

**Next Council Meetings:**  
**17 August and 21 September at 10am**

## From General Manager - John Brown

Encouraging Tasmanians to get out and about within the State is something the Tasmanian Government has been pushing pretty solidly and St Helens and the East Coast seem to be one of the spots people are coming to in droves.

It has been interesting talking with locals and businesses about their observations regarding the winter school holidays which have just been and gone.

The increase in visitors was pretty evident and I thought maybe it was just due to the fact that we had been in 'lock down' for a few months and it was just more noticeable because of this.

In getting out and about and talking with a few local businesses, it became evident that Tasmanians had really been supporting our business community and many businesses were reflecting on the fact that it had been the busiest July school holidays they had experienced! This is great news for our business community.

Extra traffic around town and through the Fingal Valley was pretty evident especially on the weekends and what was really noticeable was the number of vehicles with bikes on the back or people on bikes riding around town. Winter is a great time to be visiting the East Coast and getting out and about and with MTB trails that are now getting a reputation for perfect winter condition, we hope winter visitation will only continue to grow.

Even though the last part of Winter is going to be chilly, hopefully we will continue to see fellow Tasmanians getting away from home to spend some time in our beautiful part of the State.



Above: Council Staff at the Scamander Park, Snack and Chat - Community Care Call pop-up event.  
Below: staff at Cornwall Community Hall and in the main street of St Helens.



## Park, Snack and Chat - pop-up events Listening to our community

During the last couple of weeks in July Council staff conducted pop-up events called Park, Snack and Chat - Community Care Calls.

Staff visited 11 townships across the municipality including; St Marys, Cornwall, Fingal and Mathinna as well as Ansons Bay, Binalong Bay, St Helens, Scamander, Beaumaris, Falmouth and Pyengana.

At the events, staff asked community members to take a quick survey that asked questions about how COVID-19 had affected them which, will be useful for Council in terms of reporting how the pandemic impacted our community and work out what we might be able to do to help as well as leverage

funding. People were also asked some wellbeing questions which aim to help us understand what strong community wellbeing might look like and again, what we could do as an organisation to support this in our community.

The survey is completely anonymous and has now been made available online just check out our website or Facebook page to find a link. I would urge you all to take part, it will only take you 5 minutes, but the information that we get back is more useful than you might imagine.

The survey will close on 24 August, so don't miss the opportunity to have your say.

Want to receive your newsletter via email?

email: [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au)  
and we will add you to our email list.



## Georges Bay Multi-user track update

You may have noticed that work on the extension of the multi-user track has really started to ramp up. This project will see the Georges Bay Multi-user track extended so users can walk or ride all the way from Lions Park on the corner of St Helens Point Road and the Tasman Hwy all the way to town.

The extension will include using fill for gravel track work, an elevated walkway and a purpose built pedestrian and cycleway bridge.

This bridge has been designed and built by local boat building company Lyndcraft in partnership with Bridge Pro and is a whalebone style bridge (see image for reference.)

The team at Lyndcraft have been

amazing supporters of the project and took the initiative to design something a bit special and different for the project as they see it as a lasting legacy for the Lyndcraft team. Needless to say they are all very proud of the concept, as are we, and we hope you will join us in congratulating them on their design, work, and dedication of going above and beyond for their community.

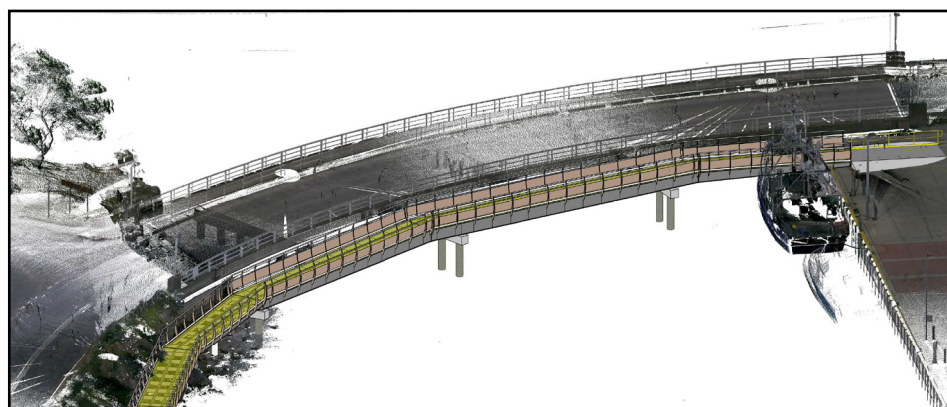
Currently there is a reduced speed sign around Georges Bay and traffic management around the works will continue so please observe these and keep an eye out for any changes.

