

From the General Manager

It is great to be through the Local Government election period. It is an unsettling time for Councillors and the organisation so it is always with a sense of relief that we reach the point where the polling period is closed. The nervous anticipation sets in as the count commences and the outcome is gradually revealed.

From the 2014 election there were four new Councillors, this time around we have only two changes. We farewell Margie Osborne who had been a Councillor for 19 years and Deputy Mayor for 11, a stalwart of the St Helens community who has been involved in what seems to be everything and continues to be. Hannah Rubenach-Quinn chose not to restand after nine years to spend more time with her young daughter and take a break. They will continue to be an active part of their local communities and we wish them well for the future.

The new Councillors we welcome are Kristi Chapple and Lesa Whittaker, we have already spent some time with them in a gradual process of bringing them up to speed. No doubt their heads are spinning slightly as they gain new knowledge about the complexity of local government and we wish them well for the future and their time as Break O'Day Councillors. Congratulations to the Councillors who were re-elected as well as those successful in being elected as Mayor (Mick Tucker) and Deputy Mayor (John McGiveron).

The start of the new term is a great time to undertake some intensive professional development. and later this month a two day training program will be held which focuses on the role of Councillor. Many re-elected Councillors take the opportunity to attend even though they have been through it previously. They say that they always pick up something they have missed and there are always new elements included.

It is an exciting time as we head into the next four years with a new Council.



T.S Argonaut cadets leaving the cenotaph after the Remembrance Day commemoration service



Len Smith proudly stands with one of the new plaques



Wreaths and ceremonial dress at the cenotaph.

Remembrance Day 100 year Anniversary

On the 11th of the 11th at 11am 1918, World War I ended with the signing of the Armistice. This year marks the 100 year anniversary of this historic occasion.

The St Helens/St Marys RSL organised five new plaques to commemorate the anniversary. Four of these plaques take pride of place at the entry to Memorial Park opposite the Portland Hall, one shows the words to Lest We Forget, another, the poem Flanders Field plus two bronzed WWI images.

The fifth plaque is an addition of names for the Wall of Remembrance and features the names of local servicemen and women, some of whom were present on the day of the unveiling or represented by family members.

The Honourable Guy Barnett officially unveiled the plaques on Monday

October 29 with St Helens RSL member and war historian Graham Cameron.

Mr Cameron has been instrumental in raising funds for these plaques, and others at the St Helens Memorial Park which now has the most comprehensive list of Tasmanian soldiers in the state.

The Remembrance Day Service at the Portland Hall saw around 300 people attend. There were moving speeches from St Helens District High School Student Representative Council members and the TS Argonaut cadets stood proudly and stoically around the cenotaph.

"It is so important to see youth involved in the commemoration of our fallen servicemen and women as it ensures the legacy of remembrance continues and that the sacrifices made are not taken for granted." Mayor Mick Tucker.

Sea Spurge Summit - Falmouth

Have you found the invasive beach weed sea spurge on your favourite beach and been pulling it out?

The East Coast Sea Spurge Summit will be held at the Falmouth Community Centre on Saturday 24 November from 2pm. This gathering is to allow residents and groups already tackling this weed to share their knowledge and coordinate efforts to keep sea spurge off our coast.

The summit event has been organised by the Wildcare Friends of Irapuna coast group following efforts by hundreds of volunteers during the Irapuna/Bay of Fires Community Weekend to remove sea spurge and marine rubbish each winter.

Many beaches on Tasmania's west and north coasts have been totally overrun by sea spurge, as have many mainland coastlines. Originally from the Mediterranean, sea spurge has a toxic white sap and can completely

cover sandy beaches, dunes and estuarine shores. While present on the east coast, many people have been working to stop sea spurge taking over our beaches. As well as the Irapuna/Bay of Fires Community Weekend, Friends of Freycinet Wildcare group have been controlling sea spurge further south and many local residents and individual volunteers have been working on their local beaches.

