

### A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents and Ratepayers of Glamorgan Spring Bay,

I am pleased to report that the results for the 2016/17 financial year once again demonstrate that Glamorgan Spring Bay Council continues to operate as a progressive, caring and well performing Council in the provision of services and financial management.

I feel very proud that we are able to report a surplus whilst maintaining rates increases to a minimum, capital expenditure at levels exceeding benchmarks, and service levels increasing yearly. Every key performance indicator (KPI) for local government has been met or exceeded.

A key council achievement during the year includes the continuation of the development of the **Triabunna Marina and Wharf** with the completion of Stages 3 and 4 of the Triabunna Marina. All berths in these latest stages have been allocated and Council is again receiving requests from those wishing to be placed on the marina berth waiting list.

Council's sponsorship of the **Triabunna Tomorrow** project has continued to create great community interest and engagement. Construction of the Gatehouse building at the entrance to Triabunna was completed in 2016/17. The Gatehouse is designed to entice visitors to pull off the Great Eastern Drive and discover what Triabunna has to offer as the gateway to Maria Island National Park. It includes a small satellite visitor information centre featuring imagery and information on a locally built indigenous canoe, a local produce roadside stall in partnership with the 24 Carrot Garden at the Triabunna District School and public toilets. It is a simple, beautifully designed building, utilising local materials and is symbolic of the reinventing and reimagining of the town.

It was another big year in tourism for the East Coast and the **Great Eastern Drive** in 2016/17. The Great Eastern Drive won Gold at the Tasmanian Tourism Awards and Silver at the Qantas Tourism Awards for Destination Marketing. The East Coast continues to see growth in visitor numbers, up 13% for the year, which translates into more money flowing into our local economy and new businesses starting up.

Council has also worked vigorously with the new Maria Island ferry operators - **Encounter Maria Island**, which started operations in April 2017 and the new service is already bringing more visitors to our area.

The growth in our visitor economy will present some challenges to our services and infrastructure but we are working closely with State Government and other stakeholders on solutions to some of these pressures. This includes representation on steering committees for a Freycinet Master Plan and Maria Island infrastructure and marketing investment.

Council continues to invest heavily in renewal and new assets with capital expenditure topping \$5.1 million this year compared to \$3.5 million in 2016. This is well above the general benchmark of depreciation, which was \$2.0 million for the same period.

Redevelopment of the **Bicheno Triangle** (design phase) progressed this



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financial year with part funding of \$206,373 secured for Stage 1 of the project from the Community Infrastructure Fund. The Bicheno Triangle Project is a two-stage redevelopment, including landscaping, gardens, construction of a visually unique lookout and playground, shelters and BBQ facilities, parking and traffic management features.

The estimated total project cost is \$1.1 million. Initiated by local residents, the project is the result of extensive community consultation, and will improve community cohesion, safety, access and create economic benefits by encouraging visitors to stop, stay longer, and explore Bicheno.

Preliminary plans for the new Swansea **public toilets at Jubilee Beach**, the "Loos with a View" have been finalised. The Development Application has been approved and the project now has planning permission. Construction will commence early in 2018. It is intended that the new toilets will be architecturally striking and create interest in their own right as part of the Great Eastern Drive touring route.

Construction of the **new Swansea boat ramp** adjacent to the Swansea Pier is complete. This was funded through MAST and provides much needed additional all tides launching for recreational boat users in Swansea. The new boat ramp will be officially opened by Senator Jonathon Duniam on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2017.

The Council **upgrade to Wielangta Road** from Rheban Rd, Orford to the Council boundary, a total overall length of 21 kilometres is now complete. This section of Wielangta Road is now a Council road. Longer term the vision is for Wielangta Road to become the main link between the Tasman Peninsula and the Great Eastern Drive, making the East Coast

more easily accessible for visitors travelling to and from the Port Arthur Historic Site.

**The Prosser River Stabilisation Project** at Orford is almost finished and will be open for the summer. There is still some work to be done and this will now take place in April 2018 due to the bird-nesting season limiting access to the site. These works will include completion of the training walls, renourishment of Raspins Beach and final clean-up around the site.

