

Next Council Meetings:
20 April and 16 May at 10am in the Council Chambers, St Helens

From General Manager - John Brown

With the Federal Election just round the corner, we are anticipating the announcement will happen any day now, we are seeing large election funding commitments being made by major parties for different projects around the State. Traditionally Lyons, our electorate has been marginal and has therefore received a lot of attention. This has resulted in great commitments being made for our area which have benefited our community. This time around we are not sure that Lyons is going to receive the same focus given what we have seen promised so far in Lyons and Break O'Day compared to for example, the announcements in the Bass electorate. As a Council we identified completion of the foreshore track along the front of Parnella as a priority project. This project has been something our community has asked for for years. Council has been pushing to get a commitment from both major parties to support this project. We will continue to advocate for our community on issues that matter to them and hope that both parties will step up to the plate and make a commitment during the election process which will benefit Break O'Day. We will keep the community up to date on local commitments through social media and maybe the next Newsletter.

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

We have databases for each township as well as a Newsletter database that we regularly use to send information directly to our community. If you would like to be added to any of our databases please email admin@bodc.tas.gov.au

Scooter Jam - better than ever before



Pictured above: A young competitor gets some air at the 2017 Youth week event.

This year the annual Youth Week scooter competition has had a refresh and promises to be the best event yet! This event is led by the youth of our community with support from Council and the Youth Collective North East Coast Tasmania (YCNECT). This year our youth decided they would hold the event at the new St Marys Community Space and have organized some amazing activities for the day. There will be two Pro Scooters, a display of local scooter talents, a lunchtime DJ set from the very cool DJ SEABRA, Chill Out Zone, supporting activities, lots of prizes for everyone and most importantly free food and drinks for all.

If you would like to take part in the event you can either pre-register,

or register on the day. But please remember that if you are under 18yrs you must have your registration form completed by a parent or guardian prior to entering the competition. Bring your families and a rug or chair and enjoy the free event

When: Sunday 10 April from 10am – 2pm

Where: St Marys Community Space

This event would not be possible without funding support from the Tasmanian Government as part of their Youth week activities.

For transport, contact Caitlyn: ycnect.caitlin@gmail.com

For pre-entry contact Erica: Erica.mckinnell@bodc.tas.gov.au or 6376 7900. Remember no helmet, no entry!

Flagstaff Trailhead gets techy

Thanks to a grant from the Tasmanian Government and contribution from the Break O'Day Trails Collective, the Flagstaff Trailhead now features a digital noticeboard and PA System.

Both items were installed just in time for the Dragon Trail event and they were put to use straight away. The board was used to welcome Dragon Trail competitors, share information about trail closures, as well as highlight our Trail Ambassadors and how to

donate to the trails. The PA system was used to play music and create a festive vibe at the trailhead for the event and was used to announce the start of the race.

The aim of the noticeboard is to provide riders at the trailhead with relevant information on trail closures, upcoming events and can also be used to play educational material like our video on how to use the Bike Hygiene Stations.

Introducing our new Works Trainees

At the beginning of the year Council employed two trainees to work with our outdoor crews.

Both Max Salter and Lloyd Haley are Break O'Day locals who attended St Marys and St Helens High schools respectively.

On finishing grade 10 at St Marys, Max decided he would like to stay in the Fingal Valley area and find a job that allowed him to work outside and with his hands.

Lloyd finished high school at St Helens, completed grade 11 and 12 at Launceston College and has always wanted to return to our community, with outdoor work and long term employment.

Both are undertaking a Certificate III in Civil Construction.

Max has taken up employment with



the Valley Works crew where he is often seen mowing the lawns of the Valley townships complete with his L plates. He said he quite enjoys doing the mowing and he is certainly getting some practice with all this growth!

Lloyd has taken up a position in St Helens where he has been put to work undertaking general maintenance tasks. Lloyd said he really enjoys being a part of a team and working outdoors in our beautiful environment.

Council would like to congratulate both young men on their employment and are pleased we were able to help them with their individual employment pathways within our area, giving them the opportunity to work towards achieving career goals locally.



HAVE YOUR SAY Community Engagement

Community Engagement opportunities Council has a lot of projects on the go at the moment that we are seeking community input on. One of the biggest Community Engagement exercises we have just embarked on is the review of Township Plans.