The East Coast Sea Spurge Summit aims to work out how a sea spurge-free east coast can be achieved by establishing the most effective methods of removal and ensuring a coordinated approach. The event is for people and groups active in controlling this weed, even on sections of their local beach. To RSVP and for more information contact Wildcare.Irapunacoast@gmail.com or mobile 0459 678 200.



Volunteers removing Sea Spurge during the annual Bay of Fires walk.

Twilight market stall holders wanted

We wanted to do something a bit different this year for Australia Day so we have decided to start the celebrations with a twilight market on the Friday Night.

Held at the Portland Hall and Memorial Park in St Helens, the chilled out evening will consist of the official Australia Day Ceremony, followed by the ambience of an artisan night market whilst listening to some local live music.

Wouldn't this be the best way to start the Australia Day long weekend?

We are currently taking Expressions of Interest from local Artisans who would like to have a stall at the night market on 25 January, 2019.

All you will need to supply is a brief description of what you would like to display/sell.

Please register your interest with Erica Lowry, Community Services Project Officer on 6376 7900 or admin@bodc.tas.gov.au.

Expression of Interest period closes Monday, 26th November 2018.



Australia Day Nominations-Now Open

Do you know someone in our community who goes above and beyond for our community?

Perhaps they work hard behind the scenes to make our region and community a better place without any desire or need for recognition; this is our chance to celebrate those individuals who make a real and positive difference in the community as well as inspiring others.

Nominations are now open for Break O'Day's Australia Day Citizen of the Year and Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year Awards which acknowledge community members doing remarkable work every day often without any acknowledgment or thanks.

You can nominate anyone who inspires you, who is working towards change or who you believe makes Break O'Day, Tasmania and Australia a better place to live. Let's celebrate these individuals and their contribution to our community!

The award categories include:

Australia Day Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person you are nominating for Citizen of the Year, must be 27 years or older on or before 26 January 2019.

Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person you are nominating for Young Citizen of the Year, must be under 27 years of age, on or before 26 January 2019.

For more information, please go to our website and under My Community you will find the Australia Day nomination forms.

The Cosmic Egg gets a makeover

Have you seen the Cosmic Egg lately? The St Helens Lions Club with a \$2000 grant from Council have given the Cosmic Egg a complete makeover.

Established in 2006, the Cosmic Egg marks the spot of a time capsule that will be opened in 2026. The idea was conceived by local artist Lucy Lewandowski and funded by various community groups. (You can read more on the Cosmic Egg plaque.) Originally mosaic, for a few years now the Cosmic Egg has been in a state of disrepair but now, thanks to the local Lions Club, it has a new lease on life.

President of the St Helens Lions Club Peter Cecil said the freshly painted egg features a maritime theme to reflect the area.

He said restoring it was an arduous task that involved stripping the old tiles, sanding and rendering the surface,

sealing it ready for painting and then coating in anti-graffiti paint. We are sure that you will agree that the end result is amazing and we would like to congratulate the Lions Club on all their hard work and dedication.



The new-look Cosmic Egg thanks to the St Helens Lions Club and their hardworking volunteers.

Township meetings - St Marys and Cornwall

During the development of our Strategic Plan we visited 10 different townships in order to speak to as many people in our community as possible. While visiting these townships it was evident that specific community groups had specific ideas for their town. As a result, we promised that we would come back and discuss township plans with each community.

Each plan contains an Action list based on community discussions and identifies who is responsible for these actions. To date we have already established plans for; Mathinna, Fingal, Binalong Bay and Ansons Bay with Falmouth's Township Plan currently in development after a meeting on November 3.

All implemented Township Plans can be found on our website under My Community, Township Plans. Posters for our upcoming sessions can be found under My Community, Community Consultation.

The next two townships we will be visiting are St Marys and Cornwall. You can find the details for both these sessions below.

Cornwall Township meeting

Cornwall Community Centre
22 November from 5:30 – 6:30pm

St Marys Township Meeting

St Marys Hall
21 November from 5:30pm – 7pm .