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to **Councillor Bertrand Cadart**, who resigned from Council in September this year due to illness. He served on Glamorgan Spring Bay Council for 12 years, with a large part of this time as Mayor. During that time, his dedication to the community and his commitment to his Council duties was exemplary. His love of the East Coast of Tasmania shone through and resulted in media attention for our region both nationally and internationally. Councillor Cadart can be commended for his dedication to the communities of Glamorgan Spring Bay.

It has been a pleasure to lead Council for another year. I would like to express my gratitude to the many wonderful people I have met within our community, who have made my job as Mayor so worthwhile and rewarding. To the many volunteers throughout our community who give of their time so generously and willingly, my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your dedication and commitment.

Finally, I would like to thank the Councillors and staff for the significant contribution they have made during the past year. I wish you and your family every happiness for Christmas and the New Year.

MAYOR MICHAEL KENT AM



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## GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Dear Reader,

In writing this article I thought I would give the community an update on various projects that are progressing well, our current financial position and the free camping and stopping issue.

I will also use this column to pay tribute to my forever friend, your past Mayor and Councillor, Bertrand Cadart.

Firstly I would like to comment on our current financial position.

Council has again reported a surplus, this year being \$2.1 million against a budget of \$1.7 million and a prior year's surplus of \$0.5million. These results are after taking into account the depreciation expenses of \$2.0 million (this is the write down of assets over years and does not affect cash). It is an excellent result that our Council, over the past 9 years, has averaged a surplus every year whilst keeping rates at or below CPI. During this time we are also proud that on average Council has exceeded every benchmark set by the Auditor General over this period.

A major concern of the community and rightly so, is the amount of wages that are paid and increases on salaries. Again we are on or below CPI in this area whilst we achieve more works and bear more static increased costs, such as electricity, water and sewerage. Wages at \$4.2 million were right on budget. Overall, Council's total expenses reduced by 0.8%. Council has deployed many cost saving initiatives in its 2017/2018 budget which I look forward to reporting on in next years' annual report and newsletters.

Council has been criticised both internally and externally for its level of borrowings and its commitment to help progress development within the Council area. We need to set the record straight; without growth and without low risk borrowing to stimulate that growth you, the ratepayer, will pay extra in rates to cover the ever increasing costs and demands placed upon Council.

As an example, the long-term borrowings that existed as of the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 are as follows:

Swansea Childcare centre.....	\$1,250
Orford Bowls Club .....	\$25,872
Waste Management Centres.....	\$142,208
Triabunna Wharf .....	\$305,271
Triabunna Marina.....	\$2,510,381

As can be seen, the bulk of these borrowings (\$2,957,860) are for income producing assets currently returning over \$420,000 per annum. I repeat, the Council has no

borrowings for normal static infrastructure (e.g. roads, footpaths, parks, stormwater). Any future borrowings for the Solis or the Prosser Plains Raw Water Scheme will also be based on a cost recovery/replacement infrastructure basis where the user will pay and not the ratepayer.

These projects and income producing assets provide Council with long term sustainability and put downward pressure on rates. Council profits through the extra rates that these types of developments generate. Currently Council has \$6 million in borrowings approved by Treasury that is available but not drawn.

### Projects:

With regards to the major projects in the Council area, we provide the following information. As you are probably aware, the project previously called Solis is fully approved by Council, ready to go and is nearing an announcement of a new image and rebranding with the developer and Council working hard to plan and coordinate a construction timetable and detail. The first stage of this development will include up to 88 subdivided lots of land out of approximately 606 lots. This first stage will also include all necessary infrastructure for the site, including a public walkway along the coastline, an 18 hole world class golf course and club house. This will all depend on the supply of fresh raw water (400-500ML in the growing season and then 300ML ongoing), depending on rainfall. The preliminary timetable is for construction to commence late 2018, with the golf course commencing in March or April 2019, to ensure the course receives any winter rains.

### The Prosser Plains Raw Water Scheme:

The PPRWS project is in its late approvals stage with the Pump Station and Pipeline having completed all its primary approvals and about to enter into its detailed design stage. The other sub-marine pipeline necessary to deliver water into Okehampton Bay, that was presented by one of the Scheme's major customers, Tassal, has also been approved. Negotiations with landowners to be impacted by the pump station and pipeline construction are well advanced, with agreements yet to be formalised. Cost saving opportunities for other local infrastructure upgrade works are being discussed with Taswater.



