

Next Council Meetings:
17 July 2023 and 21 August at 10am in the Council Chambers

Bush Kinder - Rain, Hail or Shine - All Weather Clothing



Kinder kids exploring the land in their new All-Weather clothing for the Bush Kinder program.

St Helens District High School are fortunate enough to run a Bush Kinder Program with Uncle Ryan Knight, the Aboriginal Education Worker, who as part of his role teaches the kinder children about the land on which we live by visiting different locations within their school. To allow for participation in all sorts of weather, Ryan approached the St Helens School Association and successfully obtained funding towards some all-weather clothing which would allow the children to remain dry and warm during their exploration time with him. The added layers of clothing have added another layer of fun and

excitement to their Bush Kinder days with the children playing among the leaves, dirt and wet grass, without the concern of getting their uniforms wet and dirty, something their parents would be grateful for. The School Association which includes parents, staff and community representatives has recently doubled its contribution towards the school's breakfast club, allowing around 400 children to start their day with food in their tummies and a bright smile from those who help prepare the toast each week. They also contribute towards the mentor program, student success stories, gardening projects and the



The All-Weather gear was funded by the School Association.

school newsletter as well as committing funding to assist with the building of new toilet blocks in the school. Well done to the wonderful volunteers at the Opshop that make projects in our community possible and the community for shopping locally at the Association Opshop. The support is making a difference in the lives of the children at the school and the hard work and effort in putting their learners first is commendable. Another success story of our community coming together.

Future of Local Government Review Community Consultation

Have you heard about the proposed changes to our Council area? Have you thought about how this might affect you? The Local Government Board (the Board), has recently released its recommendations for Council boundary adjustments proposing three different scenarios for our council area and Council wants to hear from you.

To help Council gather feedback from the community we have engaged local

consultant, Sheridan van Asch who will be running community conversations around our area.

How can you have your say?

Take our survey: Scan the QR code to take the survey online or contact Break O'Day Council for a hard copy.

Get in touch: Invite Sheridan to your group's meeting or have a one-on-one chat with Sheridan by emailing: haveyoursay@bodc.tas.gov.au

Keep an eye out: Visit Council's website

or Facebook page for information on Community Chat events around the area.



Fingal Youth Park – Community Consultation

In 2019, Break O'Day Council received funding through the Federal Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery program. This funding is specifically for projects in the Fingal community including a youth park.

We consulted with the Fingal community about the park back in April 2022, after taking this feedback on board we reviewed our plans for the park and want to check-back-in with the community and get their feedback on:

- What equipment should be included in the park, and

- Whether the community has any other big ideas about the park that they may want to share with us.

To make sure that we reach as many people as possible in the Fingal Community, we will:

1. Hold a community information and consultation session in Fingal on 20 July at the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House from 2-4pm.
2. Have a survey that can be accessed online or in hardcopy. Hardcopies will be made available through

the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House and Council offices. We can also mail one out to you if you are unable to get to either location, just get in touch with us.

Scan this QR code to take the Survey



Irapuna Community Weekend 2023

Do some serious beach walking for National Science Week and enjoy our spectacular Irapuna/Bay of Fires coast by taking one, or all of five, big beach walks. The walks are over four days on 5, 18, 19 and 20 of August.

You'll get to experience the remote beaches between Wukalina/Mt. William National Park and the Gardens. Along the way, walkers remove the beach weed 'sea spurge' and collect marine debris to help care for the natural and cultural values of our coast. You do need to be fit and well prepared and it is a requirement to be registered as a Parks and Wildlife Service volunteer.

The Irapuna Community Weekend is part of National Science Week 2023 and offers free buses from St Helens for most of the walks. Thanks to a National Science Week grant from Inspiring Australia, the event has been running since 2014 and is organised and supported by Friends of Irapuna Coast Wildcare group, the Parks and Wildlife Service, Break O'Day Council, Tasmanian Walking Company and Life's an Adventure, ALCT, NRM North and Friends of Eddystone Lighthouse. Each year, hundreds of volunteers have helped keep the beaches pristine by removing thousands of pieces of plastic and other rubbish and stopping hundreds of thousands of sea spurge overrunning the coast.

To find out more please visit irapunacommunityweekend2023.eventbrite.com.au/ or scienceweek.net.au/.

Bookings are required for limited spaces.



Lillian and Megan volunteering at the Irapuna Community Weekend 2022

IN BRIEF Township Plans

Our Township Plans are now all complete. These plans are developed with community input and aim to provide Council with an understanding of what each community sees as important. It includes activities that Council and the community can work on together. Thank you to the community for allowing us the opportunity to work together with you. We look forward to working with you on the implementation of the plans. Visit www.bodc.tas.gov.au to find more about the township plans.

Landscape Restoration Grants

Landcare Tasmania is offering Landcare Action Grants to community groups, primary producers, private landholders, schools and other land managers. Applications close on 31 July for projects aiming to repair and improve landscape and riverine health, stability and resilience, enhance management practices and carbon farming. Revegetation projects are preferred in the initial round so local native seedlings can be raised in time for planting in winter next year. For details, grant guidelines and to apply online, visit www.landcaretas.org.au/landcare_action_grants

