

## From General Manager - John Brown

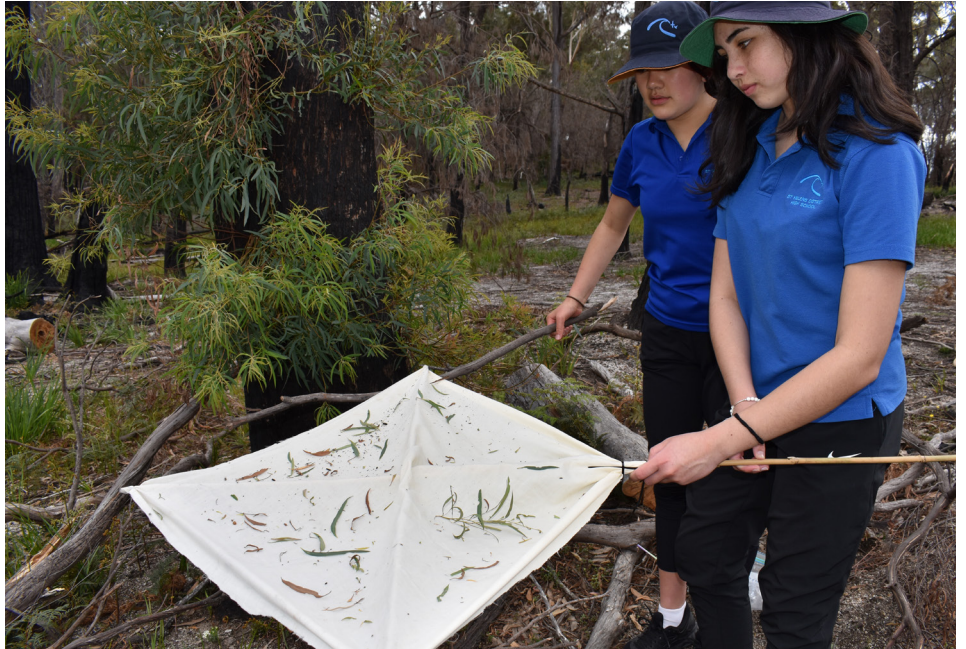
I was having a general chat with our Waste (rubbish) truck driver the other day and I was blown away by what he told me about the stuff residents think is alright to shove in their wheelie bins. These bins are for household waste but it seems some people think they can shove anything in which will fit! Obviously shoving car tyres into a bin can be a bit of a challenge, but hey, where there is a will there is a way and yes this does happen.

What these residents don't seem to realise is that our trucks have cameras in them and capture what is in your bin when it is emptied into the compactor – yes we can see exactly who is doing this sort of thing. Other interesting items include gas bottles, which is really dangerous and have been the cause of many waste truck fires in the past, as well electrical goods such as microwaves and stereos to name a few. Builders waste is another regular issue - No doubt we had a very puzzled resident recently when their wheelie bin wasn't picked up, our poor old waste truck couldn't actually lift the bin because it was too heavy as it was full to the top with bricks!!!

We actually don't have to put up with this type of rubbish from residents (literally). Having access to a household collection service is not a right and we can and will terminate a collection service to an individual property who continually abuses the service. We will be in touch to let you know what you can't do and if this continues, then after a few warnings you will have to dispose of your own rubbish at the Waste Transfer Station.

So, instead of just tossing unwanted items in the wheelie bin, think about the responsible thing to do and do that instead. Many residents do the right thing, while some others really need to make more of an effort.

## Biota in the Bush project inspires



Grade nine and 10 students collecting invertebrates as part of their Biota in the Bush project

Earlier this year Break O'Day Council funded the St Helens District High School \$2000 as part of Council's Velvet Worm Grants for community environment projects.

The School's project, Break O'Day's Biota in the Bush is all about discovering and recording the various animals and plants of our area and has seen students and teachers collaborating with local land owners to explore, document and analyse these selected sites.

Using scientific means, the group of 25 grade nine and ten students have been studying the habitat, mammals, flora and invertebrates found in the selected locations. Once collated the students' findings will be made public and added to Tasmanian state-wide biodiversity databases.

The Council funding has also allowed the purchase of four 'trail cams' with the students setting up two on each of the study properties. The trail cams have already taken over 10,000 images and students and landowners alike were excited to see what the cameras had captured. So far the trail cams

have captured a variety of species of mammals including the Tasmanian Devil.