The proposed 3,000ML Buckland Dam on the Tea Tree Rivulet has completed the majority of its background studies required for both State (DPIPWE) and Federal approvals, but further information has been requested by the Federal EPA under the EPBC Act. The dam would inundate some 22 ha of Eucalyptus Ovata (black gum) which is potential swift parrot habitat. This action requires a mitigating offset strategy to be developed which is the focus of the Project Manager and a specialist environmental expert, supported part-time by two Council Officers who have relevant knowledge.

The water licence and watercourse authority for the winter-take of 1,795ML per annum from the Tea Tree Rivulet and the Scheme release respectively, are due to be approved and issued in November by DPIPWE. The dam's stored water is released into the Tea Tree Rivulet and passes into the Prosser River for later re-capture and pumping from the Lower Prosser Reservoir.

### **Proposed Program:**

Assuming that all the relevant approvals can be completed in the first quarter of 2018, the Project's works can be commissioned and handed over by early 2019. The progressive filling of the Buckland Dam is likely to take more than one winter. The current milestone targets are:

- Approvals Phase Completed –Buckland Dam –*March 2018*
- Detailed Design and Tender of Pump Station & Pipeline Construction Contracts–*April 2018*
- Pump Station & Pipelines - Completed & Commissioned–*October, 2018*
- Dam Construction Completed–*April, 2019*

Council is working on several large developments in the early stages of preparation within Triabunna and Swansea that Council and the Bichen Triangle project is programmed to start after Easter. The new *Encounter Maria Island* ferry in Triabunna is also providing a boom to the area with increased visitation to the town and the Maria Island National Park.

### **Free Camping/Stopping:**

Council has had legal advice that it cannot police motor homes and self-contained campervans from stopping in areas. Even with signage, it requires a delegated officer to be on site where they are parked. Not an easy task as you can imagine. The only thing Council can have jurisdiction over is if there is a public health issue but there needs to be clear evidence that this is occurring.

### **Mr Bertrand Cadart:**

I would like to personally pay tribute to our former Mayor and Councillor, Bertrand Cadart. He is well

loved and respected by most in the community. From my perspective he is a true gentleman, a man of integrity and a great leader. He is my best friend. He has been with me from almost day one of my career with Glamorgan Spring Bay Council, winning the mayoral election by 2 votes at the end of 2007. He is a man who I could bounce any ideas off and together I think we have a lot to be proud of in our Municipality when I look at the infrastructure growth and health of the Council. We both worked in a very difficult environment within Council that only the Councillors who worked in that environment will understand. I remember when the Chip Mill closed in Triabunna and we sat at a dilapidated wharf by the water with a coffee and he said to me "What can we do for Triabunna; it is in such a mess and on a downward spiral"? This is where the idea of the new wharf and marina was hatched. Bertrand is visionary, insisting that the Council get back into the black and that we show a united front in tourism and forget about the north/south divide.

Council is certainly in the black and the growth in tourism and our visitor economy speaks for itself. We may still have the north/south divide to some degree, but any analysis of the figures and the projects will quickly diffuse any arguments with this. He and I had very little to argue about because he was everything that I wasn't. A perfect team. Our only argument I can remember was about selling fresh vegetables and fruit in a doctor's surgery.

He was honoured in the last few years with life membership of the Local Government Association of Tasmania for services rendered to Local Government, a well-deserved honour and the prestigious French medal –National Order of Merit in 2014. This was presented to him in Hobart by the Ambassador of France.

My friend is very ill at the moment and his dream of having a holiday house in Queensland did become a reality in 2016, however, shortly after that his daughter became very ill and he was forced to spend 3 out of 4 weeks in Queensland and travel back to Tasmania to carry out his Council duties.

As he said to me, "The people elected me and I am there to represent them" and he never wavered from that commitment.

Within the last few months, an inherited disease has struck Bertrand and unfortunately, he is now terminally ill. He applied for a leave of absence in the hope of one day returning to Tasmania but due to unfortunate circumstances he was forced to resign.

