

From the General Manager

MTB Trail Update

It is exciting that the MTB trail project is now about to enter the construction phase. After a period of over two years involving trail alignment and ecological investigations leading to the approvals processes, we have now reached the stage where the commencement of construction is fast approaching. Council has just announced that World Trail have been successful in the public Tender Process following an exhaustive and detailed evaluation of the tenders received. I have to say that we were very fortunate to receive a number of competitive tenders from experienced trail building companies all keen to be the company taking on the project. Throughout the process there has been a heavy focus on ecological matters and this continued through the tender evaluation process as we needed to be sure that the successful tenderer was going to be in step with our views. Whilst building the trails is an important activity, equally important is working with the community, particularly the business community to ensure that we are as ready as possible to take advantage of the additional activity the use of the trails will generate. This dovetails very nicely with work being undertaken by TasCOSS and through Skills Tasmania and Council to examine the current and future job opportunities which will arise so that these can be taken up by our youth and people seeking employment within our community.

Jetty Update

Oops, we created some confusion and have a little correction from the last edition. Where we mentioned we were working on a design for replacement at Kirwans Beach, we have actually been working on the design for the jetty near the bottom of Cunningham Street which is on O'Connors Beach, not the Kirwans Beach jetty. Since then we have completed the necessary works on Beauty Bay and Kirwans Beach jetties to bring them back into line with safety requirements and identified maintenance. Shortly we will be installing a solar powered LED street light on some jetties as a trial.



Learner Driver Mentor Stephen Jones with the new Get in 2 Gear Car

New Car for Get in 2 Gear Program

On October 1 Break O'Day Council's Learner Driver Mentor program, Get in 2 Gear received a brand new Hyundai i30 car from State Growth via the towards Zero Road Safety Program.

Six vehicles were presented to various programs around the state by Minister for Education Jeremy Rockliff and Driver Mentoring Tasmania's Garry O'Byrne in an official hand-over in Hobart.

The Hyundai i30 was selected by the Government for safety as well as

efficient running and maintenance costs.

Mayor Mick Tucker said the addition of the car meant so much more to the Break O'Day Community than just being able to offer a safer vehicle to participants of the program.

"Here in Break O'Day we have had approximately 10 recipients achieve some form of employment through the program and countless more have found their confidence and independence."

World Trail to Build Break O'Day MTB Trails

With a world class reputation for quality, sustainable trail building, Break O'Day Council felt that World Trail was the best fit for their Mountain Bike projects.

All in all Break O'Day Council received a good cross section of tender submissions from around the country for the multi-million dollar contract. The Council went through a rigorous selection process for several weeks before Councillors officially signed off on the appointment at the October Council meeting.

The contract includes stringent environmental clauses to ensure that the trails will be built within Council's strict environmental guidelines, some of which have been dubbed a

benchmark for future trail building.

World Trail director Glen Jacobs said he was excited about the opportunity and potential of both trail projects.

"Not only does the area offer beautiful beaches and an idyllic location, it also has the infrastructure to support a real mountain bike mecca of Tasmania.

"This really is going to be one of the most exciting projects we have worked on to date and we are grateful for the opportunity to play our part in what will be some of the best trails in Tasmania if not the southern hemisphere."

We are now working through the process of appointing a brand and marketing specialist and hope to start on the ground construction by early next year.

Falmouth Township - Community Drop-in

When we developed our 10 year Strategic plan we visited 10 townships in the community seeking feedback and input we also conducted an online survey, this resulted in us hearing from almost 400 residents of our area, around 6%.

You can find the Strategic Plan and the Transparency document outlining how this feedback became the Strategic Plan on our website under My Council, Council Strategies/Plans and Documents.

During these sessions, each township community expressed ideas on how they would like to see their area developed in the future. We promised

that we would come back at a later stage to discuss this in more detail and have been making our way back to these Townships. So far we have been to Mathinna, Fingal, Binalong Bay and Ansons Bay and in November we are heading to Falmouth (more info below). You can find the resulting township plans from these visits on our website under My Community, Township Plans. Each plan outlines a range of actions which Council will work through with the communities.

**Falmouth Community Drop In Session
November 3 at the Falmouth
Community Centre from 9:30am –
11am – All welcome!**



Falmouth Community members at the 2017- 2027 Strategic Plan Community Consultation meeting last year.

Council forced to close the St Marys Oval

Unfortunately we have been forced to close the St Marys Oval for sporting activities due to safety reasons.

This is not a decision taken lightly and is a result of legal and insurance advice. Ordinarily in these circumstances we would talk to the sporting groups and users of the ground to give them the opportunity to use the area at their own risk however in this case the ground is just too unsafe.

The area has a persistent grub pest named the 'red headed cockchafer' which, thanks to consistent dry conditions has taken hold on the area. This is despite Council's best efforts to eradicate the pest.

October is the best time to treat the cockchafer and break its lifecycle and

on advice from a turf specialist the oval was treated in October 2017 and again this October. However, consistent dry conditions have hindered the ground's recovery and increased the cockchafer's population.

