

From the General Manager John Brown

Local Government Act Review

The topic this month might seem a little boring but bear with us.... There is currently a review of the Local Government Act occurring and it is important to BODC as it is one of the underlying pieces of legislation that significantly influences the way we do business and deliver services. During the last 12 months the Tasmanian Government has been undertaking a process of consultation to develop a framework for a whole new piece of legislation. Generally this only happens once in a generation which is effectively what is happening now as the current Act came into force in 1993 when Break O'Day was first created.

There are some interesting concepts in the Directions Paper such as the development of a Community Engagement Framework where Council works with the community on how, what and when we engage. This is something which we are currently working on and which will underpin the consultation and engagement processes we undertake once formally adopted. There are also some interesting ideas around Council elections, in particular addressing any confusion around the election of Mayors as well as electing them as a Councillor. In this age of checks and balances some ideas around additional oversight have been floated which certainly have some merit and which might have helped address issues seen at other Councils in recent years. Feedback to the process is encouraged, head to www.dpac.tas.gov.au and click on the Local Government Reform Directions banner to have your say.



Dr Katrena Stephenson LGAT CEO, Councillor Kristi Chapple, Erica Mckinnell, General Manager John Brown and Mayor Christina Holmdahl LGAT President.

Council win a credit to the entire Break O'Day Community

Mayor Mick Tucker always comments that we are a Council and community that “punches above its weight” and we certainly proved this at this year’s Local Government Awards for excellence.

Held on Friday 5 July at Wrest Point Casino, Hobart, we were honoured to win the Delivering Excellence – Smaller Council Award (population under 15,000) for our hosting of the One Night Stand event.

The One Night Stand was a huge undertaking for a Council of our size not just in terms of managing activities associated with the event, but also in terms of infrastructure. We had some significant challenges and as a Council and community we found some innovative ways to overcome these. For example, the organisation of a public transport system, arranging additional accommodation options, and feeding 30,000 people. Not to mention that we had to organise all of this within a 12 week timeframe!

“While this event was led by Council, the success of the event was due to a whole community approach.

“Without the enthusiasm and willingness of our community to embrace the opportunities that the event brought, it could never have been as successful as it was so we consider this award to be as much for our community as it is for us,” Mayor Mick Tucker said.

We were up against some strong competition from other small regional Councils like Dorset and the Bridport Western Access Road a multi-million dollar project, George Town for their Bell Bay Economic Group, and the West Coast for their Forever West of Centre branding project as well as projects from Sorell Council and the Southern Midlands. We would like to congratulate all candidates and formally recognize the contribution smaller councils like ours are making to Tasmanian communities.

Mountain Bike Trails Public Information Session: Attendance and enthusiasm high

On June 26 we held a public information session on the St Helens Mountain Bike Trails at Tidal Waters St Helens. We expected that there would be quite a bit of interest in the session but we certainly were not expecting more than 130 people!

Attendees came from both the general public and the business community with the sentiment in the room being overwhelmingly one of excitement and positivity.

The session was facilitated by Kingthing

Marketing and covered information on the benefits of the project, what mountain bikers are looking for and how to recognise them as well as how to use the St Helens MTB brand.

For those who did not attend the session but are interested in what was discussed, you can download a copy of the presentation as well as an Industry Tool Kit from our website, just go to My Council, Major Projects and click on the Mountain Bike Trails tab.



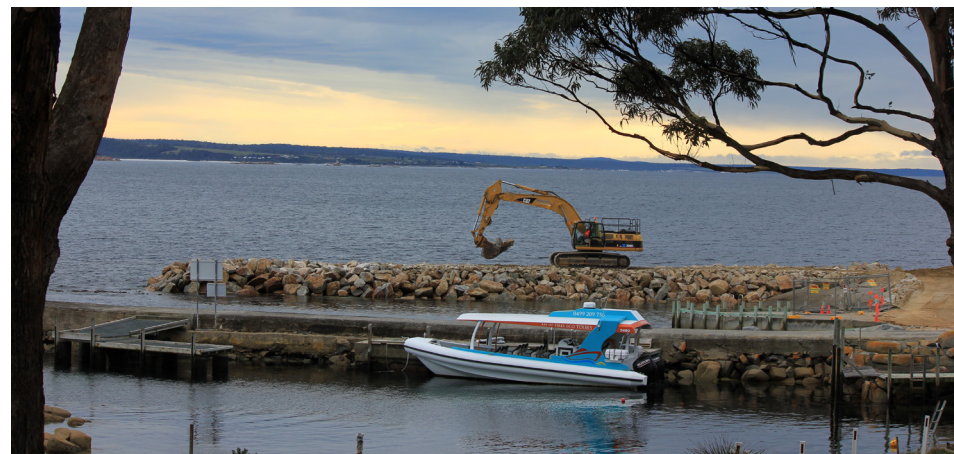
Rob King from Kingthing Marketing explains the intricacies of being a MTB rider.

Binalong Bay breakwater works

MAST's work at the Binalong breakwater is progressing well.

The breakwater will be 74m long and 8m wide and 3m above sea level (this is 2.2m above the highest astronomical tide level HAT). During this time the

boat ramp is closed and boaters are asked to use the Burns Bay Boat Ramp at Akaroa instead. For more information on this project please contact MAST Project Manager, Jim Caulfield on 0419 120 209



Boggy Creek Boardwalk

How exciting is it to actually be able to see some of the St Helens Mountains Bike Trails being built! Of course we are talking about the Boggy Creek boardwalk which is highly visible opposite the St Helens Point Road turn off.

Constructed by AJR, this section of trail connects the town link trail which starts at the trailhead located at Flagstaff, with the Georges Bay multi-user track. In order for users of this trail to be able to cross the road safely, State Growth (the owners of the road) brought in a traffic engineer who determined the best place to cross and the safest way to do this.

