

Next Council Meetings:
21 January at 10am and 18 February

**From the General Manager
John Brown**

A time for Giving

Where has 2018 gone? It seems to have disappeared in a blur and the busy Christmas and holiday season is on us once again!!!

Whilst it is the season for 'Giving' I have been watching with interest the way that the St Helens Tip Shop has taken off through the efforts of Marg Osborne and her tireless group of volunteers who are raising funds for the Hospital Auxiliary. The change in management has galvanised action and the volume of donated items given to the Tip Shop has boomed which is being matched by the sales heading out of the door. Not content with resting on the laurels of her achievement, Marg has set her sights on the St Marys Tip Shop and with an increased band of local volunteers who are giving up their time, is setting about replicating the success of St Helens. Critical to the success of these shops is the generosity of locals giving donated items.

I would like to express my thanks to the Councillors and the dedicated team here at BODC for all of the hard work during 2018. They give so much more for this community than is readily apparent to the community in general.



Denise Callister- Director of Nursing, Marg Osborne-President Hospital Auxiliary, Lyn Nichols- Treasurer, Ruth Bishop- Publicity Officer, St Helens Markets and Christine Trelloggen Secretary Hospital Auxiliary.

Hospital Auxiliary reach \$95,000 in funds

The St Helens Hospital Auxiliary has raised almost \$100,000 to be used to refurbish the new palliative care centre at St Helens' new Hospital. Donations have come from sales at the tip shop and generous donations from local businesses. The most recent donation came from the St Helens

Markets Committee.

The committee has now taken over the St Marys tip shop with proceeds from there going to the St Marys hospital. A big congratulations to the committee and all their hardworking and dedicated volunteers.

Australia Day celebrations with a difference

This year's Australia Day Celebrations will be different and we hope you will join us in celebrating early this year! Because St Helens Wheels, Wine and Dine is taking place on Australia Day, which falls on a Saturday this year, we thought we would have a twilight Australia Day Celebration on Friday 25th.

This year's Council Australia Day event will be held at the Portland Hall and Memorial Park in St Helens and start at 5pm with a night market until 9pm. The Night market will feature local artisans including hand crafted items; copper jewellery, tie die clothing, pottery, homewares and more. The official ceremony featuring the announcement of the Australian and

Young Australian Citizens of the year, will be held at 6pm. Completing the festive atmosphere is live music from 6:45pm – 8:45pm with food and drink including; Wine, Cider and Roti Wraps Red pork and Asian slaw, pulled lamb and chimichuri, Tandoori chicken and pickled carrots and cucumber as well as Sausages, Hamburgers, the infamous Wonks Fish Cakes and soft drinks provided by Marine Rescue. Of course the next day, Saturday 26 January will see the St Helens Foreshore come alive with vintage cars, rides, rock-a-billy music, dancing and more. We hope that you will all come along and start the Australia Day Long weekend a little early this year.

Office closures

**Friday December 21 reopening on
Tuesday 2 January 2019.**

**On behalf of Councillors and staff,
we wish you all a happy and safe
holiday season**

Hook Line and Sinker Collection Containers

Soon you will start seeing Hook, Line and Sinker collection bins popping up in popular fishing areas around Georges Bay.

As part of our ongoing commitment to our beautiful environment, we wanted to be proactive in reducing the amount of marine debris that ends up in our waterways.

As a popular fishing destination, we often find tangled line, old hooks and sinkers just discarded in the water where they don't break down and can end up tangling sea birds or in the bellies of marine life. Now, fishers will be able to place their tangled old line, hooks and sinkers in the easily accessible bins.

These bins are **ONLY** for hooks, line and sinkers and not general waste. We hope that residents and fishers will use

them responsibly.

After doing some research we decided to use the same style of bin as they do in Noosa. The original design came from a Tweed Head's teenager who was determined to do something about the amount of fishing line that was being tossed into waterways. The design is very simple and cost effective and is made from reused pieces of PVC pipe.

We will trial the containers over the summer period to make sure that they are being used correctly before considering installing others around the municipality.

If you are interested in helping Council with this project by being a caretaker of the bin, please get in touch with Jayne Richardson on 6376 7900.



Australia Day Nominations-Now Open

Do you know someone in our community who goes above and beyond for our community?

Perhaps they work hard behind the scenes to make our region and community a better place without any desire or need for recognition; this is our chance to celebrate those individuals who make a real and positive difference in the community as well as inspiring others.

Nominations are now open for Break O'Day's Australia Day Citizen of the Year and Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year Awards which acknowledge community members doing remarkable work every day often without any acknowledgment or thanks.

