

## Message from the General Manager - John Brown

It is great to now be in a position to start some discussions with the Scamander community about potential projects at three locations in the area.

The Wrinklers Lagoon area is extremely popular and Council already has plans to replace the existing toilet but decided to take the opportunity to look at the whole area with the community so to address a few other problems, like the impact of the extra height of the bridge and how vehicles and people use, and would like to use this area.

The second area focuses around the Old Scamander Bridge. A group of interested residents have been working with Council staff to develop an idea for the area once the bridge is removed and these will be presented at the drop in session.

The third area, is the popular foreshore area between the skate park and the new bridge where the playground is located.

In the lead up to community drop-in session it has been important to develop a 'draft' plan for these areas. This provides something for people to look at and talk about what they like or don't like as well as make suggestions for improvements. This makes it easier to visualise what is being talked about and by being able to talk one-on-one, or with small groups, everyone gets a chance to voice their thoughts. We really hope to see people there to help in getting the best outcomes for the community and visitors.

**Scamander and Wrinkler  
Lagoon recreation area  
concept design  
Drop-in Session**

**Where: Scamander Sports  
Complex  
When: Tuesday January 23  
from 4 - 7pm**



The Break O'Day Australia Day Ambassadors for 2018 are Chris and Jack Duffy.

## Australia Day Long Weekend Celebrations There's something for everyone!

The Australia Day Long weekend is a great time to be in St Helens. Not only do we have the Australia Day Celebrations, which are held at the Portland Hall from 10am – 2pm on the Friday, there is also the St Helens Regatta Rocks On, held on Saturday January 27. Both events offering a huge day of fun for the whole family.

The Australia Day Celebration starts with the official ceremony recognising our Citizen and Young Citizens of the year. Afterwards the fun starts with festivities including live music from local band 'Snagged' featuring Luke Parry and friends, a pie eating competition and a Pavlova bake-off.

Our Australia Day Ambassadors this year are the inspiring Chris and Jack Duffy – Jack was born with cerebral palsy spastic quadriplegia but has not let that stop him from smiling his way through any challenge.

In 2016 his father and mother, Chris and Erin, founded the not for profit organisation Just Like Jack with the aim of helping special needs children and their families experience adventures and get the most out of life. Jack is the face of this organisation and inspires

people to embrace life and to reach out and lend a helping hand to those in need.

Chris and Jack will be at the Australia Day Celebrations so stop by and say hello!

This will be the second year of the reinvented St Helens Regatta which expanded to include a car show and shine and rock-a-billy flavour last year. The event is jam packed with something to keep everyone in the family entertained.

The rock-a-billy edge comes from the old cars, retro stylings and music with this year's headlining band 'No Brakes' all the way from Sydney. There is even a best dressed retro or rock-a-billy outfit this year with the prize an accommodation package for two at White Sands Resort.

There will also be on the water races and activities organised by the Scamander Life Saving Club, helicopter rides, wood chop, loads of food vans and X-Treme Rides. The evening ends with a literal bang with the ChilliFM Fireworks display. ChilliFM will also be there on the day broadcasting live.

## Telecom Lane needs a new name

Telecom Lane to be re-named.

Council is looking for an official name for Telecom Lane, St Marys and we are inviting submissions from the community.

The name should be unique and clearly identify the road to assist people, including emergency services to find an address.

Names must be received by March 2. Suggestions will then be presented to Councillors for the final decision. Please email name suggestions to [chris.triebe@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:chris.triebe@bodc.tas.gov.au).

## Dog Management - Have your say

Have your say on Council's Dog Management Policy

Council regularly reviews its dog policy and has a draft out for community comment until Friday January 26, 2018. There are changes to the Code for Responsible Dog Ownership and several existing dog access zones along our coastline. View the draft revised policy and dog zones on our website or drop in to the Council office at St Helens. In weighing up submissions Council will consider what people do and don't agree with, so tell us both.

## Cat Tracker- Want to know what your kitty has been up to?

Cats, love them or loath them, you can participate in the new Cat Tracker Australia project by doing the online survey. Council has joined the project as part of its cat management program to find out about Break O'Day's pet cats and their homes and owners, what people think, and encourage

responsible cat care. This year we'll be looking for cats to track with GPS collars from all over the municipality. You can nominate your cat to be tracked in the online survey which can be found here: [www.discoverycircle.org.au/projects/cat-tracker](http://www.discoverycircle.org.au/projects/cat-tracker)

## COMING UP

### Discovery Ranger Program

**December 27 - January 31**

Free activities aimed at encouraging people to connect with the natural environment. Keep an eye on the Parks and Wildlife Facebook page for more information.

### Bay of Fires Celebration

**Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 January**

Tai Chi & Qi Gong on the beach, Binalong Bay 'full circle' walk, Rock Pool Ramble, plus special late afternoon activities for participants. (No afternoon music this year sorry.) See our website for more details.

### Waves, Waders and Wildflowers

**January 20**

Join us for a good long guided walk and talk from the river mouth to Byatt Court. 9am Scamander River Mouth Park.

### St Helens Athletics Carnival

**January 20**

Held at the St Helens Sports Complex, this event includes cycling, track n field events and wood chopping. Gates open 8.30am. Entry: Adult \$10, Pensioner \$8, U15 free Program cost of \$3.50ea For more info go to [www.sthelensathleticsclub.com](http://www.sthelensathleticsclub.com)

### Australia Day Celebration

**January 26**

Held at the Portland Hall from 10am - 2pm and including a bake-off, live music, jumping castle and more.

### Seagrass Safari

**January 27**

Get your feet wet and discover the wildlife of seagrass beds. 10.30am Georges Bay. Booking required, and shoes to wear in the water. 63767900 or email [polly.buchhorn@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:polly.buchhorn@bodc.tas.gov.au)

### St Helens Regatta Rocks On

**January 27**

This annual regatta event includes a woodchop, water activities and X-treme rides as well as a car show, food vans, rock-a-billy sounds, helicopter rides and fireworks.

### 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.

### St Marys Market

**First Saturday of the month**

Held at the St Marys Hall from 9am - 1pm featuring produce, crafts, local artists. All funds support Break O'Day Regional Arts.



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