Science teacher, Tony Cummings and Fiona Christie, a Teacher's Aide at the school who is also an Honorary Fellow with the University of Melbourne in the area of Ecosystems and Forest Sciences, are leading the Biota in the Bush project. Fiona said it was great to be out in the field with the students sharing knowledge and an excitement of the natural environment. She also commented that the eagerness of local landowners to be a part of the project and understand the natural values of their properties was great.

The two sites were chosen specifically for their natural values which are synonymous with our area.

Mayor Mick Tucker said he was proud that Council could play a small part in environmental education.

"At the end of the day we are all stewards for this beautiful area we call home and the more we know and understand about our natural values the better we can protect them." Mayor Tucker said.



## Festival of Wellbeing a massive success

The first ever Festival of Wellbeing– a Council and community collaboration, has been hailed as a massive success. Hundreds of people attended the first annual Festival of Wellbeing which was held at the Bendigo Bank Community Stadium on Saturday 9 October during Mental Health Week.

The Festival was born out of the Break O'Day Wellbeing Project which Council obtained funding for through the Tasmanian Community Fund.

The Festival was developed by our local community, led by participants in the Wellbeing Project with guidance and support of Council's Wellbeing Coordinator and supported by other Council staff.

Around 300 people took part in the event where they enjoyed live entertainment, interactive displays, panel discussions, healthy, yummy food, children's activities, and workshops about health and wellbeing.

There is enthusiasm to make this an annual event which is a celebration of all things wellbeing aiming to help people know what is available in our community to support and improve wellbeing, celebrate what they love about living in Break O'Day, and

discover new ways to nurture wellbeing together.

Mayor Mick Tucker said he was proud of the event which really showcased what is possible when Council and Community work together.

"It is was great to see Council working so closely with local people in our community to bring this year's festival to life and we are all really looking forward to working together for next year's event," he said.

There are lots of ways you can get involved in creating and supporting wellbeing in our community. If you have some great ideas about the Festival or would like to get involved in a collective of local people championing wellbeing in our community, email [wellbeing@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:wellbeing@bodc.tas.gov.au). Find out more about this years' event at [www.communitiesofwellbeingbreakoday.info](http://www.communitiesofwellbeingbreakoday.info) You can also follow the Break O'Day Community Wellbeing Project Facebook page for more information.

The Festival was made possible by funding from the Australian Government's National Recovery and Resilience Agency and the Mental Health Council of Tasmania.

## Nominate a Local Legend

Do you know a local legend who goes above and beyond for our community? Why not nominate them for our local Australia Day Awards?

- Young Citizen of the Year
- Citizen of the Year

### NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Nomination forms can be found on our website or you can drop in to the office to collect a hard copy.

## Rates Instalment

Your second rates instalment is due on Tuesday 9 November 2021. Please note that BPAY and postal payments can take a few days to reach our account.

## Community Grants NOW OPEN

Our Community Funding Program is NOW OPEN! The funding program provides grants to communities to improve facilities/programs in their township or to improve the overall amenity of their town. All community groups that represent the ratepayers of their community are eligible to apply for funding.

Projects that will be considered for funding but not necessarily restricted to:

- Beautification projects
- Projects to improve or construct recreation facilities
- Projects that will improve the amenity of the township/ community

Projects that will not be considered:

- Any projects on privately owned land or which cannot be freely accessed by all community members
- Capital Works projects (ie. Footpaths, kerb and guttering etc.)

To apply or for more information download our application form from our website under My Community or drop in to the Council Office at 32-34 Georges Bay Esplanade to pick up a hard copy.

## Remembrance Day

Don't forget next Thursday 11 November at around 10:50am there will be a service at St Helens at Memorial Park.



ABOVE: Attendees to the festival enjoying *Clay with Christie*. BELOW: Attendees taking part in the *Drumming Circle*.





## LPS and Rec Trails Drop-in Sessions Wrap up WHATS ON

On the 20 and 21st of October, Council staff held community drop-in sessions at four townships in the municipality; Scamander, St Helens, Fingal and St Marys.

As Council had two projects ready to be opened up to community comment, we decided to combine the sessions. There were two topics of discussion; information on the Draft Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) which included mapping and FAQ sheets, and, the Recreational Trails Strategy which we were seeking community input on before the document is drafted.

The consultants developing the Recreational Trails Strategy received some great insights and input from the community, particularly in St Marys.

If you missed these sessions and

would like to learn more, please visit our website. Under My Property you will find a page called Local Provisions Schedule where you can find all relevant information relating to the Draft LPS including FAQ sheets, mapping links and more. You can also drop into the office Tuesday and Thursday between 10am and 12 noon to speak to one of our Development Services Team regarding how the Draft LPS may affect you.

