

## From General Manager - John Brown

The Georges Bay Foreshore multi-user track has never been so busy as more people are out there making use of this for exercise during the current pandemic. It has been part of our community in its current form for nearly 30 years and we have grown to accept it as it is - with some missing links.

One of the missing links will soon be fixed with the construction of a new section of track from the main wharf around to where the current track start, near the slip way.

Like many in the community I can't wait for this to happen. No longer will it be necessary to climb up over the path at Kings Park and navigate the traffic at three slightly tricky intersections. Instead we will be able to enjoy the more relaxing approach along the edge of the Bay right from the St Helens foreshore.

With funding assistance from the Federal Government this project is now a reality and fingers crossed will be completed by later this year. A number of local contractors and suppliers are going to be involved in construction which is a great boost for the local economy. But we are all going to have to endure a bit of pain along the way unfortunately. There is going to be traffic disruption for a number of months affecting our travel around the bay whilst this all happens. Rather than get frustrated by this, give those working on the site a friendly wave or thumbs up to show how much we are looking forward to when this is finished.



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## Medea Park CEO wins Tasmanian Telstra Business Woman of the Year Award.

A massive congratulations from Council and the whole community to our very own Medea Park CEO, Margaret Williams who won Tasmanian Telstra Business Woman of the Year earlier in the month.

Working in allied health for most of her life, she brought with her not just the knowledge required for the role, but a level of passion and devotion to not just the residents but staff that has seen the facility thrive.

Margaret's leadership and devotion to her role and our community has seen the creation of a fantastic team

at Medea Park and Council would also like to pass on our appreciation for the work that they do as well.

"As a community with a growing aging population, your role is extremely important to the entire community and we are so appreciative of your continued commitment and the thoroughly deserved recognition which has been received with this Award.

"Please accept our heartfelt gratitude, appreciation and sincerest congratulations on this well-deserved win." Mayor Mick Tucker said.



## Celebrating our Volunteers

Last week was National Volunteer week and the perfect time to celebrate the amazing work that our volunteers do in our community.

In a small municipality like ours, volunteers are the life blood of the community. Many of us would not even be aware of the amazing work our volunteers are involved with. Whether it's with Rotary, youth, or the elderly and one hour a day, week or month, the one thing they all have in common is a passion for seeing our community thrive and succeed.

Regularly sacrificing their own time for

the greater good, we would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU on behalf of the community.

You may have noticed that we featured a community volunteer every day on Facebook last week, but if you missed them, you can find some volunteer profiles on our website under My Community/Our Volunteers. We would like to continue this page of thanks and acknowledgment of our volunteers so if you know of someone you think we should feature, please email [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au).

## Saying thank you to our community

Over the last couple of weeks, Council led an initiative to thank and acknowledge people within our community making a difference. To date, over 200 cards and fridge magnets have been sent to volunteers in our community to say Thanks.

Some cards were sent from Council while others were sent on behalf of organisations they volunteer for.

The cards and magnets all feature beautiful imagery from our local area to highlight our natural environment and strong community connections.

The cards have been developed to show Council's appreciation and demonstrate the gratitude of our entire community for the hard work, dedication and commitment shown by local people who are making our area better for everyone. If there is someone in our community that you think deserves a Thank you card, please give us a call on 63767900 or email [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au). We can send it on your behalf or give the card to you to send. Please help us say thank you to those that make a real difference in our community!

# IN BRIEF

## Keeping Track of your Council

Did you know that Council develops an annual plan every year which we report on?

The Annual Plan is prepared based on the goals developed in consultation with the community during the development of our ten year plan. The main five goals are: Community, Economy, Environment, Infrastructure and Services.

Each year we develop a range of activities under each goal which we aim to achieve by the end of the financial year.

A couple of years ago we shifted to a digital annual plan that shows every activity and its progress and this has proven to be a really useful tool for us and now we have included a community dashboard on our website so you too can keep an eye on what we have been up to.

The dashboard is updated quarterly and can be found under My Council/Community Dashboard and shows our goals, strategies, Key Focus Areas, activities and our progress on achieving them.

## Beautiful Break O'Day Photo sharing

We live in such a beautiful area and we want to celebrate that beauty by sharing an image of our area on our Facebook page.

We would love members of the community to submit their images to us by emailing them to [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au).

The guidelines are:

- Images should be 3MB or over,
- Images shouldn't include people
- Images must be able to be shared publically through Council's communication channels.
- Let us know if you DO NOT want us to tag you in the image

Not only do we want to share with the rest of our community how beautiful it is to live here but maybe even tempt a few Tasmanian's to our area too! We look forward to sharing your images.



