

Next Council Meetings:
16 June 2025 and 21 July 2025 at 10am in the Council Chambers

From the General Manager - John Brown

There is great progress happening with the establishment of the Study Hub project to help local students undertake their tertiary and vocational studies. The recruitment process for a Centre Manager has been completed and it is exciting to have Leah Page appointed to this role bringing with her a wealth of experience in education, community development and project management. Leah will play a crucial part in connecting students, institutions, employers, and community to grow outcomes that meet the needs of students and the eastern Tasmania region. Work is progressing to create the first part of CUC Eastern Tasmania being the St Helens Study Hub location which is going to be at Avery House in Cecilia Street. There is a lot of work to undertake over the next few months as it is intended to create a welcoming space open to students of all ages and they will enjoy a supportive environment for learning and achievement. Students will have access to quiet study spaces as well as being able to collaborate in meeting rooms whilst enjoying access to technology. Academic workshops will be held to develop their study skills to assist with their educational journey. Importantly they will be able to connect with each other and have support in many ways whilst they are studying.

Growing a Greener Future at Seymour Conservation Area



Photo courtesy of M.Manton: Participants of the Working Bee program in May 2025

In 2024, the Seymour Community Action Group received a generous donation from Keep Tassie Wild to propagate and plant 170 trees at the Seymour Conservation Area. Seeds from local trees were collected by members including; Banksia Marginata, Acacia Melonox, Allocasuarina Littoralis, Eucalyptus Globulus, Melaleuca Armilaris, Leptospermum Scoparium. SCAGI engaged the expertise of Ruth Mollison from Understory Network and Mark Lawrence from Habitat Restoration Australia to propagate the seeds for an autumn 2025 planting. SCAGI would like to thank project partners Keep Tassie Wild, Parks and Wildlife Services

and the ongoing support of members and friends.

Formed in the mid 1980's and incorporated in 2016; SCAGI - Seymour Community Action Group Inc. is a community group that brings together people of all ages. Our core activities are in biodiversity and weed management. Our conservation work was pioneered by the late Michelle Menz and over the past 9 years of rehabilitation work SCAGI has managed to nearly double the Seymour Conservation Area to 115 which is under the custody of PWS. If you would like to become a member or get involved with SCAGI please visit: www.scagi.org.au



Burn Brighter: More Heat, Less Smoke

As temperatures drop, many Tasmanians use wood heaters to stay warm. The Burn Brighter This Winter campaign encourages simple steps to reduce smoke and boost heat. Burn only dry, seasoned wood—green wood creates more smoke and less warmth. Always keep a visible flame, and avoid letting your fire smoulder.

After reloading, open the air intake and burn on high for 20 minutes to reduce pollution by up to 90%. These small changes help protect your health, improve air quality, and make your firewood go further. You'll get more heat from your firewood and produce less smoke in our community. Let's all do our bit to burn brighter this winter!

Bendigo Bank Community Stadium:

Fresh Look and Exciting Upgrades for St Helens Netball Association



Photo courtesy of SHNA: The team wearing their brand new uniforms with their sponsor.

The St Helens Netball Association (SHNA) is embracing a fresh new era with an updated official colour scheme and a court equipment upgrade — both reflecting the Association's commitment to growth, pride, and professionalism.

SHNA has officially changed its colours from Royal Blue and Gold to a sleek and contemporary Navy Blue and Gold. This update brings a unified and modern look while still honouring the Association's proud history. The change was carefully considered by the SHNA committee and aims to present a more consistent and professional identity. It was a pleasure to see athletes wearing the new colours with pride at the recent Devon State Wide Netball Carnival.

Adding to the fresh new look, visitors to the stadium may have noticed brand new goal post covers, proudly featuring the SHNA name and logo. Thanks to a successful Netball Tasmania (Netball TAD) grant, the Association was able to purchase new Hart Sports equipment to replace the original post covers that had been in use since the stadium opened. The updated covers offer not only a refreshed appearance but also enhanced safety with improved padding. Congratulations to the

Association on securing the grant and for continuing to invest in both the presentation and safety of the sport!



Photo courtesy of SHNA: Team members with the new goal covers

A huge thank you also goes to SHNA's Junior Development major sponsor, Kate Spilsbury and the LJ Hooker St Helens team, for their incredible support in making these exciting developments possible.

Your generosity and community spirit are truly appreciated.

With these changes, SHNA continues to invest in the future of local netball — combining style, safety, and a deep respect for its roots.

IN BRIEF

HAVE YOUR SAY ON CAT MANAGEMENT IN TASMANIA

TassieCat has been working with communities to support cat owners, share advice, and protect Tasmania's unique wildlife —and now they want to hear from you.

Whether you're a cat owner, wildlife lover, or simply care about your community, your voice matters.

Your input could lead to stronger support for owners, better community programs, and fairer legislation.