All I can say to my friend is, hang in there, the longer you live the more chance you have of a medical miracle. I will be up to Queensland as soon as I can to see my best friend and honorary father. Glamorgan Spring Bay Council,



Local Government in Tasmania, and Tasmania as a whole is in far better shape for you having been a part of it.

On a final note I would like to sincerely thank the current Mayor Michael Kent and the Deputy Mayor Cheryl Arnol and those councillors who have shown me so much support, guidance and leadership in the last few years.

To my wonderful staff and community, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you to the many volunteers who sacrifice their time to keep us

safe. May it rain for our poor farmers who are suffering drought conditions at the moment and to ease the mind of our fire fighters and volunteers.

Remember my door is always open for any questions or concerns you may have but please make an appointment and advise what you would like to discuss so that I can make sure I have the correct information available.

David Metcalf  
GENERAL MANAGER

## A TRIBUTE TO BERTRAND - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



*Bertrand with his Mayoral scooter*



*Mayor Cadart hosting a civic reception for the Mayor of Noumea attended by the late Governor of Tasmania, Peter Underwood*



*Mayor Cadart after receiving his National Order of Merit with Councillors Jenny Woods and Mick Fama*



*Bertrand Cadart receiving the prestigious Life Members' Award for Meritorious Service to Local Government from the President of the LGAT, Lyn Mason, flanked by his daughter, Anne-France*



*Mayor in Canberra with former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Anthony Albanese MP*



## Melodies and Memories Concert

To celebrate Seniors Week this year, Council organised a concert featuring Keith Potger, a founding member of The Seekers. The Seekers were an immensely popular group in the 1960's with some staggering achievements. They had numerous No. 1 hits, were inducted into the Aria Hall of Fame, honoured with their own postage stamp and were jointly named Australians of the Year in 1967.

The theme for Seniors Week 2017 was "getting outdoors" and appropriately the Melodies and Memories Concert by Keith Potger was held on a warm, spring day at the Tasmanian Bushland Garden at Buckland. Mayor Michael Kent opened proceedings followed by Bushland Gardens committee member Keith Corbett who provided some background on the gardens.

The audience of 150 people then enjoyed a highly entertaining 90 minute concert of Seekers classics as well as Keith's solo compositions and amusing anecdotes, jokes and songs. As Keith Corbett stated



*The audience enjoying Melodies and Memories*

in a recent Bushland Garden newsletter, "Keith was gracious, almost humble, very well attuned to the senior audience and they (we) loved it. The natural amphitheatre of TBG quarry seemed a perfect setting for such a live concert on such a day."

Deputy Mayor Cheryl Arnol thanked Keith and led the crowd in a spirited call for an encore!

NRM South provided a small grant and the use of their colourful and informative marquee. Council NRM staff were on hand with information and advice about weed management, native gardens and biodiversity.

Another feature of the event was the Zero Waste Picnic. Attendees were asked to bring their own cup and plate. This significantly reduced the amount of waste produced during the event. Caterer Amelia Edwards from Gert & Ted prepared some delicious salad rolls and cakes and Wheel Good Coffee gave everyone who brought their own cup a fifty cent discount.

A splendid day was had by all with one attendee exclaiming that "this has been the best day of my life!"



*Keith Potger sings old classics*

## Photography Competition 2017



The 2017 photography competition attracted 153 images.

The **overall winner** of the competition was **Kirsty Pilkington** from Fern Tree with her image **"New Holland Honeyeater"** taken at Swansea (above) and the **Mayor's Choice Award** was **"Looking Out"**, taken by **Julia Marr** at the Three Thumbs Lookout, Orford.

Runners Up (in no particular order) were:-

- Maree Woolley, **"Pristine"**, Maria Island from Spring Beach.
- Brad Robinson, **"The Hazards Sunrise"**, Freycinet.
- Maree Woolley, **"Lachlan Island"**, Mercury Passage.