You can nominate anyone who inspires you, who is working towards change or who you believe makes Break O'Day, Tasmania and Australia a better place to live. Let's celebrate these individuals and their contribution to our community!

The award categories include:

Australia Day Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person you are nominating for Citizen of the Year, must be 27 years or older on or before 26 January 2019.

Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year
To be eligible, the person you are nominating for Young Citizen of the Year, must be under 27 years of age, on or before 26 January 2019.

For more information, please go to our website and under My Community you will find the Australia Day nomination forms.

Works Operations Manager Wayne Polden with one of the Hook Line and Sinker collection bins



When will Fire Abatements be issued?

It is around this time of year that we start issuing fire abatements, however due to the rainfall that we have had recently and are still expecting, we have postponed issuing them for the time being. It is likely that they will be issued in January once the grass has dried off.

The reason fire abatements are issued is to ensure that residents are limiting the amount of fuel on the ground around their property in case of fire. As the grass is still green and growing at the moment, there is not a lot of

point us issuing them just yet, however, this doesn't mean that you can't be proactive over the summer holidays by keeping grass and vegetation around your property trimmed. Please note, this does not include tree removal.

If you have trees around your property that you are considering removing or even cutting back, it is always a good idea to get in touch with us first. We do have a section on our website under My Property in the Planning section regarding tree removal so make sure you read this before doing anything.

Best wishes for the Festive Season from the teams at St Helens and St Marys Libraries. We look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Break O'Day Community Triathlon

The Break O'Day Community Triathlon will be back in 2019 so save the date; Sunday 3 March.

With more than 160 competitors, last year's event proved to be such a success that the organisers were invited to be part of the Armstrong's Insurance Broker Statewide Triathlon Series. The organisers hope that this change will bring more elite athletes to our area as well as inspire more locals to 'Have a crack', and with \$6000 in prize money up for grabs why wouldn't you?

The now annual event starts on the foreshore in front of the Council Chambers and next year will feature three races; a Junior Enticer, Adult

Enticer and main Sprint. Distances for the Enticers are; swim-350 metres, ride-10km. and run-2.5km. The Sprint distance is double the Enticers. Competitors are welcome to enter individually or in a team.

If you are keen to enter but don't feel as though you are fit enough, Nat from the Happy Fish, who swim at Beauty Bay on Saturday mornings at 7am, have said that they welcome new comers to join them. Contact Nat on 0400 750 364

The Break O'Day Community Triathlon does have a Facebook page and will release more information as it comes to light so like their page for more details.

GIG GUIDE

Fingal Neighbourhood House Christmas Parade

December 23

Starting at 5pm from the Town Hall the parade will go up Talbot Street to Fingal Neighbourhood House.

St Marys Christmas Parade

December 24

This year there will be a pre-parade party at 3pm on Faulkners Green with the parade starting at 5pm spreading cheer throughout the main street.

St Helens Christmas Parade

December 24

Join the St Helens community in the main street from 5pm and watch as the colourful floats pass by.

St Marys Races

January 1

The annual St Marys Races will be held on New Years Day and is a great way to farewell the year.

St Helens Athletics Carnival

January 19

Held at the St Helens Sports Complex this event includes cycling, track 'n' field events and wood chopping.

Barefoot Bowls - St Helens Bowls Club

January 23 and 30 February 6 and 13

Held at the St Helens Bowls Club, barefoot bowls is something for the whole family. Cost \$5 to play \$5 for barbecue tea.

Australia Day Celebration

January 25

This year's celebration will be held on Friday evening at the Portland Hall. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information.

Wheels Wine and Dine

January 26

This annual event held on the St Helens Foreshore includes a car show, food vans, live music and rock-a-billy dancing, X-treme rides, fireworks and more.

Old Codgers Meeting

Every Friday

St Helens Books and Coffee are offering men over 50 the chance to call in, enjoy a hot cuppa. Held from 2-4pm. Cost: \$1 per cuppa.

St Helens Markets

Every Saturday

Held every Saturday in the St Helens town centre from 8am - 1pm. New stall holders welcome, phone 0475 844 481.

Check out the events section of our website for events during December and January.

Community Grants

Are you part of a hardworking not for profit community group? Or perhaps you have a great idea that would benefit the Break O'Day Community. If you are looking for ways to fund your project, perhaps you could consider applying for one of Break O'Day Council's Community Grants.

The Community Funding Program supports projects that improve facilities, programs or the overall amenity of BOD.

To apply you must lodge a detailed submission to BODC by Monday February 25, 2019.

For more information go to the News and Events section of our website or contact the Council Office on 6376 7900, erica.lowry@bodc.tas.gov.au or chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au.