Under My Community, Community Consultation, you will find information on the Recreational Trails Strategy including a link to a survey which is still open. We look forward to bringing the draft strategy back out to the community for feedback once it has been developed.

### Remembrance Day

**11 November**

See the local RSL branch for event details.

### Virtuosi Chamber Concert

**22 November**

Held at the Portland Hall. Visit [www.virtuositas.org.au](http://www.virtuositas.org.au) for more information.

### Blueberries Dance Party

**27-28 December**

The children's performance group the Blueberries will be performing at the Bendigo Bank Community Stadium. Visit [www.blueberrysdanceparty.com.au](http://www.blueberrysdanceparty.com.au) for more information.

### Bendigo Bank AGM

Date - 15th November 2021

Time - 6:30 pm

Place - St Helens Football Club

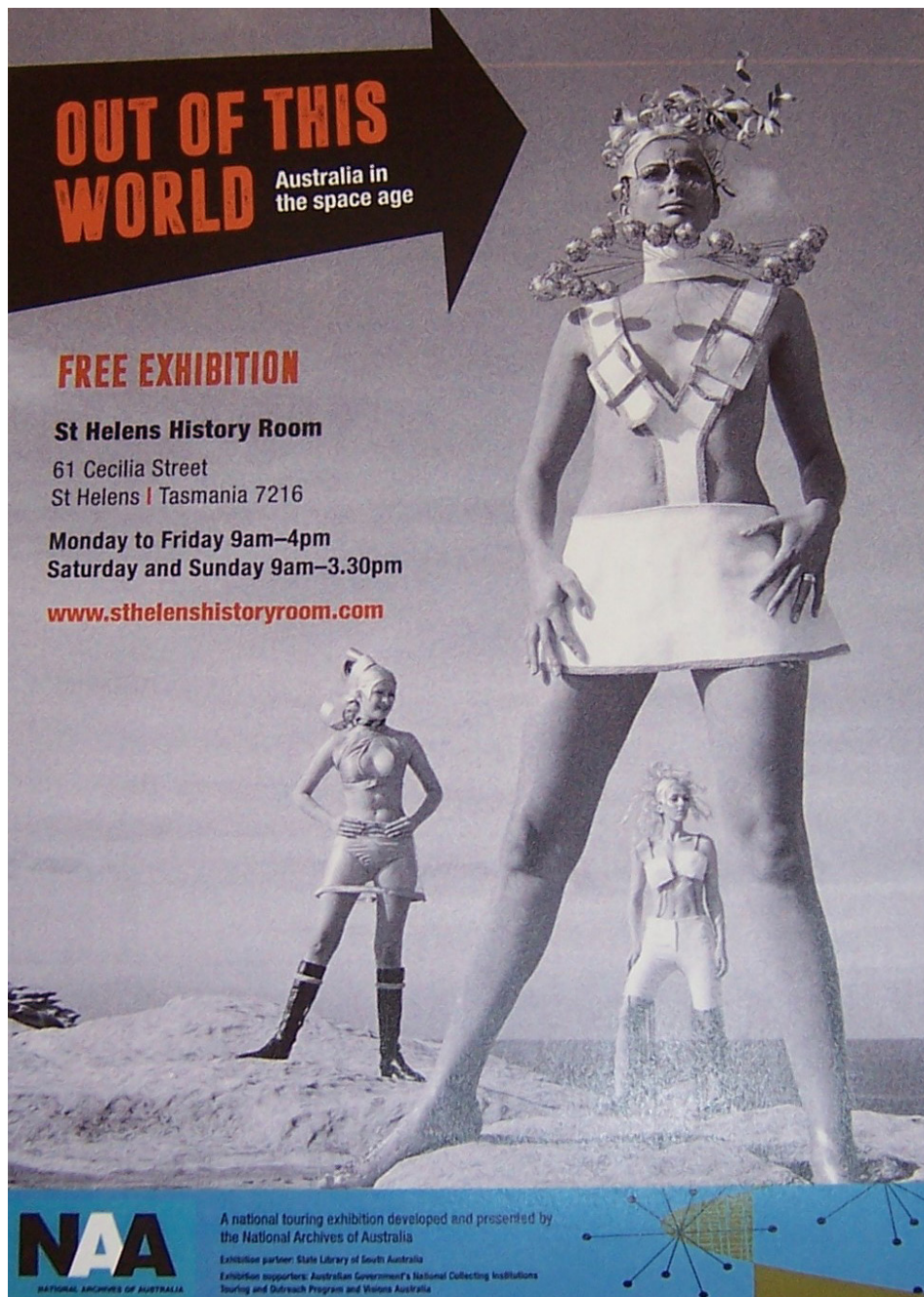
#### LOCAL MARKETS

##### St Helens - Every Saturday

The Markets alternate between setting up their stalls at the Portland Hall or in the Visitor Information Centre Car-park.