Survey closes 15 June 2025

Take the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/XDZVKXQ

More information at www.tassiecat.com.au/

Supported by Cradle Coast NRM, NRM North, Ten Lives, and the Tasmanian Government

NEW TO BREAK O'DAY? GRAB A WELCOME PACK!

If you're new to the area, pick up a free New Resident Pack from Council, local real estate agents or Neighbourhood Houses. It's packed with helpful local info, contacts, maps, waste calendars, mental health resources, pet tips and more.

Stay connected by visiting www.bodc.tas.gov.au or following us on Facebook and YouTube. You can also sign up for our monthly newsletter—just email admin@bodc.tas.gov.au or call us on 03 6376 7900.

Don't forget to visit our website www.bodc.tas.gov.au or follow us on Facebook and YouTube. This is one of the best ways you can stay up to date on what is happening in our area as well as Council activities. Feel free to reach out to Council — just email admin@bodc.tas.gov.au or call 6376 7900.

REGISTER YOUR DOG BEFORE 30 JUNE 2025 AND SAVE!

Dog owners — don't forget to register your furry friend before 30 June 2025 to receive a discounted rate on your dog registration.

Want a handy SMS reminder when your dog registration is due? Simply email us at admin@bodc.tas.gov.au with your contact details or give Council a call on 6376 7900.

"It takes courage to be kind"

- Maya Angelou

EOI - Bay of Fires Steering Committee

Do you want to make a difference in how the Bay of Fires is preserved and managed for future generations through the development of the Bay of Fires Master Plan.

The Bay of Fires Steering Committee is seeking a local community member to serve as the Environmental Representative. This position on the Bay of Fires Steering Committee has become vacant due to the resignation of a committee member.

This is a unique opportunity to contribute your voice and expertise to one of Tasmania's most iconic and ecologically significant coastal regions. As a committee member, you will collaborate with stakeholders from government, tourism, cultural heritage and the local

community, serving as a liaison for the group you represent.

What we're looking for:

- A strong commitment to environmental conservation.
- A local resident with knowledge of the Bay of Fires region.
- Experience in environmental science, conservation, landcare or related areas (formal or informal).
- Willingness to attend regular meetings and actively participate in discussions and decision-making.

To express your interest, please email a brief statement about your background and why you'd like to join the Bay of Fires Steering Committee to admin@bodc.tas.gov.au. Applications close on Monday 30 June, 2025.

The Scamander -Beaumaris Structure Plan

Planning today for the towns we want tomorrow

Council have engaged ERA Planning and Environment and Playstreet to lead an exciting new project – the Scamander-Beaumaris Structure Plan! This project will help guide future housing, business, light industrial and commercial land uses in the area, while maintaining environmental values and enhancing the unique characteristics of Scamander and Beaumaris that are important to the local community.

The structure plan will consider population trends, community needs, economic drivers, local landscapes and land use supply and demand. It will

support the upcoming review of the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy and Council's own strategic planning.

We will be seeking feedback from the community about what they value in the Scamander-Beaumaris area and their vision for the future. This will help inform the desired future character of the area and guide the creation of the Structure Plan.

The first round of consultation will kick off in early July. Register your interest in the project - email engagement@eraplanning.com.au

Have Your Say: Industrial Land Use In Break O'Day

Do you have insights on how land and infrastructure can better support local business? We want to hear from you! Council is developing a plan to guide industrial and business land use in our region. Your input will help us:

- Support existing businesses
- Attract new industries and investment
- Ensure the right land is available in the right places

Take the survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/MQJYJWN or scan the QR code.

Learn more about the plan by visiting

www.bodc.tas.gov.au/council/current-works-2

Want to speak to us directly?

Contact Chris Kelly, Senior Consultant, REMPLAN – chris@remplan.com.au

More about REMPLAN: www.remplan.com.au

Thank you for helping shape Break O'Day's economic future.



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 Cecilia Street, St Helens.

Seymour Conservation Area – Monthly Working Bees

Support this restoration project which is restoring Seymour wetlands and flora and fauna. Monthly working bees planting and gorse control. Tools provided. BYO hat, water and gloves. First Saturday of the month. Seymour Conservation Area, Champ St, Seymour. 10-12pm. Contact 0425 232 000 as weather dependent.

Bay of Fires Winter Arts Festival 6-15 June (Long Weekend)

The 2025 Bay of Fires Winter Arts Festival is designed to celebrate the arts in all forms. The festival encompasses just about anything you can imagine at their Art Exhibitions. Enjoy our region and original art creations whether you're art curious or art lovers. For more information visit www.bayoffireswinterartsfestival.com.au/

FREE Game Design Program - Saturdays 7 June - July 19

Learn how to build your own game in this free 8-week program using Unity's "Create with Code" course! For ages 12-17 at the Online Access Centre. 10am – 12pm. No experience needed – computers provided. Visit St Helens Online Access Centre's Facebook page for more information and to register. Thanks to the Break O'Day Wellbeing Project – spots are limited!

