

Next Council Meetings:

16 November at 10am and 21 December and

From General Manager - John Brown

When we talk career options, generally Local Government is overlooked as a potential avenue but it does offer a great alternative. There is a diverse range of opportunities including administrative, technical and professional roles which are generally office based through to the many roles within the outdoor works teams. Traditionally the administrative roles are associated with reception, financial and administrative functions, but activity in this area also includes communications with a focus on social media, website and written comms; community focused roles delivering events, supporting community groups and running projects. Technical and professional roles include engineering, town planning, building and environmental health. Many of these roles will involve obtaining qualifications which range from a Certificate IV through Diploma to Degree Level. Quite often obtaining these qualifications can occur whilst learning on the job. A great example of this is our Development Services Coordinator, Jake Ihnen. Jake is a local who joined Break O'Day Council back in 2005 as a Cadet Building Surveyor and has worked his way up through the ranks to his current role which is a mix of technical and management. Along the way he obtained his Associate Degree in Building Surveying and has gone on to obtain further qualifications in his field of work such as accreditation as Council's Construction Manager and Bushfire Assessment qualifications. Then there are the outdoor roles including; qualified builders looking after Council facilities and undertaking construction projects, machinery operation and truck driving, through to supervisory and management roles. Periodically Council has trainee opportunities and this is something that we examine closely when entry level opportunities appear. We have had some great trainees in recent years, some have moved on to other positions once they have gained a start in employment. There are not too many employers that offer this breadth.



President of the Break O'Day Chamber of Commerce, Peter Paulsen and Mayor Mick Tucker with the new sign.

Welcome to Tassie's Top Tourism Town

Have you noticed the new signs announcing our tourism win as you enter St Helens? You will find one at the northern and southern entries.

In August this year St Helens beat 10 other towns to be named Tassie's Top Tourism Town, a competition run statewide by the Tourism Industry Council Tasmania (TICT).

The award winning submission was developed by Council and the Break O'Day Chamber of Commerce and included a 2minute video, 500 word editorial, six images and a four day itinerary.

On Tuesday 20 October, Grace Keath from TICT attended the Break O'Day Chamber of Commerce meeting to hand over the 'trophy' which was the sign, to the Chamber and Councillors who were also in attendance.

The winning town received a marketing package with the Spirit of Tasmania as well as a \$2000 cash prize. Originally this was set to be a nationwide campaign but the other states pulled out due to the Pandemic however St Helens will still go on to compete in 2021 against the Top Tourism Towns from the other states.

Multi-user track NOW OPEN

We are pleased to announce that we will be opening the track to the public for the November long weekend. The official opening will take place on 19 November with Senator Claire Chandler officially opening the track on behalf of the Federal Government who funded this project.

This has been a really exciting project for us all at Council and what makes it really special is that we were able to use local contractors to undertake much of the work, namely Lyndcraft Boat Builders and St Helens Concrete.

Their commitment to this project

should be congratulated as both companies certainly went above and beyond to ensure that the end result of this project is something our whole community can be proud of.

You will also notice that the panels have gone in along the bridge section which features a wave design. These panels were designed by Council and Kingthing Marketing and fabricated by Lyndcraft. We hope that the community is as impressed by the end result as we are. We really look forward to seeing the track in use over summer by MTB and walkers alike.

Meet October's Volunteers of the month



Council would like to congratulate Charles "Charlie" Smith of Stieglitz who was equal 1st place and awarded The President of 'The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc. Award for Outstanding Contribution by an Individual to Gardening and/or Horticulture'. Charlie has also previously won the Dahl Medal.

The latest award is for a demonstrated, long-term contribution to gardening and/or horticulture through writing, public speaking, teaching, broadcasting, exhibiting, judging or organising events on a local, state, national and/or international level. Charlie has done all of the above, especially with his dahlia cultivars.

Gaye Ellis, also of Stieglitz won 'The Joan O'Brien Award' achieving



excellence by an individual in Floral Art. The aspects considered were; the nominee should be an active member of a floral art group; instrumental in promoting floral art through judging, producing manuals; training judges; demonstrating and/or organising workshops; experienced in club; regional, state, national and/or international displays or demonstrates, and capable of producing prize-winning arrangements.