- Ian Ramsay, **"At Anchor"**, Wine Glass Bay, Freycinet.
- Barbara Townsend, **"Apsley Gorge"**, Douglas Apsley National Park.
- Ian Bresnehan, **"Lookout Snow"**, Thumbs Lookout Orford.
- Rochelle Dunk, **"Peace is a Journey of a Thousand Miles"**, East Shelly Beach, Orford.
- Maurice Banks, **"Sunrise Over Great Oyster Bay"**, Nine Mile Beach, Dolphin Sands.
- Steven Masterman, **"A Lovely Encounter"**, Bicheno.
- Clem Matthews, **"Rural Scene"**, Rheban Beach.
- Robyn Hook, **"Low Tide at Red Bill Beach"**, Bicheno.
- John Smith, **"Silver Gull"**, Redbill Beach, Bicheno.

Congratulations to the above photographers and our thanks and appreciation to everyone who entered the competition.

Council also wishes to thank our independent judges, Terry Pinfold and Jan Perkins, who freely gave their time to undertake the difficult task of choosing the winning photographers.

## 'Gardens for Wildlife' – Sharing our gardens with wildlife

'Gardens for Wildlife' (GFW) is a voluntary scheme which aims to encourage and recognise people who are providing wildlife-friendly spaces and environment-friendly practices in their gardens. The scheme provides an opportunity for the wider community to show their support of nature conservation and sustainable land use practices.

The overwhelming message for why people wished to register is because people love to see wildlife in their garden, native birds in particular, but many welcome bandicoots, lizards, frogs, wallabies and yes, possums! Many have used native plant species to provide habitat and to attract wildlife to their gardens.

A benefit of having native birds and insects in your garden is encouraging natural pest control, eliminating the need for nasty chemicals, and

increasing pollination and fruit/flower set leading to better production from your edible garden.



Another aspect the scheme wishes to encourage and promote is the use of sustainable and environment-friendly practices, such as reduced water use, recycling, chemical-free gardening and growing fruit and vegetables. A number of members have planted their garden as a blend of wildlife habitat as well as a productive food garden.

Your 'Garden for Wildlife' can contribute to bringing nature home by welcoming wildlife to share your garden and by providing a healthy environment for them to do so. For more information about wildlife and advice on creating and maintaining suitable places visit [www.gardensforwildlife.dpipwe.tas.gov.au](http://www.gardensforwildlife.dpipwe.tas.gov.au). For further advice contact the 'Gardens for Wildlife' Coordinator, Iona Mitchell on 6165 4409, or email [gardensforwildlife.enquiries@dpipwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:gardensforwildlife.enquiries@dpipwe.tas.gov.au)



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## Festival of Small Halls

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On Wednesday, 17th January, 2018, **The Small Glories**, (Cara Luft and JD Edwards) from Canada will be coming to the Triabunna Community Hall along with Australian artist Claire Anne Taylor.

Tickets should be purchased early either on line at [www](http://www.festivalofsmallhalls.com/).



[festivalofsmallhalls.com/](http://festivalofsmallhalls.com/) or at the Council office, 9 Melbourne Street, Triabunna. (Photo by Stephanie Atkinson)

## Biosecurity at the Freycinet Challenge



The central hub of this year's Freycinet Challenge was the Coles Bay Village Green. Participants in the iconic two day multisport event run, kayak, road bike and mountain bike in the surrounding area, including the Freycinet National Park. Council

Officers attended this year's event to share messages with participants and spectators about biosecurity practices such as boot and bike cleaning to prevent the inadvertent spread of diseases and weeds. Congratulations to organisers Ben, Row, Mark and Lou on a successful, well organised event.

For more information about biosecurity in Tasmania visit [www.nrmsouth.org.au/biosecurity](http://www.nrmsouth.org.au/biosecurity)

## Battery Recycling

Did you know that in Australia approximately 90% of dead batteries end up in landfill? Batteries contain hazardous substances such as acid and lead which can contaminate soil and water. Most batteries should never be placed in your rubbish bin however that's exactly where nearly 300 million batteries go every year! The good news is that your old batteries can now be dropped off at the Triabunna Council office for recycling. Please bring used AA, AAA, C, D,

rectangular 6 & 9 volt, rechargeable phone, gaming and photography batteries as well as button cell – watch and hearing aid batteries to Triabunna for recycling. The Ecocycle "Battery Bucket" is on trial for a limited time and if it's not used will not continue. All batteries collected are safely and professionally recycled. To read more about how the batteries are recycled go to the Council website.