Works are anticipated to be completed by the end of November.



Above: One section of the new pedestrian bridge at Lyndcraft featuring the whalebone style.

Below: A concept drawing of the bridge.



## IN BRIEF

### Binalong Bay Food van

Council has identified a site at Binalong Bay for food vans.

This was an activity identified in the Binalong Bay Township Plan which was developed with community consultation so we are pleased to be able to start looking for candidates!

If you, or someone you know may be interested in this opportunity, we ask you contact us so we can walk you through the process and ensure all the necessary licences etc. are in place.

Please direct any enquiries to:

[admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au)

Subject: Food Vans.

### Beautiful BOD Photo promotion

Every Saturday we have been sharing a "Beautiful Break O'Day" image on our facebook page.

The idea with these posts is not only to remind ourselves how lucky we are to live in this amazing beautiful location but also to tempt others from outside our area to visit.

If you want to help us inspire people to come to our region or just want to share in the love and pride us locals have of our region then please like and share the post.

If you have an image you would like us to share, please send it to:

[admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au).

All images need to be 1mb.

***Do you have someone you would like to say Thank you to?***

***Do you know someone who deserves to be appreciated?***

Drop into the office and grab one of our FREE thank you cards and magnets. You can fill out yourself or we can send it for you.

**Let someone know how appreciated they are today!**



## Everyone deserves a little bit of kindness!

Did you know that Break O'Day Council has developed Kindness Cards?

We'd like to give our community a simple way to connect with neighbours and strengthen social connections in our area so we have developed Kindness Cards.

These can be used by anyone anytime and are a way to offer your support to those in our community that might be struggling at the moment.

Perhaps you know someone in your street who you think could do with some help but you are unsure how to approach them. The Kindness cards give you a way to offer help and support in a way that is subtle. All you have to do is fill in one of the cards and place it in their letter box.

Kindness cards have been used all

over Australia with great success and many users of the cards have reported that the cards helped build lasting friendships and ease feelings of isolation.

Kindness benefits both the receiver and the giver and has been shown to improve physical and mental health outcomes for all involved, it's like a smile, a little bit of kindness can go a long way.

If you would like to send some Kindness Cards you can collect them during business hours from the main Council Office at 32-34 Georges Bay Esplanade, St Helens.

You can also find more information on the Kindness Cards including a FAQ sheet on our website under News.

## Kerbside Waste Collection Update

It has now been a month since we took over kerbside general waste collection and overall it has been pretty successful with minimal knocked over bins and misses!

To make collection easy and efficient, we have listed below some tips for good Bin etiquette.

1. Please put bins out prior to 6am. We don't want to miss your collection!
2. Please place bins as closely and as safe as possible to the kerb and on the flattest area available.
3. Please ensure your bins are at least 30cm apart to allow for the grab-arm of the truck to grab and lift your bin.
4. Please ensure your bin lid is closed and can close so to prevent spills on your nature strip. The last thing we want is for your waste to end up all over the street!

5. Please make sure that your bin faces the kerb.

6. Please only place allowable general waste in your bin. If you are unsure about this, we suggest you check out our website.

7. If you have a broken or damaged bin please contact Council for repair or replacement

These things may seem simple but can make a huge difference to the efficiency of the waste truck's run. Thanks for your assistance with this.

If you want to stay on top of your collection dates and what waste can go in what bin, we encourage you to download the Recycle Coach App or check it out via the portal on our website under My Property/Waste. We also have a few extra waste calendars in the office if you need one.