We are grateful to have such talented members who contribute so much to the Scamander Garden Club.

On behalf of the Break O'Day community and Council, we say thank you to both Charles and Gaye for their contributions with helping us to make the community a beautiful place.

IN BRIEF

Injured wildlife

If you find injured or orphaned wildlife Bonorong wildlife rescue suggest:

- Keep the animal warm
- Keep the animal dark
- Keep the animal quiet
- Keep handling to a minimum
- Do not provide food or drink
- Call Bonorong for advice on 0447 264 625 (0447 animal)

If you would like to learn how to look after injured or orphaned wildlife, Bonorong also run training sessions, check out their website for the latest session times.



Attention jobseekers and employers

Are you an employer looking for the perfect employee? Are you a Jobseeker looking for meaningful employment or opportunities to develop new skills? Then you should drop in to Avery House St Helens and meet the Break O'Day Employment Connect (BODEC) team. BODEC focuses on a holistic and individualised approach to employment, training and wrap around support that aims to connect the right employees with the right employers with the ultimate goal of long-term, meaningful employment.

Drop in today and introduce yourself to Jobseeker Connector Claire Bastick or Employer Connector, Cindy Kurtukoff.

Rates Instalment

Your second rates instalment is due on **10 November 2020.**

Please note that BPAY and postal payments can take a few days to reach our account

St Marys Rec. Ground Works update



Thanks to funding through the Drought Communities program, we have been able to undertake a series of projects at the St Marys Sports Complex that includes:

- Installation of an irrigation system at the Football ground

- Restoration of the Bowls Club toilets
- New storage shed

Earlier this month we started construction of the new storage building at the St Marys Sports Complex (adjacent to St Marys Sports Centre Bowls Green/Golf Course).

This means that we will have signage in place limiting access to the area where the work is occurring and there may be some minor impact on the carpark adjacent to the St Marys Sports Centre. Works are scheduled to be completed by end December 2020.

Council apologies for any inconvenience and should you have any queries you can contact Jake Ihnen, Council Development Services Coordinator.

Bay of Fires Trail is now open top to bottom

Good News! After a long wait, the top section of the Bay of Fires Trail is now open! This means that riders are now able to ride the full 42km from the top of the Blue Tier all the way to Swimcart Beach, but there are a few changes that riders will need to be aware of.

Working with World Trail, the Derby trail crew as well as our own, we have realigned the start of the Bay of Fires Trail. Now, whether you ride the Blue Tier or Bay of Fires trails, you will start at the same trailhead on the Blue Tier, it's pretty big so you won't miss it and it is located where the Bay of Fires Trailhead was.

The new trailhead is pretty impressive

and was designed and built locally.

All riders will then follow this trail for approx. 2km before you hit a junction. From here you can either head west on the Blue Tier Trail or east, on the Bay of Fires Trail. We have this decision point signed so there should be no confusion!

The big bonus to the realignment is that ALL riders now get to enjoy the beautiful vista from the Blue Tier over the coast regardless of which trail they decide to tackle.

The old start to the Blue Tier trail will be converted back to a walking trail only and we hope riders will respect this change.



Riders on the Bay of Fires Trail which takes you through four eco-habitats before ending at Swimcart beach

WHATS ON

Conserving Coastal Flora and Fauna 2 November

Held at Panorama, St Helens this event is free and will start at 10:30am. Guest speakers include; Eric Woehler, Birds Tasmania and Todd Dudley, North East Bioregional Network. The talks will be followed with the option of a short walk to observe coastal birdlife.

King Neptunes of the Southern Seas - Beaumaris, East Coast

7 November

Held at Surfside Hotel Motel, Beaumaris, this event is \$10 entry and features a documentary screening, surfboard meet and swap as well as live music and more. More information and links to tickets can be found on our Facebook page or Surfsides.

Discount Microchipping in Fingal 15 November

The RSPCA will be at the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House at 10am offering microchipping for pets at \$20.

From Survive to Thrive 16 and 17 November

Hosted by the Tasmanian Hospitality Association (THA), these sessions are free and designed to help businesses shift from Surviving to Thriving. There are two sessions; one in Bicheno on November 16 and one in Launceston on 17 November. More information, including registration details, can be found on our Facebook page.

