

Next Council Meetings:

October 15 at 10am and November 19 at 10am

From the General Manager

Thank you to Volunteers and Businesses

After a mad three months of planning for the One Night Stand, I think it is safe to say that we have now all come down off that high and have finally had time to reflect on the overall experience.

Council staff certainly played a large role in ensuring that the event was a success but the real winner was our area and our community.

The level of involvement from local businesses, community members and those that volunteered their time and expertise was overwhelming and something that really reflected the strong community spirit that we have in our region and Tasmania.

Since the event, during meetings I have had numerous people from across the State comment on how wonderful the event was from personal experience or through attendance by friends or relatives - the extent of coverage the event had was overwhelming and a real feather in the cap of our entire community.

On behalf of Council I would like to congratulate the local business community who really pulled out all stops to open their doors when they wouldn't ordinarily, decked their shops out in orange to present a festive spirit and ran promotions and specials specifically for the event.

We would also like to sincerely thank all our hardworking volunteers who worked at the event, whether this was preparing and serving food, managing carparks, doing traffic control or just making sure people were safe at the event.

This really was an ALL community event and without everyone's assistance, community spirit and determination to make this event a success, it would not have been the positive triumph it was... so THANK YOU.



The East Coast Swans celebrating their premiership win against Evandale on September 8. Pic Scott Gelston.

Bay Boys, 2018 NTFA Premiers

With the community still on a high from the success of the One Night Stand, the premiership win of our local NTFA Team, the East Coast Swans, or "Bay Boys" as they are known as locally was the icing on the cake for a big month in Break O'Day.

Many local businesses in the region kept up their orange decorations in support of the East Coast Swans as we all turned our focus from the One Night Stand to the NTFA Division 2 Premiership.

It was a close game, 50 -56 with the East Coast Swans taking home their first NTFA premiership win against Evandale. This is a huge achievement for a team

that only entered the NTFA two years ago.

By all reports it was a nail biting game with both teams fighting hard with the last 20 minutes of the game putting the Swans lead at six points.

There were plenty of supporters who made the trip to Launceston to cheer on our local lads adding to the atmosphere and energy of the game.

On behalf of Council and the community we would like to congratulate the Swans on their win and for doing our area proud.





Representatives from St Helens District High School accepting their Waste NoT Award from Mayor Mick Tucker.

Students take out Waste NoT Award

At the end of last year, the St Helens District High School presented their end of year presentation, *Pirates of the Careless Beings*.

The entire production was inspired by the roll out of the kerbside recycling service and was dedicated to educating the community about how to reduce waste to landfill.

Not only did the students write the skits, music and choreography, they also made all their sets and costumes from recycled materials.

It is no wonder that this amazing production took out first place in

the secondary school category at the Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Group a presentation for their Waste NoT Awards on Tuesday September 18.

The awards celebrate the efforts of schools, individuals and organisations in Northern Tasmania who are doing their bit to improve waste management practices.

On behalf of Council we would like to congratulate the staff and students involved in the production and thank them for taking the sustainability of our beautiful area so seriously.

A website designed for our community

Designed to better reflect the needs of the community and to make it easier to find information, the new website is broken into four main sections. My Council, My Property, My Community, Our Environment, and Discover Us.

You will also find quick links on the home page to Development Applications, News and Events as well as payments.

My Council is where you will find information related to Council including elected members, fees and charges etc; My Property is where you will find rate, planning, plumbing and building information; My Community is where you will find information on public spaces, community groups and activities; Our Environment is all about our

natural surrounds and Council activity in this space; Discover Us contains information on what to do while in the area as well as population snapshots etc. The Works section is dedicated to Works Department activity and the News and Events Section is where you can find recent newsletters as well as Council run or facilitated events.

Would you like to receive your newsletter via email?

Email jayne.richardson@bodc.tas.gov.au if you would like to be added to our newsletter mailing list.

IN BRIEF

Foreshore toilet block works

Break O'Day Council advises that renovation works are being undertaken at the St Helens Foreshore Toilet and Shower Block during October and November.

Whilst these works are being undertaken the availability of these facilities to the public will be limited and restricted to unisex facilities only.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your understanding.

Drop-in session Fingal Streetscape

On Tuesday September 25 from 4-6pm, Council officers will be at the Fingal Neighbourhood House to discuss the Fingal Streetscape and recreation ground amenities block options.

Concept designs for the streetscape and options for the amenities block at the Recreation ground have already been developed based on community input and we would like to make sure we have it right before works begin.

Designs can be found on the Council website under My Community, Township plans, they will also be on display at the drop-in session.

This is just a casual session and anyone is welcome.

One Night Stand - Business Survey

Are you a local business owner, have you received a survey regarding the affect that the One Night Stand had on your business?

If you are a local business owner and you haven't received the survey but you would like to participate, please email jayne.richardson@bodc.tas.gov.au.

The information you supply is confidential and will help us understand the affect that an event like this has on our business community.

Where does your waste really go?

There still seems to be a lot of misinformation out there in the community as to where our waste and recycling goes once it has been collected.

Reducing our quantity of waste to landfill is a key focus for Break O'Day Council and our vision for sustainability and also saves us money in the long term.

General waste from kerbside collection is compacted at Scamander Waste Transfer site and then transported to Copping.