# COVID-19 Update - Road map to Recovery

Now that the State Government have lifted some COVID-19 restrictions we have now:

- Opened the main office – But if your inquiry can be dealt with over the phone, via email or mail, we recommend you still use those methods of contact first.
- Opened the St Helens MTB Trails (except the Bay of Fires Trail) to those living within 30km
- Parks and Wildlife have opened beaches, reserves and parks to those living within 30km
- Opened Playgrounds with limited access – Maximum of 10 people
- Businesses are also re-opening in line with COVID safe practices.
- We are also working with community groups to ensure they have what they need to get back to delivering community services

For more information on the State's Road Map to Recovery (you can find in this on the [coronavirus.tas.gov.au](https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au) site)

Information is regularly changing so if you are looking for up to date information on COVID-19 the below are the most reputable sources of information:

## **Tasmanian Government:**

[www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au)

## **Federal Government:**

[www.health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)

## **Business Tasmania:**

[www.business.tas.gov.au](https://www.business.tas.gov.au)

## **Business Australia:**

[www.business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au)

# NEW Community Notice Board

Have you noticed the new community notice board located between the Bay of Fires IGA carpark and the courtyard outside Coffee Away?

The board was designed and built by Council and DC Contracting and even includes a little roof to provide added protection for the board and provides a mounting solution for the solar light for night visibility.

This board can be used by the public or community groups to promote their events and activities and is being managed by the lovely Marika McGuinness at Coffee Away.

If you would like to place something on the board, you can check out the Guidelines on our website under My Community / Community Notice Board, or drop in and see Marika.

# Responsible Dog Ownership

Now that we are allowed to walk our fur babies on the beach again, it is a good time to remind all Break O'Day dog owners about being a responsible dog owner.

1. Before you head off to the beach have you checked whether you can take your dog to that particular part of the beach and whether they are allowed on lead or off lead? You can check this information on our website under My Property, Dogs.

2. When you are walking your dog on a lead, the lead must be no more than two metres long unless it is a designated off-lead area.

3. Pick-up after your dog. Some areas have doggy-doo bags provided but this is not a given so make sure you have a plastic bag to pick up after your pup.

The reason that the Break O'Day Area has established clear on and off lead areas as well as dogs prohibited areas is because of our native and threatened birdlife.

It is important that we are all responsible dog owners and do the right thing to ensure that our beaches remain as pristine and a sustainable habitat for birdlife like the hooded plover, oyster catchers, shearwaters and more.



# Townlink Trail Maintenance

The trails maintenance team and members of the Works Crew with assistance from contractor AJR have just completed an epic job on the St Helens MTB Trails Townlink Trail.

This multi-user, dual directional trail required some stabilisation works, as this trail passes through an eagle nesting area, we only have a few months a year when we can undertake works in the area. Thanks to the availability of the contractor we were able to get these works done quickly and effectively and we think it looks great but that's just our opinion! Why not go for a walk or ride this weekend and check it out for yourself.





## Capital Works Projects -May - June

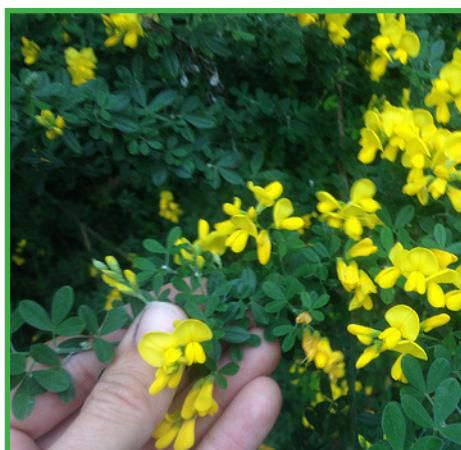
- Work progressing on road improvements at Lottah - first section was sealed last week
- Road resheeting is underway on Ansons Bay Road - North Ansons Bay Road and Groves Road
- Timber bridge deck replacements will be completed by the end of June - Tims Creek Road, Mathinna and Gillies Road, St Marys
- Town maintenance has focussed on autumn works including: picking up leaf litter and street tree maintenance around our townships.



Pictured above, works on Lottah Rd.  
Pictured below, Autumn pruning.



## Weed of the month- Broom



Both Montpellier and English Broom are declared weeds in Tasmania. Both types are woody shrubs growing to 2-3m, have bright yellow flowers and produce seed pods that when open

can cast the seed more than 3 metres. Brooms can establish themselves just about anywhere. They out compete native vegetation and can alter the habitat of native fauna.

May is a great time to treat broom and there are several ways to do this. Small plants can be easily hand pulled from the ground, larger isolated plants can be cut close to the base and painted with herbicide or larger infestations can be cut back and applied with herbicide

when the new growth begins.

For more information please visit [www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds/](http://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds/)

## New Weather Station to provide Flash Flood warnings for St Marys Community

Construction of a new automatic rain gauge station near St Marys is nearing completion. Heavy rain will be monitored and collated with information gathered by other Bureau of Meteorology weather stations to provide flash flood alerts to emergency services and the community.

Council's St Marys works crew built the new station in partnership with the Water Monitoring Section of DPIPWE. The new station has a tipping-bucket rain gauge which relays rainfall information via radio link to the Bureau of Meteorology which will be collated with data from Gray.

Together, both stations will monitor weather allowing the Bureau to watch data that may lead to significant flooding in the area. A warning message can then be sent advising to prepare for flooding in the coming hours.

The Flash Flood Warning System is part of the St Marys Flood Mitigation project, funded by the Australian Government's Community Development Grants Programme.



Above: The new weather station at St Marys

**For information on**

**COVID-19 visit**

[www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au)