## 12 years trying and still no chick!

According to Birds Australia a pair of Hooded Plovers that has been monitored on a Victorian beach for the past 12 years has not managed to produce young because of regular damage to eggs and disturbance at their nesting site. Shorebird nesting sites are also under threat on Tasmanian beaches and YOU can make a difference.

The shorebird breeding season began in September and will continue until March. You can help our East Coast shorebirds on all of our beaches this breeding season by walking or riding on the wet sand to avoid the upper parts of the beach where the shorebirds nest. Follow the Dog Management Policy directions.

Dogs off lead can chase shorebirds and squash their eggs. Cats also pose a threat to shorebirds, desex your cat and prevent it from roaming. You may see some temporary fences on some beaches. These indicate a nesting bird so please keep clear of the fence and ensure that no dogs enter the fenced off area.



For more information visit [www.nrmsouth.org.au/sersa](http://www.nrmsouth.org.au/sersa)

## Recycling is Real!

“Recycling is legitimate. It’s real, it’s not corrupt and not greenwash!” That’s a quote from David Adams, the Visitor Services Coordinator at Freycinet National Park. David made this statement after he’d been on a tour of the JJ Richards, Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Launceston. The tour organised by the Glamorgan Spring Bay Natural Resource Management Committee, did indeed reveal that recycling in Glamorgan Spring Bay is alive and well with 85 – 95% of all items collected being fully recycled.

The recycling is initially separated mechanically by a series of conveyor belts, air blowers and magnets before a team of about 20 staff hand sort and manually remove contaminated items.

Glass, aluminium and steel are all processed and reused in Tasmania. Plastic milk bottles and other plastic containers generally go to Singapore for processing and get remade into items such as fleece clothing and high vis vests. Most of the paper and cardboard goes to Melbourne to be made into boxes, egg cartons and recycled paper.

Contamination rates for our municipal area are quite

low, however, any contaminated recycling reduces the value of the whole load. Waste contractors JJ Richards have urged residents and visitors to always remove lids and caps from glass and plastic bottles, jars and containers. This assists with compacting as sealed bottles can explode under pressure. Also lids are usually made of different materials and can cause contamination. Generally lids are too small to be recycled and should be placed in the red bin.

Please don’t crush aluminium or steel cans and never bag or bale your paper. Keep it loose.

Other items which cause problems at the MRF and that should NEVER be placed in recycling include, green waste, food scraps, nappies and other personal hygiene products and plastic bags. Used clothing is also a problem. It seems that some people actually fill their recycling bins with neatly folded clean used clothing. Clothing never goes in recycling. Take it to the op shop if it’s still in good condition, use it for rags or throw it in the waste bin. If you are not sure about anything please call Council on 6256 4777. We will be happy to advise you.

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## You, Your Dog and the Law

### What the Law Expects of You

The law expects you to:

- Register your dog when it reaches six (6) months of age.
- Microchip your dog.
- Renew your dog's registration between 1st and 31st July each year.
- Ensure that your dog is under the effective control of a person whenever it is in a public place.
- Notify Council if your dog dies.
- Notify Council if you change your address.
- Keep your dog free of parasites (worms, etc.).
- Ensure the safety of people lawfully entering your property.
- Ensure your dog does not create a nuisance by barking or otherwise that unreasonably interferes with any other person's peace, comfort or convenience.
- Ensure your dog does not attack, harass or chase any person, domestic animal or farm animal, as it may result in your dog being legally destroyed.
- Apply for a Kennel Licence if you keep more than two (2) dogs or in case of working dogs, four (4) dogs.

### Penalties

Where a person breaks the law Council may issue an infringement notice.

Depending on the incident, an infringement notice is a fine that starts at 1 penalty unit. The rate of the penalty unit is set each year by the State Government and is currently \$159. If the fine is not paid within 28 days, the matter is then referred to Monetary Penalties Enforcement Unit (MPES) for collection.