Recycling is transferred to Launceston to the JJ Richards Materials Recovery

Facility or MRF. This is where it is sorted, bundled and sent to various different markets. We pay a set price per ton for recyclables. This means it is in the best interests of the contractor to extract as much recyclable material as possible from the load in order to make a profit, because it will cost them more money to dump it in landfill.

You can find out more about where specific recyclables end up by checking out the fact sheet on our website under recycling.

Jetty Update - where are we at?

Work has been progressing on the design for the replacement of the jetty on Kirwans Beach. It has been suggested by users that the jetty requires extension to reach the deeper water due to increasing siltation and this is being addressed in the new design. Once we have the design, approval will be sought from Crown Land Services. The learnings from building the new Talbot Street jetty will help reduce costs for this new jetty. During the State election process, a funding commitment of \$685,000 was received, this is spread over the next four years. Whilst it is good to focus on building new infrastructure it is vital to ensure existing jetties are being maintained, a recent report of Beauty Bay and Kirwans Beach jetties has identified works totalling \$57,000



which needs to be undertaken to ensure these jetties can remain open for use. Hopefully we will make some savings on this as there are only limited funds available.

Community Governance Workshop

Volunteering Tasmania is staging an Introduction to Governance workshops that will be held at **St Helens Neighbourhood House on Monday October 29 from 9am - 4pm.**

They have been designed to provide various entry levels to entice, encourage and prepare people to serve on community boards. More specifically, the workshops will:

- Inspire people to consider opportunities to serve as directors of small and medium not for profit community organisations, particularly women and those aged 18 – 38 years;

- Increase confidence, competence and professionalism to enable directors to participate more effectively as a member of a not for profit community organisation;
- Enhance participant's understanding of the role, rights and responsibilities of directors;
- Create opportunities for participants to network and exchange strategies and ideas; and
- Ultimately find satisfaction in their board experience.

GIG GUIDE

Georges Bay Music

Friday September 28

Held at Tidal waters from 12 noon to 2pm, this month will feature Launceston Church Grammar School stage band. A wonderful line up of outstanding musicians and singers. Admission \$8 members, \$12 non-members.

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.

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.

Defibrillator funding

The Liberal Government has just opened a fund for community defibrillators which will see them deliver 180 Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) over two years across the state.,.

The cost of AEDs often put them out of reach of not-for-profit community groups but having one on hand can mean the difference between life and death.

Council is supportive of this initiative as we recognise the importance of accessibility of these devices in our regional communities.

We would encourage community groups to think about applying for this funding and Council staff are on-hand to step you through the process if need be.

Applications close November 5, 2018 and can be accessed via www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/ambulance/community_defibrillators

Capital Works Projects - September

UPCOMING WORKS

- Parnella stormwater commencement of drainage improvements in catchment 4. You can find more information about this project on our website under Major Projects.
- Annie St kerb installation
- West St preparation for sealing
- Replacement of bridge number 4650 on Ansons Bay Road.

Blue Tier Trail Clearing

A couple of weeks ago, some of the Works team headed to the Blue Tier Mountain Bike Trail to clear the trail of some trees that had come down in wild weather.

Despite the arduous task and the hard work, which included some hiking and carrying their gear in, the team had a great day and had the trails cleared in record time



Have you considered running for Council?

Being a Councillor means that you get to be involved in the decision making process that shapes our area and community.

Nominations close at 12 noon on Monday September 24. go to www.lgat.tas.gov.au to find out more.

Weed of the month- Boneseed



Boneseed is a declared weed in Tasmania as well as being a Weed of National Significance. It is considered one of the worst and most invasive weeds in Australia due to its ability to establish itself anywhere and its

potential to spread. They can produce up to 50,000 seeds per year making treatment of an area with mature plants a several year project.

In the state Weed Management Act, landowners have a responsibility to remove and eradicate boneseed from their property. Due to their shallow root system, they are easily hand pulled or carefully spot sprayed with a registered herbicide. Plants can be piled ensuring the roots are not in contact with the ground. If seeds are present, they can be cut off, bagged and burnt.

Boneseed is now flowering and easy to identify, this is the perfect time to treat and remove, remembering follow up in the next year or two is essential. For more information please visit: <http://dpipwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds/weeds-index/declared-weeds-index/boneseed>

REDUCE, REUSE...GARAGE SALE TRAIL

The Garage Sale Trail is a great way to get rid of unwanted items while doing your bit for the environment.

An annual event that takes place around the nation over October 20 and 21 weekend, there are several ways you can get involved.

If you have a heap of items that you would like to get rid of, why not host your own Garage Sale, all you have to do is register here www.garagesaletrail.com.au. If you only have a few items, you could join in with some other community members and organise a carboot sale. Alternatively, if you don't want to do either of the above, you

can donate your goods to the St Helens or St Marys Tip-Shops which will be hosting their own sales as part of the Garage Sale Trail.

The St Helens Tip Shop will be open from 10am – 4pm Saturday and Sunday while the St Marys Tip Shop will be open from 10am – 5pm on Sunday.

Proceeds from the St Marys and St Helens Tip shops will go back to the St Marys and St Helens Hospital Auxiliary committees.

Remember, it's not just about getting rid of unwanted items; it's about REDUCING waste to Landfill by REUSING.