Township Plans are developed in collaboration with each town's community and provide Council with priorities and a to do list for the township.

To do this we are heading out to nine townships over the next few months. You can find a full schedule below. If you are unable to make these sessions you can still have your say by taking our online survey, you can also find a link on our website under My Community/Community Engagement.

- Other things that we are seeking community input on include:
- St Helens Sports Complex Draft Concept Plan
- Draft Community Engagement Strategy
- Black Summer Bushfire Recovery projects: St Marys Gym, Fingal Youth Park (Valley Communities specifically)

If you are unable to attend these sessions you can still have your voice heard. We have some of these projects listed on the Community Engagement section of our website under My Community. If you can't find what you are looking for or would like more information or email admin@bodc.tas.gov.au.

Wellbeing Project -Get involved

Wellbeing is our ability to feel good and function well while navigating the 'ups and downs' of life. Wellbeing is something we can nurture and improve and the Break O'Day Community Wellbeing Project aims to inspire and help people to do that in our community.

Last year we were inspired and grateful to experience the ripples of wellbeing created by local people who completed our first round of training in the Certificate, Creating Wellbeing. They encouraged us to learn more about looking after our health, to promote our positive thoughts, enjoy the things we do well, connect with each other, and take meaningful actions to achieve small but powerful changes. We hope you had the chance to join in and learn more about nurturing wellbeing.

The Break O'Day Wellbeing Project is seeking interested people to take part in this year's Certificate in Creating Wellbeing Training commencing in June. Final dates to be announced. Register your interest now by contacting the project coordinator at wellbeing@bodc.tas.gov.au

Did you share your wellbeing hopes for our community at a community conversation last year? Let's keep the conversation going. You can invite us to your community group, club or meeting to hear your thoughts about wellbeing. Or look out for more community wellbeing conversation sessions in the coming weeks too.

Find out more on our website under My Community/Community Health or join our facebook group @ Break O'Day Wellbeing Project.

Our wellbeing hope is to help bring out the best in each other and our community and support local people to come together and build wellbeing for themselves, their families and their communities.



WELLBEING
PROJECT

Have your say - the future of Local Government

The Tasmanian Government has launched its Future of Local Government Review and it's important that we all have our say on what this future may look like.

The review will focus on the roles and functions of local government, not the performance of individual Councils.

It aims to ensure our system of local government is robust, capable, and ready for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

The scope of the review covers:

- Statutory functions (eg land use planning);
- Service delivery (eg waste management, road maintenance);
- Governance and administration (eg asset management); and
- Community/place-based roles (eg strategic planning, advocacy).

The review is anticipated to take 18 months and will be broken into three, six month stages.

Stage 1 – Community Engagement, Evidence & fact-finding (January to June 2022)

Focusses on wide community engagement and research to understand what Tasmanians expect from local government and the needs, challenges and opportunities councils will meet in the future.

Stage 2 – Analysing Options (July to December 2022)

Focusses on the identification and development of opportunities for

reform, and the testing of these ideas through focussed engagement and further research and exploration.

Stage 3 – Recommending Solutions (January to June 2023 and beyond)

Focusses on the evaluation of options and the delivery of practical recommendations to the Tasmanian Government, along with advice about the implementation of reforms and transition.

Community Engagement will cover seven main themes:

- Community Wellbeing
- Economic Development and Local Promotion
- Environment
- Finance and Administration
- Governance, Accountability and Representation
- Infrastructure Provision and Management
- Land Use Planning and Other Regulatory Services.

A Community Workshop will be held in St Helens on Saturday 30 April from 10am – 12 noon, the location is to be confirmed. You can find more information on this event here: www.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/your-voice.

You can also have your voice heard by taking the online survey, you can find a link to this on the above page or on our website under My Council/Future of Local Government Review.

Funding Program Recipients announced

At the March Council meeting, Break O'Day Council announced the recipients of its Community Grants Program for 2021-2022.

This year, seven Community groups from all across the municipality received a total of \$29,418.54 in funding.

Every year the Council earmarks \$30,000 for community driven projects and receives a wide range of requests for support from various community groups throughout the area.

Mayor Mick Tucker said being able to support community projects was something very important to Council.

"These community groups are at the very forefront of knowing what their

community needs and we look forward to seeing all their projects coming to fruition over the next 12 months."