Old Codgers Cards Afternoon Every Friday

St Helens Books and Coffee are offering men over 50 the chance to call in, enjoy a hot cuppa, play cards and just have a general chat. Held from 2-4pm. Cost: \$1 per cuppa.

St Helens Markets Every Saturday from 9am - 1pm

Drop by the St Helens Markets in the Portland Hall and bag yourself a locally crafted gift or some fresh produce.

Mannalargenna Day 2020 5 December

A gathering to celebrate continuing cultural connections to country in the North East of Tasmania and to Mannalargenna, alongside and with the support of Mussleroe Bay Windfarm. This is an inclusive event- all are welcome. Entry by gold coin donation on the day. Held at; Tebrakunna Visitor Centre 558 Little Mussleroe Rd, Cape Portland.

**Do you have a community event
or activity you would like us to
promote?
Please email
erica.mckinnell@bodc.tas.gov.au**



WASTE MINIMISATION GRANTS

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

The Resource Recovery and Waste Minimisation grants program provides financial support for eligible project costs associated with procuring infrastructure or educational materials to improve waste management practices in Northern Tasmanian.

There's up to \$70,000 in grants available.

Visit rethinkwaste.com.au for more information and to apply today.



Capital Works Projects - Oct/Nov

COMPLETED

- Maintenance grading - Mathinna area
- Argonaut Rd, St Helens - graded
- St Helens aerodrome runway maintenance
- Wombat Walk track rehabilitation

Our team is being stretched to achieve service levels with the exceptional spring growth that we are experiencing with grass cutting underway throughout the municipality.

PROGRAMMED WORKS

- Completing the walkway missing link from the new foreshore walkway bridge to the entrance of Marina Parade.
- Resheeting Ansons Bay Rd. to commence
- Memorial Park toilet block is getting a face lift with internal painting including floors, new hand basins, tapware, toilet roll holders and baby change table.



Above: The Wombat Walk has had a face lift.
Below: Road sealing/correction work at St Helens Point Road between Chimney Heights and Jetty Road.



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/weeds.

Take care to avoid nesting seabirds on the beach from October to March

Waste collections - don't have your bin missed!

To make sure your waste bin collection is not missed please make sure you:

- **Have your bin out by 6am**
- **Are not over filling the bin**
- **You are using the correct bin**

Over the last couple of weeks, residents have been overfilling their waste bins which means that the truck may be unable to empty the bin for several reasons; they could be overweight, the rubbish will spill out on to the street or some rubbish stays stuck in the bin. Basically, if you cannot shut the lid to your bin properly we could have problems emptying it and we won't be able to collect it. If this happens you will either need to wait for the next

collection in 2 weeks or pay to dispose of the rubbish at a waste transfer station.

We have also had a number of residents simply painting the lid of the recycling bin red, these bins WILL NOT be collected by the waste truck. If you have a bin with a painted lid, please contact the office so we can sort this out for you.

A big thanks to all our residents who are doing the right thing by reducing their own waste by recycling more as well as reusing and reducing waste where possible – we are seeing a difference in the amount of waste we are sending to landfill which is not just great for us, it's also great for the planet!

Works Notices:

ROAD WORKS - Golden Fleece Bridge
On Thursday 12 November at 10am, contractors Pitt and Sherry will be undertaking an inspection of the Golden Fleece Bridge, St Helens. This is the main bridge as you enter St Helens via the Tasman Hwy. Traffic Management will be in place with one lane of the bridge closed for the inspection. Please look out for signage and workers.

ROAD CLOSURE- Rayner Rd, Mathinna
Please be advised Rayner Road, Mathinna- which connects Eton Road and Griffin Road is currently closed due to bridge damage.

Dog exercise area at Binalong Bay

After compiling community consultation on two proposed areas for an off-leash dog exercise area, Council voted at the October Council meeting to NOT go ahead with an off-leash area in Binalong Bay.

Consultation from the community revealed there was little support for either proposed site.

Most submissions were from nearby residents and property owners

The two proposed areas were; Crown Land between Coffey Drive and Felmingham Street or Council's reserve on the corner of Felmingham Street and Trelloggen Drive.