##### St Marys - First Saturday of the month

Held at the St Marys Hall.



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**GREEN WASTE**

**FREE EVERY SUNDAY FROM NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY**

**WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS INCLUDING:**

**ST HELENS  
SCAMANDER  
ST MARYS**

## Council Works Updates

### Lions Park BBQ Shelter

- Refurbishment progressing.

### General Maintenance

- Mowing/Garden/tree maintenance and weeding where required.  
Grass is growing very quickly at the moment so the crews will be doing their best to stay on top of this.

### Boat Ramps

- Monthly inspections and cleaning undertaken.

### Foreshore Playground

- Soft fall refurbished on the foreshore playground completed.
- Other locations have been addressed where needed.

### Ongoing Storm water system maintenance

- Pit cleaning and pipe unblocking.

### Flood Damage

- Several roads received damage from the recent rain event and will receive attention over the coming weeks.

### Road Grading Maintenance

- Reids Road, Canhams Road, Medeas Cove Road, Fitzgeralds Road, Sweets Hill Road, Poimena Road and Evercreech Road.

### Ansons Bay Road

- Various section construction in progress.

### Scamander Pathway

- (Winifred Drive to Winifred Curtis Reserve) In-progress (construction).

## Weed Management

**St Helens WTS:** Spanish heath, caper spurge, broom, mullein, periwinkle, hemlock, forget me nots, borage, African daisy, fleabane, gorse, various broadleaf

**Binalong Bay:** Spanish heath, caper spurge, broom, mullein, periwinkle, hemlock, Kniphofia uvaria (red hot poker)

**Warrens Way:** Spanish heath

**Stieglitz:** Pampas grass

**Medeas Cove:** African boxthorn, broom

**Falmouth:** Spanish heath, blackberry.

## Weed of the month Ragwort



Ragwort is a severe pastoral weed and is declared in Tasmania. It is extremely competitive and can be poisonous to livestock.

Ragwort lives for two years, so it is important to treat and remove before it sets seed – reducing numbers in the seedbank. Plants can be dug up or carefully spot sprayed. Flowers and seeds should be removed, bagged and destroyed.

With relatively few numbers in Break O'Day, eradication and prevention are of the highest priority. Ragwort will be flowing in December so now is the time to act!

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

## State Government Road Works updates:

### Little Beach

To improve the visitor experience the Parks and Wildlife Service will be upgrading the campground at Little Beach including toilet facilities, fencing, day carpark, new beach access pathways and roadworks.

The first stage of these works will be upgrading the road and campsite preparation. Visitors and campers will not be able to access the campground while the roadworks are being done.

The campground is expected to be closed from 7am Tuesday 2 November to 4pm Friday 12 November 2021.

### Shelly Point

To improve the visitor experience the Parks and Wildlife Service will be upgrading the road and car park area at Shelly Point.

The area is expected to be closed from 7am Monday 8 November to 4pm Friday 26 November 2021.

Visitors will not be able to access the areas while the roadworks are being done.

Careful planning is aimed at minimising the time required for the closure.

These works aim to improve visitor amenity and access at these popular sites.

The Parks and Wildlife Service apologises for any inconvenience.

### Tasman Hwy

Work is starting up again on the new overtaking lane and road widening on the Tasman Highway between Dianas Basin and St Helen's Point Road.

Work was paused over winter, from June to October, and will start up again in mid-November.

Starting on 8 November there will also be significant changes to traffic conditions from Dianas Creek to Flagstaff Road. As part of the switch from the old road to the new road, traffic will be limited to one lane, managed by traffic lights at all times from Monday – Friday, and on some weekends. Road users will be travelling on an unsealed gravel surface, which may change during construction. This part of the project should take around two weeks. When it's finished, traffic will move onto the new road, except for one small section at the southern end of the project that will still be under construction.

The Department of State Growth would like to thank you for your cooperation and patience during the works

### St Marys Pass

The Department's resurfacing contractor will complete preparation works along St Marys Pass which includes asphalt repairs and attending to road defects. This work will get the road ready for sealing later this summer.

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[www.bodc.tas.gov.au/community/news-events/](http://www.bodc.tas.gov.au/community/news-events/)