## AUGUST is FREE locals' month St Helens History Room

Learn about the rich history of our area from the massive collection of hand tools from our first peoples to the tale of the Chinese tin mining in the area, the story of the Tin Dragon.

You will also displays featuring our maritime history including whaling as well as stories from our settling families... you will recognise many of these names!

**Come and discover our local history**

### St Helens History Room



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Phone: 6376 1479

Email: [historyroom@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:historyroom@bodc.tas.gov.au)  
Website: [www.sthelenshistoryroom.com](http://www.sthelenshistoryroom.com)



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**FREE Waste & Recycling App**  
for custom collection reminders!





## Capital Works Projects - August

- The Road Crew are continuing with maintenance grading where required, they have now completed roads from the coast to St Marys area and will now move through the Fingal Valley
- Scamander Footpath works are progressing. Stage one from 19/20 FY are almost complete and Stage 2 20/21 FY will follow.
- Footpath improvements have been undertaken in St Marys on Gray Rd with some residual works to complete, this will be done to coincide with the next school holidays
- Town Maintenance crew are busy with general maintenance, this includes topping up soft fall around our playgrounds and their favourite job, planting out the boats in the St Helens main street.

Next time you are walking up the main street make sure you check out the flower planting in and around the boats.

The works crew are pretty proud of themselves this year as they decided to get a bit creative and have planted the flowers around the boats to emulate sand, waves and the white wash of the waves. **Well done fellas!**



Pictured: Clint and Longey looking proud as punch of their flower planting job!

## Tip Shops Now OPEN

**St Helens Tip Shop from July 6**

Sunday to Friday 11am – 2pm,

Saturday 11am – 4pm

**St Marys Tip Shop from July 9**

Tuesday and Thursday 11am – 3pm,

Sunday 2pm – 4pm

## Weed of the month- Bridal Creeper



Bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*) is an aggressive scrambling plant with fern like foliage that can climb 3m and smother other vegetation.

It grows through the cooler months and often from under other vegetation. A perennial crown of tough roots and tubers helps it tolerate drought. Annual growth of shoots with green leaf like 'cladodes' in the cooler months is followed by red pea sized berries in spring, which birds spread. Foliage dies back over summer. Look for it along fences, under trees and shrubs, and in carelessly dumped garden waste.

Bridal creeper occurs in and around several towns in the municipality, typically along the coast in yards and moist coastal and gully bushlands. Numbers have been small in the past



but continues to be found and may be increasing. It is a Declared Weed in Tasmania.

Treatment can include digging out smaller plants and seedlings, ensuring all the underground rhizomes and tubers are removed. Handle and dispose of fruit/seeds and rhizomes very carefully. Seed viability declines after 3 years in the soil. Well-timed spot spraying with a registered herbicide is effective, but take care to avoid non-target vegetation.

Bridal Creeper will begin flowering around August, so now is the time to act. Further information on identification and treatment methods can be found on DPIPWE's weed pages: [dipwwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds](http://dipwwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds)

## Support for farmers - Drought Weeds Project funding

Council is offering support to agricultural producers affected by weeds as a result of the 2019 drought. Council received \$55,000 in funding for a Drought Weeds Project through the Tasmanian Government's \$350,000 Drought and Weed Management Program.

The focus of the program will be tackling weeds that flourish in drought conditions and reduce the impacts these weeds have on primary production. This program is a collaborative approach with Break O'Day Council working with Biosecurity Tasmania, four other Councils affected by drought and NRM North.

Peter Heading has taken up this role as the Break O'Day Drought Weeds Officer and has already hit the ground

running making contact with a number of the local farmers already.

Grant funding and activity for the Drought Weeds project will focus on drought advantaged weeds that are impacting agricultural productivity. Grants will be available for farmers and farming groups this spring.

Farmers should initially contact Peter so he can help identify drought weed problems and best practice management as well as sourcing funding and/or other potential opportunities.

Peter Heading, can be contacted on 0400 737 253 or [PHeading@nrmnorth.org.au](mailto:PHeading@nrmnorth.org.au) (preferably on Thursdays).

More information will be made available in coming weeks on our website.