Future Health Services in St Marys

From the General Manager - John Brown

It might be expected that I would once again be talking about the Future of Local Government Review in my column this month, but I am not, there is plenty of information out there and in this newsletter. Instead, I would like to provide a few thoughts on another issue. As many would know, the local community is quite concerned in relation to future health services at St Marys which are used not just by the local and surrounding communities but more widely stretching from St Helens to Bicheno/Coles Bay. There are a lot of rumours and stories being created in the community and I would like to try and set them straight. On Saturday 24 June, the community met in St Marys to voice their concerns and ask questions of our local politicians. The situation is quite complex and have a number of independent and connected elements. A couple of them relate to Federal Government decisions such as people being able to get a 60 day supply of medication at a time rather than a 30 day supply. This is great for the person in the street but is bad for the Pharmacist. Their dispensing fee which is paid by the Federal Government will essentially be halved. So I wonder if this is about the person in the street or about the Feds saving some money? This change could

affect the future of the local pharmacy. The other Federal Government policy change relates to the reduction in the amount of telephone consultations by GPs, another bright idea from the halls of power in Canberra. These questions went unanswered on Saturday. The situation with the St Marys Community Health Centre is a complicated and as we all know it is connected to Dr Latt who is incredibly appreciated by the local community and all of his patients. There seems to be confusion in some areas of the community here. There is the General Practice which Dr Latt operates as his own business even though it is in the 'Hospital'. Then there are the 'in-patient' and emergency services he provides for the Tasmanian Health Services. Both arrangements are his private business and we have been working with him to help get what he needs. It was great to see a well organised meeting run by the local community, hats off to those involved.

WHAT'S ON

The Lighthouse - Every Wednesday

Serving the Break O' Day community, The Lighthouse is a safe place where you can enjoy a free cuppa, hot soup and roll, warm beanies and scarves or a friendly chat. Open every Wednesday, 11am-1pm at the

Anglican Hall - 56 Cecila Street, St Helens
**Scamander Fire Brigade
Community BBQ and Open Day**

Sunday 9 July, 1pm-4pm

Come meet local brigade members and express your interest in giving back to the community. Junior volunteers are needed (10-17yrs) so come along, ask questions and enjoy a free BBQ

12 Campbell Street, Scamander

Breast Cancer Bus

28 June - 21 July

The Breast Screen Bus will be at the St Helens Hospital from the 28 June to the 21 July. Phone 13 20 50 to make a Free appointment.

Bicheno Beams is back for 2023

A family friendly celebration of light, Bicheno Beams returns this winter from 1- 22 July. Two entirely unique laser light shows with adjoining soundtrack will be presented on alternate nights. This is a free event. Gates open at 5.30pm with show starting at 6pm for a 15 min show. For more information visit www.bichenobeams.com or follow their Facebook or Instagram pages.

Ships of St Helens

Exhibition at St Helens History Room

Come in and visit the latest exhibition at the St Helens History Room 'Ships of St Helens' where visitors can find information, images and objects from the major ships that serviced Georges Bay and the early settlement of St Helens. Also, as part of the display there is a wonderful textile triptych from the collection representing the early maritime history associated with St Helens. Grab friends and family members – it won't break the budget at all – or, come in during the month of August when visiting the St Helens History Room is free! Part of the Tasmanian Tourism campaign The Off Season.

GET IN2GEAR

BECOME A MENTOR TODAY

Are you an experienced driver? Are you willing to volunteer one or more hours each week of your time to help others in our community get their Licence?

Break O'Day Council and Driver Mentoring Tasmania are holding "drop in" information Sessions at the Council Chambers - All are welcome to join us for a casual chat.

Tuesday 28 March 2023

10am - 12pm & 1pm - 5pm

St Helens Council Chambers



Please register your interest with Jenna
community.services@bodc.tas.gov.au



August

**FREE entry for
all visitors**



St Helens History Room

THE OFF
SEASON

LOCAL MARKETS

St Helens - Every Saturday

Location alternates between the Portland Hall and the Visitor Information Centre Carpark.

St Marys - First Saturday of the month

Held at the St Marys Hall.

Council Works Reports

- Pyengana bridge - replacement nearing completion.
- Resheeting activities on North Forest Lodge Rd and Roses Tier have been completed.
- Resheeting and maintenance grading has commenced around St Marys.
- Cecilia St streetscape project nearing completion.
- Town maintenance crews working throughout the municipality.
- Drainage works on Irishtown Rd have been undertaken.
- Irishtown footpath refurbishment has been completed.
- Young St Footpath completed.
- Cornwall Soldiers Memorial Park and St Marys Cemetery Columbarium wall both underway.
- Heavy patching on Ansons Bay Rd and Gardens road are currently being undertaken currently.

WEED MANAGEMENT

Aerodrome: Thistles, Spanish Heath, Fleabane, Mullein.

St Marys WTS: Multiple weed varieties.

Scamander WTS: Multiple weed varieties.

St Marys Sports Grounds: Broadleaf, Multiple weed varieties.

Anson's Bay: Spanish Heath, Thistles, Caper Spurge.

Gardens Rd: Multiple weed varieties.

DOG STATISTICS 6/05/2023 - 7/06/2023

Urban Patrols = 7
Beach Patrols = 16
Infringements = 1
Unregistered Dog = 0
Impounded dogs = 1

Keep up to date on Council activities and projects by joining our email database.

Email
admin@bodc.tas.gov.au

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 the vegetation it grows over. Bridal creeper grows through the cooler months and often from under other vegetation. A perennial crown of tough roots and tubers helps it tolerate drought and can become large. 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 Pest 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 NRE's weed pages: NRE.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds

"A community that is engaged and working together can be a powerful force."

- Idowu Koyenikan

Cup of Kindness

Neighbours Every Day | *Relationships Australia*



Share a Cup of Kindness with a neighbour or a friend. Look for Kindness Keep Cups wherever Break O'Day Council is promoting the Wellbeing Project. Find ideas and kindness tips at www.wellbeingaction.org/kindness