We are currently examining sourcing water from the golf club to help regenerate the area and will continue looking for ways to fix this issue as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we ask all residents to take note of the signage and temporary fencing in place and ask you all to stay away from the area.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

IN BRIEF

Foreshore lawn regeneration

The Works Department will be renewing the lawn in front of the Lions barbecue on the St Helens Foreshore.

The area will be fenced off and we ask that people stay off the grass. We expect that this will take 6-8 weeks.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Drop-in session Fingal Streetscape

Last month we held a drop-in session with the Fingal community to discuss the streetscape designs and options for the amenities block at the Recreation Ground. While only a small number of community members turned up, their feedback was invaluable and has been taken on-board.

Feedback on the streetscape featured the suggestion of including remembrance bricks depicting the names of miners to be set in the footpath as well as landscaping and signage suggestions. Our works department has taken these suggestions on-board and looks forward to working with the community further on this project.

Feedback regarding the amenities block at the Recreation Ground included discussion around the needs of the community now and into the future. From this information we will develop an action plan and budget requirements.

We would like to thank all those members of the community who gave up their own time to attend.

Have you voted?

While Local Government Elections are not compulsory, it is your chance to have your say on the governance of our municipality.

This year we have 17 candidates vying for the nine Councillor positions. You can find out more about the candidates and how to vote on the Tasmanian Electoral Commission website.

You should have received your ballot papers by now, if not drop into Council's main office and our staff can help you. You have until 10am on October 30 to vote and have your voice heard.

EX-HMAS Dive Wreck Plans Sunk

On Friday 12 October the State Government announced that it would not be accepting the Commonwealth Government's gift of the Ex-HMAS Darwin.

Minister for State Growth and Treasurer Peter Gutwein said that the Tasmanian Government had done their 'due diligence' and found scuttling the vessel would cost more than \$12 million.

"Additionally, the department found there are further ongoing costs (of) approximately \$600,000 per annum, to monitor and manage the dive wreck

site that would not be covered by dive permit receipts,"

"The government believes these resources would be better invested into health, education or other initiatives that would provide a greater benefit. We thank the Commonwealth for their offer; however, the costs associated with the project have rendered it financially unfeasible." Mr Gutwein was quoted as saying in The Australian. Council supports this decision from the State Government.

Australia Day Nominations - Now Open

The Break O'Day Council Australia Day Awards recognise the achievements of individuals that make a real and positive difference in the community.

You can nominate anyone who inspires you, is working towards change or who you believe makes Break O'Day, Tasmania and Australia a better place to live.

The award categories include:

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

GIG GUIDE

Garage Sale Trail

October 20-21

An annual event aimed at reducing waste to landfill, check out the sales in our area at garagesaletrail.com.au or stop in to the St Marys or St Helens Tip Shops.

Lunch and Munch

October 26

Held at Tidal Waters from 12pm - 2pm. This month's special guest is Simone Lee, Jazz Singer. Members \$8, Non-members \$12.

St Helens Scouts - Trivia Night

October 27

Held at the St Helens Bowls Club from 6.30pm sharp. Cost, \$15 pp. Max of 8 per table. Contact Carol Leifting on 6376 2977.

Mathinna Car and Bike Show

Saturday October 27

Held at the Mathinna Recreation Ground from 10:30am - 3pm and followed up by an after party at the Mathinna Club at 7pm till late with live music from Zach Walsh and the Young Guns. Entry \$10.

Falmouth Community Drop In Session

November 3

Council officers will be at the Falmouth Community Centre from 9:30am - 11am to discuss the Falmouth Township Plan. All welcome!

Field Archery Shoots

Every Sunday from 9am

Break O'Day Field Archery Club Inc invite all to join them for a fun morning of archery. No experience required. Cost \$10 per person + \$5 hire fees. Range located at 24627 Tasman Hwy, Dianas Basin. All enquiries phone Liane Gordon - 6376 1815

Old Codgers Meeting

Every Friday



St Helens Books and Coffee are offering men over 50 the chance to call in, enjoy a hot cuppa, play some cards/chess or just meet some new blokes. 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.

Want to see your event here?
Please email
jayne.richardson@bodc.tas.gov.au



Expression of Interest

Maintaining Land with Environmental Values

186 Gardens Road, Binalong Bay

Council would like to dispose of land at 186 Gardens Road, Binalong Bay to a group or association that will maintain the environmental values and integrity of the property.

- The land will be offered at no charge.
- Cost of transfer of ownership will be the responsibility of the group or association.
- After transfer, any ongoing costs will be the responsibility of the successful group or association.

If you feel your group or association would be interested in undertaking this important role, Council would like to encourage you to submit an 'expression of interest' outlining a proposal on how you would achieve this.

Your proposal can be delivered to the Council office; mailed to 32-34 Georges Bay Esplanade, St Helens TAS 7216; or email to admin@bodc.tas.gov.au before 5:00 pm Monday 10 December 2018.

If anyone is aware of a group or association they think may be interested in taking on the above role, Council would appreciate the information being passed on to them.