Do you enjoy helping others?

The St Helens Library Needs you!

The St Helens Library is looking for volunteers to help people with computer and technology questions, issues and tasks as well as volunteers who can help people improve their reading, writing and maths skills.

If you would like to help people with their computer skills please contact Trish Scholwin, Manager Scottsdale

Library Catchment 0436 337 668 or email trish.scholwin@education.tas.gov.au.

If you would like to help people with their reading, writing and maths skills, please contact Polly Fowler, Literacy Coordinator on 0428 161 057 or email polly.fowler@education.tas.gov.au.

GIG GUIDE

Remembering the Armistice 1918

November 7 to November 30

This display hosted by the St Helens History Room is dedicated to commemorating the 100 year anniversary of Armistice.

Book Launch 'Blueys' Magical adventure

December 2

The official launch of Bluey's magical journey will be held at the St Helens History Room at 3pm.

Fingal Neighbourhood House Christmas Parade

December 23

Starting at 5pm from the Town Hall the parade will go up Talbot Street to the Recreation Ground.

St Marys Christmas Parade

December 24

This year the St Marys parade will start at 5pm spreading cheer throughout the main street!

St Helens Christmas Parade

December 24

Join the St Helens community in the main street from 6pm and watch as the colourful floats pass by.

St Marys Races

December 31

The annual St Marys Races will be held on New Years Eve and is a great way to farewell the year.

St Helens Athletics Carnival

January 20

Held at the St Helens Sports Complex this event includes cycling, track 'n' field events and wood chopping.

Australia Day Celebration

January 25

This year's celebration will be held on Friday evening at the Portland Hall. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information.

Wheels Wine and Dine

January 26

This annual event held on the St Helens Foreshore includes a car show, food vans, live music and rock-a-billy dancing, X-treme rides, fireworks and more.

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 0475 844 481.

Capital Works Projects - November

In addition to general town maintenance across the municipality, our works crew have been focused on two major projects.

The first is in Annie Street, St Helens where our guys have been doing the ground work in preparation for the kerb to be installed which will tidy up the entrance to our new hospital.

The second project is the construction of the new retaining wall at the St Marys waste transfer station after the old timber wall deteriorated. The new wall has been designed to provide safe and easy access to the bins and will be ready for use by the end of the year.



The retaining wall at St Marys Waste Transfer Station.



Works on the Anson Bay Rd Bridge underway.



Kerb and Channel installation in Annie St, St Helens.

Weed of the month- Sea Spurge



Sea spurge is a coastal invasive weed native to Europe. It invades beaches, mainly upper areas and dunes. This

results in beach and dune deterioration threatening the displacement of native species.

Each plant can produce up to 5000 seeds. They are salt tolerant and can survive for several years in the sea making it easy for them to spread from beach to beach.

Sea spurge has a relatively shallow root system and can be easily removed by hand. Ensure that sturdy gloves are worn when removing sea spurge as their milky sap is toxic and may irritate skin and eyes. Washing hands after handling is important.

For more information please go to www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au.

St Helens District Hospital Project Update Message from the State Health Department

Construction of the new St Helens District Hospital at 10 Annie St, St Helens is scheduled for completion in December 2018.

Planning for transition of services to the new facility is well advanced, with opening of the new hospital currently scheduled for early-February 2019.

Fairbrother Pty Ltd are currently completing external landscaping and

civil works and final stages of the internal fitout.

For more information contact:

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Melanie Doyle, Capital Works Project Officer Ph: 6777 4807, email melanie.doyle@ths.tas.gov.au



Are you a community based, not for profit organisation that needs help with finding volunteers?

VSA interview to recruit the right volunteer for your organisation.

- Volunteer Recruitment
- Volunteer Manager Meetings
- Training and Workshops
- Volunteer Recognition
- Member Advocacy
- Consultancy
- National Standards



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