### Why do I need to register my dog?

A few good reasons why you should register your dog:

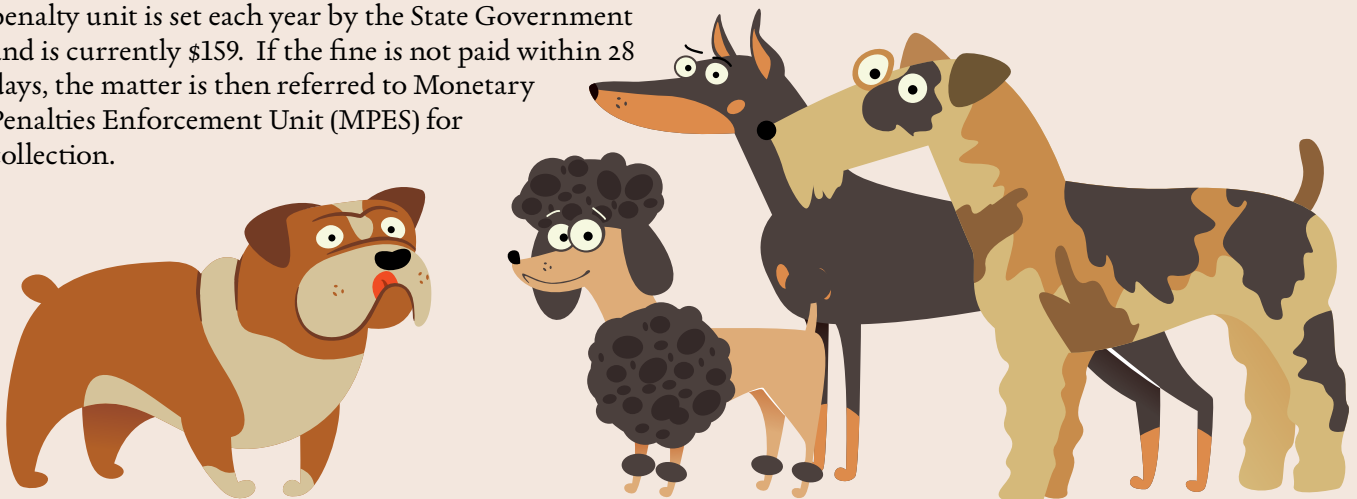
- A dog wearing a collar with a current registration tag can be quickly re-united with its owner.
- If a dog is impounded and it is wearing a collar with a current registration tag, Council is bound to notify the owner of the impounding and cannot dispose of the dog for five (5) business days.
- It is a requirement of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

### At what Age do I need to register my dog?

- You must register your dog within thirty (30) days of it reaching six (6) months of age.
- It is your responsibility to provide proof of the dog's age.

### When do I need to renew my dog's registrations?

- Registrations expire on 30th June each year and should be renewed before 31st July.
- It is your responsibility to renew the registration, however, Council will send you a renewal notice in June. If, for any reason, you do not receive a renewal notice it is not a valid excuse for not renewing the registration.



## BUILDINGS & MARINE UPDATE

### Swansea Boat Ramp



Construction of the new Swansea boat ramp is complete. The new elevated boat ramp is adjacent to the Swansea Pier away from the existing boat ramp and jetty, which will remain.

The new ramp provides launching and retrieval of recreational boats in all tides. Funding has been secured from Marine and Safety Tasmania and the Federal Government.