Any queries can be directed to Bob Hoogland on 6376 7900.

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Capital Works Projects - September

UPCOMING WORKS

- Reseeding of the section of grass in front of the BBQ on the St Helens foreshore has commenced.
- Construction of the footpath on Main Rd, Binalong Bay between Cray Crt and the existing path scheduled to commence Oct. 23.
- Ansons Bay streets have now been resheeted.
- Maintenance grading has commenced on Policemans Point Rd.
- Town maintenance crews are busy tackling spring growth.
- St Marys WTS retaining wall will commence next week.



Trainee Riley Plummer getting a start on the spring growth at St Marys.



Parnella storm water project which is progressing well.

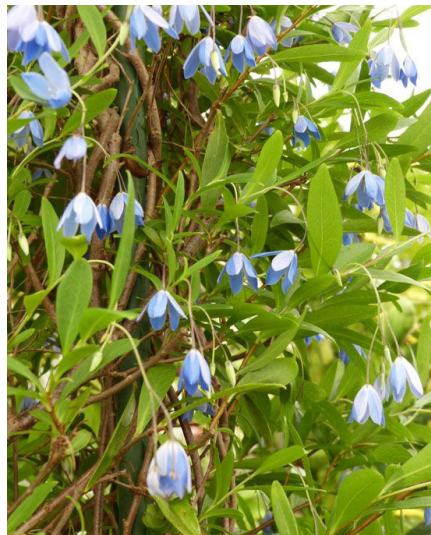


The St Helens and St Marys Tip shops will be open for the Garage Sale Trail.

Would you like to be added to our newsletter email list?
Email jayne.richardson@bodc.tas.gov.au

RATES REMINDER
Your second rates instalment is due by November 13.
Please note that BPAY and postal payments can take a few days to reach our account

Weed of the month- Bluebell Creeper



The bluebell creeper looks like a pretty plant, but did you know it is an invasive environmental weed?

This climber, native to WA, competes with native plants for sunlight eventually smothering them or strangling them with its twine like stem. Now is the time to remove and replace bluebell creeper before it spreads.

Small plants can be easily pulled out and larger plants can be cut and painted with herbicide.

Native blueberry (*Billardiera longiflora*) is a good alternative or replacement for bluebell creeper.

REDUCE, REUSE...GARAGE SALE TRAIL

Held over the weekend of October 20, the Garage Sale Trail is a national initiative that focuses on reducing waste to landfill by focusing on reusing unwanted items.

We already have 11 Garage Sales registered in our area for the weekend including at the St Helens and St Marys Waste Transfer Stations which will be open longer hours.

The Garage Sale Trail is a great opportunity to make some spare cash selling unwanted items, it is true what

they say, "One person's trash is another person's treasure," so why not take advantage of the weekend, make some extra cash and do your bit to prevent waste going to landfill.

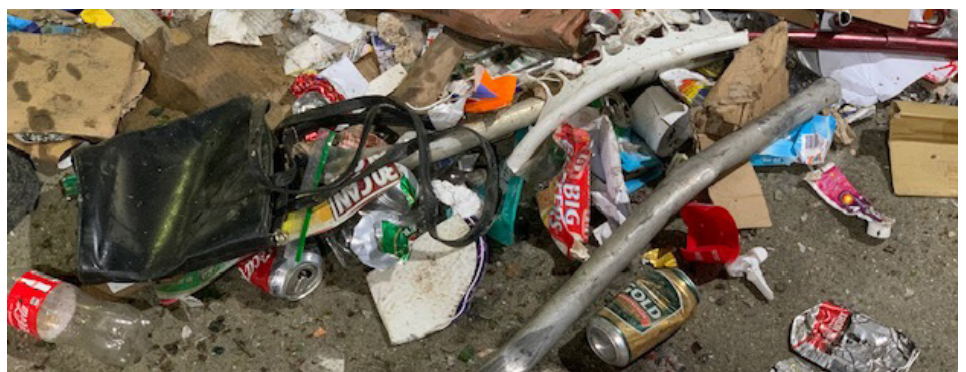
St Helens Tip Shop
Open Saturday and Sunday October 20 and 21 from 10am - 4pm

St Marys Tip Shop
Open Sunday 22 from 10am - 5pm

The consequences of bad recycling.

We would like to remind residents that your yellow, recycling bin is for recyclable items only. If you are unsure on what these items are you can check out the A-Z of Recycling Fact sheet on our website under My Council, Works and Services, or download the Recycle Coach App from the App or Play Store. The reason for this reminder is that some residents are still placing waste

items in their recycling bins. A few weeks ago JJ Richards sent us the below photo which shows household waste that ended up in the recycling truck. If too much general waste ends up mixed in with the recycling it is not cost effective for the contractor to sort the waste and the whole load can be taken to landfill. Please try and do the right thing! Thank you.



One of the images received from JJ Richards which shows some of the contamination found in the recycling truck. Contamination included handbags, electrical goods, fabric, builder's waste and more.