

### From the General Manager John Brown

Tourism as an industry is not just about visitors coming and going with local businesses meeting their needs and making sure they have a great time and enjoy our area. Behind the scenes there are people and organisations who work to support the tourism operators and increase the number of visitors to our area. As an organisation, the Council works closely with these people and organisations, we rely on their expertise and networks to assist in achieving the best for the Coast. Recently, the CEO of East Coast Regional Tourism (ECRTO), Ruth Dowty, announced that she would not be continuing on past 30 June in this role. From our perspective this is a massive loss to the area as Ruth has been a very passionate supporter of the Break O'Day area and has been incredibly valuable to us achieving success in a range of areas and projects. The current Chairperson of East Coast Regional Tourism, Anne Greentree, has this week also announced her resignation, Anne has been with ECRTO for about 18 months. We wish them both all the best for the future. Local representation on the ECRTO is important. Whilst Council has a representative, Cllr Glenn McGuinness, on the Board he is the lone voice as there is no one else north of Bicheno on the Board.

At the local level there is a group of local business and community members working on the St Helens Destination Action Plan which is fantastic to see. They will need all the support they can get so if you are involved in tourism or want to help out we can put you in touch with them. We also have an active tourism group working in the Fingal Valley under the umbrella of the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House. The local Coordinator, Gary Barnes, plays a key role in helping them on a number of local projects. No doubt they also look for more community members willing to put their hand up and assist.



The Fingal Streetscape is now completed and looking great.

### Fingal Streetscape - A Team Effort

Normally when we undertake streetscape works we go out to tender and have a contractor undertake the works. This time however Break O'Day Council's Fingal Valley Works Crew managed the project themselves bringing in local contractors where needed.

Not only did the team complete the project to a high standard and save on overhead costs, they learnt valuable skills along the way, which will be of benefit to the whole community as

they develop and implement these skills in future projects.

The streetscape works were developed in partnership with the community and included cleaning up the northern side of the street to include better parking, better drainage and an improved footpath.

We would like to thank the Fingal community for their input and patience and the letters of thanks that we received.

Well done Fingal Valley Works Crew!

### A long weekend of events

Over 8 June long weekend the Break O'Day area had a real festive feel as the St Marys Car show and the Bay of Fires Winter Arts Festival got in to full swing. The comments from punters about the St Marys Car show were glowing and a real credit to the organisers. People were more than impressed with the huge display of vehicles as well as the welcoming vibe throughout the town. The Bay of Fires Winter Arts festival saw the revival of the St Helens District

School fair which was a huge success and resulted in the school raising more than \$5000. Another standout from the event was this year's winning entry in the Bay of Fires Art Prize which went to local Robert Ryan. His painting was inspired by the One Night Stand. Council would like to congratulate everyone who was involved in putting on these events from the committees and artists to the volunteers. Well done all!



# St Helens Mountain Bike Trail - update

## Public Information Session

We will be holding a Public Information Session for the St Helens Mountain Bike Trails on Wednesday 26 June at Tidal Waters from 5pm – 7pm.

The session will be facilitated by Council and Kingthing Marketing, the agency who we have been working with on the development of the brand and marketing strategies for the trails. The session will cover general information and will also include information relevant to local businesses.

We would encourage all to come along but if you can't make it, we will include a general wrap-up of the session in the next Mountain Bike Newsletter and will include any documents provided at the session on our website.

## Boardwalk building

Next week construction on a boardwalk around Boggy Creek, opposite St Helens Point Road will start. This work is part of the multi-user Town Link trail which starts at the mountain bike trailhead at Flagstaff and ends opposite Lions Park. The aim is that the Town Link trail will connect with the Georges Bay multi-user track and provide walkers and riders off-road access to the centre of

St Helens township.

It is expected that this work will take four to six weeks to construct and will not impact traffic.

## MTB Newsletter

Did you know that we have just started putting out a monthly Mountain Bike newsletter? The newsletter features project updates and information about the trails. You can also find these on our website under Major Projects.

If you would like to be included on the mailing list please email, jayne.richardson@bodc.tas.gov.au.

## General Update:

The construction of the Poimena to the Bay of Fires Trail as well as the St Helens stacked loop network at Flagstaff are on track to be completed by the end of November.

We have also started the construction of the trailhead at Flagstaff. The area has been cleared with road work underway. Once the site is ready, we will be adding infrastructure such as a toilet block, bike wash down station and recreational areas.