We look forward to seeing locals and riders using these trails as soon as they are officially opened in November.

Kings Park barbecue area gets a facelift

If you haven't already made the most of the new barbecue shelter at Kings Park make sure you do! A stunning spot for a relaxing lunch, this area was in dire need of some TLC as it was looking very tired and dated.

Our Building and Maintenance staff completed the works which included re-roofing, repainting the frame and floor, new staircase and new barbecue. These works were completed as part of our annual maintenance plan.

Register your dog now to avoid an infringement

2019/20 Dog Registrations were due on 30 June and many responsible dog owners took advantage of the discount for registering your dogs before this date.

A number of dogs are still pending registration and Council's Animal Control Officer will be conducting an audit of properties during August. To avoid being issued with an infringement (currently \$168.00 per unregistered dog), please register your dog as soon as possible.

Help keep our coastline free from debris and sea spurge

There is no doubting that the Break O'Day area has one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world, none more so than the striking Bay of Fires. But if we want these places to remain beautiful and pristine, we must all come together and look after them. One way that Council supports the sustainability of the Bay of Fires is by helping facilitate the Irapuna Community Weekend. This annual event sees participants join representatives from Council, Parks and Wildlife and other organisations

on a series of walks over three days in August. Starting at Stumpys in Mount William National Park, participants walk along the beach collecting rubbish as well as removing seasurge, which is a coastal weed that invades dune habitats. There are buses leaving St Helens and participants can do all three walks or just one. All help is appreciated! You can find out more about this event on our Facebook page or calling Tracey-Ann Hooley at Parks and Wildlife on 0400 890 615.



Photo taken on the 2017 Big Beach Walk

Do you know about the history of St Helens?

August is FREE locals month!

Head along to the St Helens History Room during August and learn all about the heritage and culture of St Helens and surrounds.

Displays include:
Aboriginal tools, shell displays, Hatches and Despatches, mining and much, much more.

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What's On

Georges Bay Music Lunch and Munch 26 July

Georges Bay Music invites you to their Christmas in July Celebration. Held at Tidal Waters from 12 noon - 2pm with Special Guests Scotty and the Kazz and the Remnants.
Admission \$8 members and \$12 for non-members.

Scamander Community Drop-In Session

August 7

This session is a Council event and will be held at the Scamander Sports Complex from 3-6pm. If you would like to have your say on the future plans for Scamander please drop in any time between 3 - 6.

Homelessness FREE Drop-In information sessions

Every Wednesday

Are you currently without a home? Do you need information about what support and services are available to you? OR Do you want to get involved in your local community to help combat homelessness? Come along and join us every Wednesday morning 10am til 11am - everyone welcome, contact Trish on 6376 1134 for more information.

St Marys Markets

First Saturday of every month

Held at the St Marys Hall from 9am - 1pm and featuring local arts and crafts and much more. Stall inquiries can be directed to Megan on 0418 881 315.

St Helens Markets

Every Saturday

Held every Saturday in the St Helens town centre from 8am - 1pm. New stall holders welcome, phone 0408 927 154.

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.

Bendigo Bank Community Stadium Events

Every Friday from 4:15 - Netball
(all August games are finals)
Every Monday from 4:15 - Basketball
Pain and Gain Weekly Sessions

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Capital Works Projects - July/August

- Grading works – Eddystone Point Road and some sections of Ansons Bay Road
- Resheeting – Nth Ansons Bay Road
- New kerb completed in Aerodrome Road and Helen Grove/Penelope St
- Work continuing on Cunningham Street jetty after delays due to high tides and rough weather
- Bridge No. 2191 on Reids Road will have the superstructure replaced after a routine inspection found the bridge had sustained damage. It's believed an overweight vehicle must have travelled over the bridge without obtaining the appropriate permit through the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator. When permits are issued several conditions can be invoked to ensure no damage occurs as a result of the vehicle weight including limiting speed. Replacement of this bridge was not scheduled until 2024/2025 and Council has now had to find the funds to undertake the emergency replacement.



Council Works Crew members Rex Floyed and Brett Pallier working on the Cunningham Jetty on a frosty morning.

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Weed of the month - Bridal Creeper



Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*) is a declared weed in Tasmania as well as a Weed of National Significance. It is considered extremely invasive and inhibits native plants growth due to its thick underground tubers.

Bridal Creeper has been found in several areas of the municipality, and to date there are relatively small numbers. This is great news, however it is extremely important to quickly remove or treat any plants found to stop it from spreading.

Treatment can include digging out (if the plant is small), ensuring all the underground tubers are removed and for larger plants, careful spot spraying with a registered herbicide.

Bridal Creeper will begin flowering around August, so now is the time to act. For further information on identification and treatment methods, please visit www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds.

youth survey

MISSION AUSTRALIA 2019



The Youth Survey is turning 18 this year and we want to hear from as many young people across the country as we can about what it is like growing up in Australia!

- What?** The Youth Survey is Australia's largest annual survey of young people. The online survey is open to young people between the ages of 15 and 19, and takes 15 minutes to complete.
- Why?** The Youth Survey is a key evidence and policy platform used by governments, NGOs, schools and community organisations around the country. Taking part will help Mission Australia and other organisations advocate for policies and programs that support young people.
- When?** The Youth Survey is **now open** and will close on the **9th of August 2019!**
- How?** You can take part either on a laptop, computer or via mobile phone.
Please help us spread the word on social media! Via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) (@MissionAust) or [Instagram](#) (@mission_aust).
- Where?** You can take part via www.missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey by clicking the 'Have your say!' button.

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