Australia Day Ambassador

This year Break O'Day's Australia Day Ambassador will be Mr Robert Clifford, the Tasmanian businessman and ship builder behind Incat.

Mr Clifford was awarded Officer of the Order of Australia in 1995 for his services to the ship building industry. He was awarded an honorary engineering degree from the University of Tasmania in 1998 and he was also the Honorary Consul for Denmark in Tasmania from 1998 to 2016.

For more than 50 years Mr Clifford built Incat from the ground up, in the process pioneering the world's high speed passenger ferry industry. While he has stepped down as CEO, he still oversees the company as Chairman of the Incat board.

We are proud to have Mr Clifford as our ambassador and hope you will join us in making him feel welcome at our Australia Day celebrations on Friday 25 January.

2019 Council Meeting Dates:

21 January	15 July
18 February	19 August
18 March	16 September
15 April	21 October
20 May	18 November
24 June	16 December

Council meetings start at 10am and are held in the Council Chambers, St Helens.

Capital Works Projects - December

- Stormwater work is continuing at West St, St Helens.
- Sealing will be completed in Annie St.
- Parnella stormwater is progressing.
- New BBQ and canteen at the St Marys Rec ground will be completed in time for the New Year's Day Races.
- Boat ramp cleaning undertaken.
- Roadside slashing is occurring throughout the municipality.
- New lights installed at several jetties/boat ramps including, St Helens foreshore, Talbot St, O'Connors beach, Stieglitz and Burns Bay.
- Priority will be given to preparing sites for community events in January.

Recycling Audit We can do better

Last week Council representatives attended JJ Richards Recycling facility in Launceston to view an audit of the recycling waste collected from our municipality. On top of this there were also bin audits undertaken in the St Helens area by the Northern Tasmania Waste Management Group (NTWMG). Unfortunately the results showed that we aren't doing all that well.

While the majority of residents are doing the right thing, there are still tonnes of non-recyclable waste ending up in the recycling.

The most common issues are:

- Soft plastics like plastic bags
- People still putting their recycling in plastic bags
- Builder's waste
- Textiles and fabrics.

NONE of the above can be recycled and should not be put in your recycling bin.

JJ Richards will soon be placing stickers on bins that contain non-recyclable materials and if residents continue to do the wrong thing, they can refuse to collect your bin altogether.

If you need any help deciding what can and can't be recycled, you can download the Recycle Coach App or check out the Recycling and Waste section of our website (under the Works section), which has some resources to help you determine what can and can't be recycled.

Weed of the month- Thistles



There are a number of thistle varieties in the municipality, all of which can spread quickly, especially in disturbed areas such as road sides and paddocks. Each thistle has a unique life cycle, beginning life as a rosette (a whorl of

leaves close to the ground), mostly flowering in late spring to summer. Now is a good time for treatment, before they spread their seed. Thistles can be dug out of the ground, spot sprayed with herbicide or (if large enough) cut at the stem and a suitable chemical applied to the cut area.

Thistle species in the Break O'Day area include:

- Slender thistle
- Californian thistle
- Scotch or Spear thistle
- Variegated thistle

For more information on identification and treatment please visit www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species

Christmas message from Mayor Tucker



A very Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all!

What an amazing year it has been in the Break O'Day area and what a pleasure it has been to represent this beautiful place and our wonderful community.

There have been some big achievements for our area this year, the biggest of these would have to be the hosting of the One Night Stand! I don't think I have ever been prouder of our community than over the 1 September weekend. Seeing our business community, local charity groups and our community in general all pull together was inspirational.

St Helens and St Marys were alive with orange shop fronts, banners and a general atmosphere of festivity. I think this experience not only showcased what Break O'Day is all about, but we also proved to ourselves just what we are capable of when we all band together for a common cause.

Another big achievement only happened the other week, and that was the start of the construction of

our mountain bike trail projects. World Trail were appointed the successful construction tenderer and they have started carving out the trail which will go from the top of the Blue Tier to the Bay of Fires.

This year we have also continued to work through our 10 year strategic plan. This has involved developing townships plans, continuing to identify low impact and sustainable tourism opportunities, examining more sustainable waste practices and more. If you would like to see what Council was up to for the financial year, you can find a copy of our annual report on our website.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the community for giving me another four years as Mayor of Break O'Day. It is humbling to have the support of your community and I am honoured and proud to continue serving you all.

Have a safe and happy holiday break with friends and family and I will see you all in the new year.

Holiday Contact numbers

If you have a Council emergency while our offices are closed please call 6398 2281.

If it is a non-council related emergency;

SES - 132 500

Police - 131 444 (If a non-emergency)