This project would not be possible without funding support from the State and Federal Governments.

# Do you live Next Door to a Farmer?

Living Next door to a Farmer is a three year project funded by the Government with the aim of fostering good 'neighbourly' relations between farmers and residents.

TFGA are asking for neighbours of farmers to take part in a survey in order to put together an information pack on good farm neighbour relations from both sides of the fence. To contribute to the project, head to the below website and take one of the surveys. [www.tfga.com.au/environment/living-next-door-to-a-farmer](http://www.tfga.com.au/environment/living-next-door-to-a-farmer).

# Property Value Information

This year the Office of the Valuer General has undertaken a full revaluation of properties in the Break O'Day municipality for rating and land tax purposes.

Notices will be forwarded to property owners from 20 June 2019.

Requests for Information or objections relating to the valuations should be referred directly to:

[enquires@ovg.tas.gov.au](mailto:enquires@ovg.tas.gov.au) or Phone the Office of the Valuer- General on 6165 4444

# Have you checked out the St Helens History room?

Located at the Visitor Information Centre near Service Tasmania, the History Room provides a real insight in to life in St Helens and surrounds throughout the years including Aboriginal heritage through to our rich Maritime history.

At the moment the the History Room is housing the "Changing Face of St Helens" art exhibition.

This specially curated exhibition, coincided with the Bay of Fires Winter Arts Festival and features pieces of artwork and historic items from the St Helens History Room's collections telling the story of a bygone era. Inspired by the rapid pace of change we are all experiencing, this exhibition takes us back in time. It is thought-provoking and topical as it explores our heritage and looks to our future.



World Trail Crews working on the Bay of Fires Trail. Photo credit, World Trail.

## What's happening with your Rates?

Your Rates Notice will be sent out in the coming weeks and will include a Rates Newsletter that provides; an explanation for changes to rate payments including the Valuer General revaluations, a section that looks back at the major projects we have been working on in 2018 - 2019 and a list of upcoming projects for 2019 - 2020 and their expenditures.

For those that don't receive the Rates Newsletter, here is an abridged version of the major expenditures for the 2019 - 2020 financial year.

If you would like more detail, you will be able to find a copy of the rates newsletter on our website in July under News and Events.

### **Old Tasmanian Hotel – \$600, 000**

Council has budgeted \$100,000 for this project which is in addition to the \$500,000 the Federal Government promised this project prior to the election.

### **Four Mile Creek Community Hub - \$59,000**

The Friends of Four Mile Creek community group developed a plan, design and project budget for a Community Hub which they formally presented to Council in order to receive this funding.

### **St Helens Tip Shop - \$45,000**

For the 2019-2020 financial year we have budgeted \$45,000 to extend the existing shed at the St Helens Waste Transfer Station to enable the short-term storage of larger items such as furniture.

### **Municipal Footpaths - \$186, 000**

Council's Footpath Asset Management Plan forms the basis for the planning of asset renewal, upgrades and the provision of new assets. Council have budgeted \$186,000 to undertake footpath renewals across the municipality with new footpath segments planned for Binalong Bay.

### **Scamander, Wrinklers Entrance - \$195,000**

The funding allocated for this project

will see the carpark and general area re-shaped and better positioned for safety, including sight lines when pulling in and out of the area.

The funding will also allow the installation of a new bus stop, toilet block and black water dump point as well as revegetative works.

### **Multi-User Track \$2.1 million**

As part of the Federal Election, we secured \$2.1 million in funding to complete the Georges Bay multi-user track from near the boat slips all the way around to the wharf.

This will mean that users of the multi-user track will be able to walk or ride all the way from Lions Park, which is near where the Town Link mountain bike trail will start/finish, to the centre of St Helens.

### **SMS Reminders**

Also included with your rates renewals and newsletter will be a flyer for SMS follow up reminders.

This is a new service that will send an SMS reminder to your mobile if you miss a rates payment.

If you would like to register for this service just make sure that we have your current mobile number. (If we already have it you won't need to do anything). If you don't want to receive a follow up reminder please email us and let us know; [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au), call us on 6376 7900 or drop in to the main office.

## What's On

### **St Helens Mountain Bike Trail Public Information Sessions**

**June 26**

Open to everyone, this information session will be held at Tidal waters from 5pm to 7pm. The session will provide an update on where the trails are at and provide local businesses with ideas about how they can leverage off MTB visitation.