RESET 8 Week Program - Wednesday 11 June

The RESET program offers a supportive group environment focused on building self-management, emotional regulation and capacity to improve resilience and overall quality of life. Designed for 18+ years. 10-12pm at St Helens District Health Service. For more information call Lynn on 0437 413 330.

Winter Lights Solstice Festival - Saturday 21 June

Fun for all ages. Live music, lantern making, face painting, Serpenterium keeper show, fire sculpture and more. St Marys Town Hall. Contact bodregionalsarts@gmail.com

St Helens Beach Probosc Club - Tuesday 24 June

Join the club for a relaxed morning of good company, laughs and free morning tea. Bayside Hotel St Helens at 10am. More information phone 1300 630 488 or email communityengagement@probussouthpacific.org

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

- Ansons Bay Causeway closed for repair work from 2– 5 June
- Evercreech bridge – approach barrier replacement commencing 2 June
- Ansons Bay Road maintenance grading nearing completion
- Maintenance grading scheduled for Irish Town Road, Dublin Town Road and Lohreys Road, St Marys
- Road resheeting scheduled for Medeas Cove Road and Reids Road, St Helens
- Road resealing program nearing completion, final asphaltting work to be undertaken in Fingal, Mangana, Cornwall and Ansons Bay Road
- Penelope Street, St Helens stormwater works are starting from 16 June. Anticipate works will take 2 weeks to complete, weather dependent.

weedSCAN



Want help identifying weeds and help weed control efforts? WeedsScan is a free Australian app that identifies weeds from photos and puts them on the map. You can use it online: www.weedscan.org.au/

WEED MANAGEMENT

- **Fingal** - Spanish heath
- **Seymour** - gorse
- **St Helens** - blackberry
- **Binalong Bay** – mirror bush
- **Four Mile Creek** - arum lily
- **St Marys**- Spanish heath

DOG STATISTICS APRIL 2025

Urban Patrols = 7
Beach Patrols = 4
Infringements = 0
Unregistered Dog = 2
Impounded Dogs = 2

Weed of the Month - Ragwort

Ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*) is a highly invasive weed of pastures and will invade bushland. It is a Declared Pest in Tasmania and prefers areas where annual rainfall is over 700mm.

Seeds are spread by wind and in other ways (eg. livestock) and are viable in the soil for eight years. Rosettes of smelly dark green leaves follow mostly autumn germination. These 'bolt' in late spring with flower heads of yellow daisy flowers. Ragwort is normally biennial and is poisonous to livestock.

Care is needed for successful control. It can dug when at rosette growth stage and be pulled from wet soil by flower shoots. But its roots are thick and will regrow if not fully removed and after

other disturbance (including livestock trampling). Such regrowth becomes perennial. Herbicides are effective, but less so after rosettes bolt and care is needed to encourage alternative vegetation cover. Preventing spread of seeds is important – stop seed-set, good hygiene and remove and destroy any flowering shoots. For more lookup ragwort at nre.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds



Change is Coming to your Waste & Recycling Service

Council is making important changes to improve the efficiency and reliability of your kerbside waste and recycling service. From Monday 7 July, Council will take over recycling collection to deliver better value and service to our community.

What this means for you:

Recycling and general waste will now alternate weekly with the new collection calendar beginning 7 July – please note, the first week of July will follow the old schedule.

Your collection day may have changed, so please check the calendar carefully.

Weekly Collection Schedule (from 7 July):

Monday – Stieglitz, Akaroa, Binalong Bay (incl. Binalong Bay Road east of Colchis Creek), The Gardens

Tuesday – St Helens

Wednesday – St Marys, Scamander, Upper Scamander

Thursday – Fingal, Mangana, Mathinna, Cornwall, Upper Esk

Friday – Beaumaris, Dianas Basin, Chain of Lagoons, Douglas River, Falmouth, Four Mile Creek, Seymour

Where to Get Your Collection Calendar:

If you're a ratepayer, your new collection calendar will be included with your rates notice. Not a ratepayer? You can pick one up at: Council Offices, Local Post Offices, Real Estate Agents, Your Local Neighbourhood House or download a copy anytime from www.bodc.tas.gov.au/property/waste. Residents can also stay on track by downloading the Recycle Coach App from the App Store or Google Play to get collection day SMS reminders straight to their phone.

And a reminder to make sure you're recycling correctly! If your recycling bin contains general rubbish or the wrong materials, it may not be collected. Learn more about what can and can't go in your bin by scanning the QR code. For more information go to www.bodc.tas.gov.au/property/waste



Vote for Binalong Bay – You Could Win!

Binalong Bay has been announced as a finalist in the 2025 Tassie's Top Tourism Town Awards! Now it is over to you - Vote for your favourite towns – and you could WIN a Tassie Getaway valued at over \$4,000! Visit www.tict.com.au/

tourism-awards-programs or scan the QR code to vote.

