK TUCKER**



## Update

In 2021 Break O'Day Council commenced a 3 year community wellbeing project funded by the Tasmanian Community Fund.

Each year up to 30 local people can take wellbeing training to learn new ways to enhance wellbeing and create a community impact project.

This year 25 people completed training and between them they created 18 local community projects. Read more about the project on Council's wellbeing page [www.bodc.tas.gov.au/community/health-and-wellbeing/](http://www.bodc.tas.gov.au/community/health-and-wellbeing/).

In 2022 we get to do it all again. Early in the year, Council will host Community Conversations across Break O'Day to hear your thoughts about wellbeing in our community. Keep an eye on the wellbeing page for updates and details. Expressions of Interest for 2022 training will open up soon after that.

You can also join the Break O'Day Community Wellbeing Project Facebook group to connect with others in your community who are keen to share ideas about caring for wellbeing.



# COMMUNITY GRANTS

*"Individually we are one drop. Together we are an ocean." Ryunosuke Satoro*

## Do you have a project idea that would benefit the community?

Break O'Day Council's community Grants are now open so make sure you apply!

### Eligibility

- All community groups that represent the ratepayers of their township/area are eligible to apply for
- Only local NOT-FOR-PROFIT community groups will be given consideration for funding
- Preference will be given to incorporated organisations with proven capacity to administer
- Community Groups who have not acquitted previous grants, will not be eligible.

**FIND OUT MORE ON OUR WEBSITE:**

**MY COMMUNITY/BREAK O'DAY COMMUNITY GRANTS**





## Tip Shops - The gift that keeps on giving

The St Marys Tip-Shop is full to the brim with everything from furniture to gift ideas.

While the attendees are very grateful to all the donations people in the community have made, it is time for these items to find their new homes.

Currently the St Marys Tip-Shop has items including:

- Homewares
- Clothing
- Furniture / indoor and outdoor
- Bathroom fittings
- Outdoor equipment like lawn mowers and whipper-snippers
- Bric-a-brac including puzzles, books, DVDs and more.

There are three Tip-Shops or Recycle Centres as they are now known, in

Break O'Day, one located at the St Marys Waste Transfer, one located at the St Helens Waste Transfer Station and, an unmanned, honor-system Tip Shop at the Scamander Waste Transfer Centre.

The tip-shops are an important step in reducing our community's waste to landfill and help us REUSE as much waste as possible. Anything that is not sold at the tip-shops ultimately ends back in landfill which carries a significant cost financially as well as to the environment.

Whether you are looking for a gift or need to furnish your home, you should consider dropping by either the St Marys or St Helens tip-shops first.



Works Crew's Andy and Gary with one of the Magnolia Trees at Cecelia St/Quail St Carpark.

## Townships are looking bright and beautiful

How beautiful are the townships around Break O'Day looking at the moment!

It hasn't been easy this year for our grounds crews to stay on top of all the mowing and maintenance but it has all paid off.

St Helens in particular is looking very vibrant at the moment with the boat garden beds and others around the town all freshly planted with petunias in full colour display.

Council staff have also started landscaping the Mortys Carpark area which includes planting a series of natives as well as some feature

magnolia trees.

The magnolias were selected to match the others in Cecilia Street and will have big, cream fragrant flowers. They will grow to around five metres and have a similar canopy providing shade and shelter in the area.

The local native species along Quail Street are the main theme of the landscaping however and include tussock grasses, sedges and shrubs of round-leaf mint bush and Davies waxflower (both threatened species from our area), green bottlebrush and white Correa.

## WHATS ON

### St Marys Community Children Christmas Party

**24 December from 3pm**

Held at the St Marys Community Space.

### Woodchopping - St Helens

**22 January from 9:30am**

Held at the St Helens Sports Ground in Tully Street, St Helens.

### Woodchopping - Pyengana

**25 January from 10:30am**

Held at the Pyengana Recreation Ground.

### Woodchopping - St Helens Foreshore

**29 January from 9:30am**

Held on the St Helens Foreshore.

### St Helens Shark Fishing Comp

**8 January**

The Tamar Marine St Helens Shark Competition is happening early in 2022.

Saturday 8 January is the date so don't miss out on this great competition sponsored by Tamar Marine.

### 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.

## Development Info Sessions for Builders, Designers and Real Estate Agents

Throughout April 2022 we will be holding a series of information sessions on various matters relating to Development in Break O Day which will be tailored towards builders, building designers and real estate agents. The session information has been tailored to each specific group but in general will cover:

- A general presentation on Break O'Day's Local Provisions Schedule
- Processes
- Checklists
- Frequently asked questions;
- Introduction of Plan Build and Electronic Lodgment.

To register your interest and so we can arrange session times that suit you, please click on the link under My Community/Community Consultation.

## Capital Works Projects - Dec/Jan

- Binalong Bay Footpath – Majority of works will be completed by Christmas. One small section will include a boardwalk and will be constructed towards the end of January.
- Falmouth Rd Sealing – Majority of works now complete. One short section Frank St, needs additional pavement work and will be completed in early February.
- Beaumaris Footpath – Pathway to Reeds Rd completed. Short section north of Reeds Rd will be sealed during January.
- Scamander Playground Fence – Fence will be installed and complete by Christmas.
- Municipal Road Re-seal program – underway until March 2022.
- Gardens Road works complete.
- Winifred Curtis Footpath Complete.
- Ansons Bay Road – Extension of sealed section.
- Beauty Bay Jetty - Replacement completed by Christmas.
- Wrinklers toilet block – Complete by Christmas.
- Wrinklers Carpark – Sealed in late January.
- Road Slashing working through municipality.
- Boat Ramp inspections across the municipality complete.

## Tasman Hwy Road Works - Dianas Basin to St Helens Point Road Update:

The State Road works in this area will resume in the second week of January. Due to increased traffic in the area for the summer holidays, drivers should expect longer than usual delays and traffic queues.

## Weed of the month - ?



The weed you don't know, the one you don't have yet, or has just arrived but remains unnoticed, is more important to control than those you do have and know.

Prevention is the most cost effective weed control you can do, with quick action to eradicate new incursions. Years of control to contain a weed once it gets away, then progressively eradicate an outbreak and monitor the land, costs much more.

Some examples for Break O'Day are the weedy Nassella grasses like serrated tussock and Chilean needle grass, gorse, Paterson's curse, garden escapees, capeweed, and there are aquatic weeds too.

The key steps to take are to be on the lookout, control new weeds quickly and practice good biosecurity to prevent them spreading in the first place (including from your land if you have some already).

Be quick to identify and report new significant weeds and take steps to eradicate them before they get away. We all understand 'hygiene' very well now – think about your risks and apply biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of weeds. For example, insist on good 'hygiene' practices with machinery, people, and materials like soil, gravel, mulch and fodder. The impacts will be on others as well so work with your neighbours and others.

Break O'Day COUNCIL

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**AUSTRALIA  
DAY AWARD  
NOMINATIONS**

NOW OPEN

**Nominations Close 4 January 2022**

**#BODLOCALLEGENDS**

## Next Council Meetings:

**20 December and 17 January 2022 at 10am, Council Chambers, St Helens**