### **Eating With Friends - Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House**

**June 27**

All are invited to enjoy a delicious meal and meet new people at the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House. Lunch costs \$5 and includes pumpkin soup and mixed sandwiches.

### **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.

### **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 0408 927 154.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT  
COUNCIL'S PROJECTS?  
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE,  
[WWW.BODC.TAS.GOV.AU](http://WWW.BODC.TAS.GOV.AU)**

OVER 45 ?  
GOING THROUGH A BIT OF A  
ROUGH PATCH ?

COME AND HAVE A YARN  
WITH SOME CARING FOLK  
AT "THE SAFE PLACE"

**We're going to be at  
St Helens Neighbourhood  
House - Room 3  
On Thursday 27th June  
From 10am to 3pm**

This mobile coffee and talk 'outreach' is part of a much larger Australian Government funded trial program to help local communities reduce suicide.

**It's a safe place to talk.**

We have a network of local assistance for those in need or alternatively if you would like to know more about the trial please contact:

Trial Site Coordinator on  
6376 1134 or 0474 139 935  
Or email: [trialsite@sthelensnhh.org.au](mailto:trialsite@sthelensnhh.org.au)

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## Capital Works Projects - June/ July

- Construction has commenced on the Cunningham Street jetty. The new jetty will be higher, to allow for bigger tides and slightly longer. It will also have a larger deck area at the end to provide more space for fishing.
- Resheeting of gravel roads has been completed at Deals Road, Madson Road, Falmouth and Upper Scamander
- Upcoming projects for July – extension of kerb and channel in Aerodrome Road & part of Helen Grove.



## Mayor and wife spend the night behind bars

On 31 May, Mayor Mick Tucker and his wife Charmaine (Sharms) were put behind bars for the night.

All in the name of charity, the couple took part in the Whitelion Bailout which raises awareness and funds for at risk youth. Both Sharms and Mick spent a very uncomfortable night in the cells at Hobart Penitentiary.

This was Mick's second year supporting the event and said that he enjoyed taking part because it was a real

experience.

"Rather than just hearing about the plight of some of our youth, this event lets you walk in their shoes and experience first hand some of the discomfort disadvantaged youth feel in our society," he said.

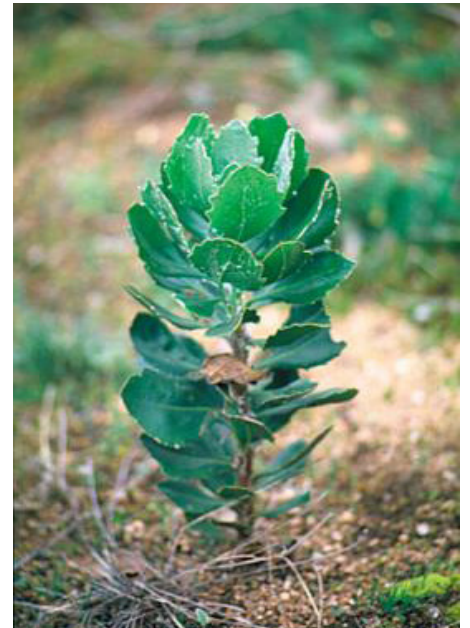
"An experience like this really makes you realise how lucky you are and what a privileged life we really do lead."

Mick raised \$1432 for the cause. Well done Mick and Sharms!



Mayor Mick Tucker and wife Sharms, went to jail for a good cause

## Weed of the month Boneseed



Boneseed is a declared weed in Tasmania as well as being a Weed of National Significance. Boneseed is considered one of the worst and most invasive weeds in Australia due to its ability to establish itself anywhere and its potential to spread.

Boneseed doesn't typically flower until 18 month old, so it is important to remove plants as young as possible before they produce seed. They can produce up to 50,000 seeds per year making treatment of an area with mature plants a several year project. In the state Weed Management Act, landowners have a responsibility to remove and eradicate boneseed from their property. Due to their shallow root system, they are easily hand pulled or carefully spot sprayed with a registered herbicide. Plants can be piled ensuring the roots are not in contact with the ground. If seeds are present, they can be cut off, bagged and burnt.

This time of year boneseed is actively growing and has not set seed, this is the perfect time to treat and remove, remembering follow up in the next year or two is essential. For more information please visit: [dpipwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds](http://dpipwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds)

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