We would like to congratulate the following community groups who were successful in securing funding through Council's Community Funding Program.

- St Helens- St Marys RSL
- Falmouth Community Centre
- With One Voice Break O'Day Choir
- St Helens Cricket Club
- Pedal heads Inc
- North East Bioregional Network
- St Helens Online Access

You can find more information about the recipient's projects in the news section on our website.

WHAT'S ON Community Events

Scooter Jam

Sunday 10 April 10am - 2pm

St Marys Community Space

Pyengana Easter Festival

Saturday and Sunday 16-17 April

Pyengana Recreation Ground.

If you are unable to make one of these sessions or missed the St Helens or Ansons Bay sessions you can still have your voice heard by taking our survey. You can find the survey on our website under My Community/Community Engagement

Township Plan Review Dates

Ansons Bay 2 April

9:30 - 11:30am @ Anson Bay - Fire Station

Cornwall 6 April

2:00 - 3:30pm @ Cornwall Community Hall

Fingal 6 April

4:30 - 6:30pm @ Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House

Mathinna 13 April

4:30 - 6:30pm @ Mathinna BBQ Shelter

Scamander 4 May

4:30 - 6:30pm @ Scamander Sports Complex

St Marys 11 May

4:30 - 6:30 @ St Marys Community Hall

Falmouth 18 May

4:30 - 6:30 @ Falmouth Community Centre

Binalong Bay 21 May

9:30 - 11:30am @ Foreshore carpark near tennis courts

LOCAL MARKETS

St Helens - Every Saturday

The Markets alternate between setting up their stalls at the Portland Hall or in the Visitor Information Centre Car-park.

St Marys - First Saturday of the month

Held at the St Marys Hall.

Council Works Reports

- St Helens Airport: runway gravel re-sheeting completed
- Beaumaris Footpath: Awaiting contractor availability to finish sealing
- St Marys Footpath: LRCI project – round 3 - progressing well. Kerb poured. Footpath work starting next including removal of pavers and replacing with asphalt.
- North Ansons Bay Road: Maintenance grading underway
- Wrinklers Lagoon Carpark: linemarking this week
- Dig out and patch sealing of the following roads: Ansons Bay Road, Four Mile Creek Road, Greenbank Drive, Cherrywood Drive
- St Helens Point Road / Parkside, new foreshore path: currently sourcing rock with work to commence onsite in late April.

Weed Management

- Falmouth - Periwinkle
- Scamander WTS - Multiple weed varieties: thistles, pampas grass, swan plant, caper spurge, Spanish heath, gorse, broom, holly, mullein, periwinkle, hemlock, carrot weed
- Stieglitz - caper spurge, pampas grass, mignonette
- St Marys WTS - Spanish heath, blackberry, broom, hemlock, thistles, capeweed, pampas grass, mignonette, caper spurge, Umbrella weed

You can find our newsletters online at www.bodc.tas.gov.au/community/news-events/

Weed of the month - African Boxthorn



African boxthorn is a tough woody weed with sparse small leaves guarded

by dangerous sharp spines, able to puncture gloves and the soles of shoes. Its white flowers are followed by bright orange-red berries which are spread by birds. It is often found where birds perch and roost, along fence lines, under trees, and rocky outcrops. African boxthorn displaces native vegetation, invades pastures. It is a declared weed in Tasmania. Young plants can be pulled or dug, larger ones require mechanical help. Herbicides can be used, but follow-up treatment is needed. Cut and paint methods are often used, but taking great care with the spines.

New Beekeeping and bio-security regulations

A new registration system for all beekeepers and their hives is coming. Biosecurity Tasmania is seeking comments on the draft conditions which will apply to all beekeepers including recreational beekeepers and backyard hives. You can read the draft conditions and comment on them at the Biosecurity Tasmania webpage www.nre.tas.gov.au. Biosecurity Tasmania is also calling for input on the greater Draft Biosecurity Regulations 2022. The Act and its

regulations will introduce significant changes, gradually replacing a range of laws covering animal, plant, weed, pest and diseases and their control. One change already in force is the General Biosecurity Duty, which applies to everyone. To find out more visit nre.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania. Comments on both the Draft Biosecurity Regulations and beekeeper registration system are due by 10 May 2022.



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