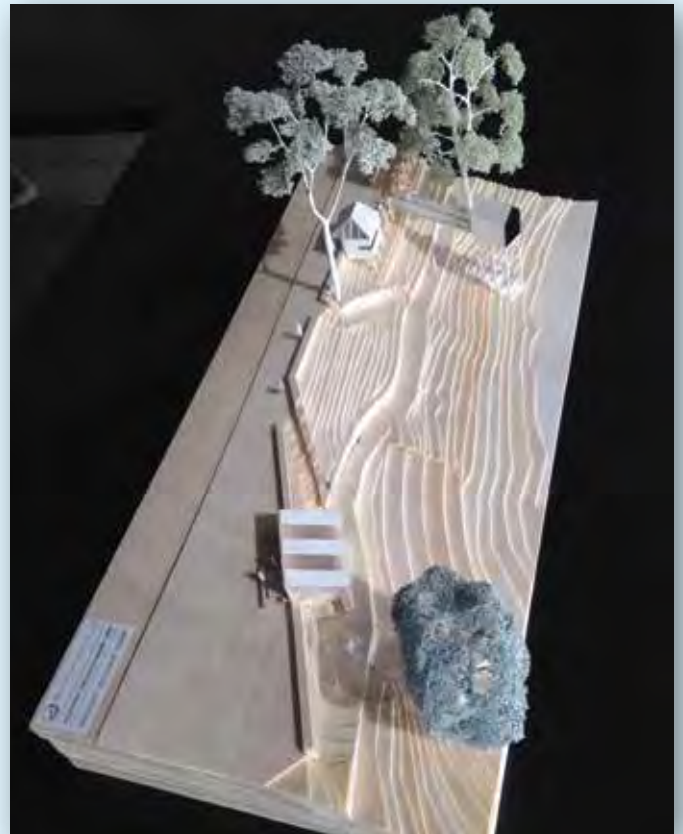
### Bicheno Library

The Bicheno Library, which forms part of the Bicheno Community Hall building, has been renovated. The renovations included interior and exterior painting, new floor coverings and new computer benches. The colour scheme utilised the Education Departments Linc format.



### Swansea Loo with a View

Construction of the new Swansea *Loo with a View*, toilet facility project is under way. Engineering design and Hydraulic details are being finalised. Ground works will begin early in the New Year.



### Triabunna wharf toilet block

The replacement toilet block for the Triabunna Wharf has been ordered. Council is waiting for Crown Land Services approval to lodge a development application for this toilet complex.

### Orford Community Hall

Construction plans to replace the toilets at the Orford Hall have been finalised. The Building Surveyor is assessing these plans. The new extension to the hall will include new toilets, an extra storeroom and an alternative entry. Work will begin in the New Year.

### Coles Bay Hall

Work to stabilise the foundations of the Coles Bay Hall will commence shortly. An injection process will be used to strengthen the foundations; this process minimizes the disruption to the area.





Plans are also being finalised for the replacement of the library and medical room at the Coles Bay Hall. Once complete the plans will be submitted for a grant application to help fund these new additions.

### **Prosser River**

The Prosser River Stabilisation Project is almost finished and will be open for the summer. There is still some work to be done and this will now take place in April 2018 due to the bird-nesting season limiting

access to the site. These works will include completion of the training walls, renourishment of Raspins Beach and final clean-up around the site.

### **Ferry to Maria Island**

After some modifications to the Triabunna Marina tourist pontoon facility, Navigators are now operating a larger vessel to carry passengers to Maria Island. The vessel called “Osprey” is 33 metres in length and can carry 160 passengers.



## WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

### Bridge Structures

Structures replaced this financial year include:

- Earlham Creek – Earlham Road. Timber bridge replaced with a concrete structure.
- A pedestrian footbridge was installed over a creek at East Shelly, Orford to provide a connection of the foreshore walking track.
- Two Mile Creek – Rheban Road, Spring Beach. The old sub-standard timber bridge has been replaced with a two-lane concrete structure. The pre-existing load limit restriction has been removed. The new bridge has been named 'Bennett Bridge' after long term local resident, Beth Bennett.



### Roads, Footpaths, Kerbs

- Road realignment works are complete along Rheban Road through the Spring Beach carpark area. This project was funded under the 'Roads to Recovery' Programme.
- Council has received \$815,000 from Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) to upgrade Wielangta Road from Rheban Road, Orford to the Council boundary, total overall length is 21 kilometres. Works have been progressing well over the past 3 months with resheeting works now complete up to the Earlham Road area. Works will recommence in the New Year to address the remaining 10 kilometres.
- Reconstruction of a 1.5 kilometre section of failed road pavement along Dolphin Sands Road (Bagot Point end).
- Concrete kerb and a new footpath constructed in

Garnet Avenue, Coles Bay. This work also included some minor stormwater improvements to cater for larger flows and the intersection of the Esplanade slightly realigned to accommodate the new footpath.



- Intersection of Gordon Street and Old Spring Bay Road, Swansea has been kerbed.

### Stormwater

New stormwater pipes, pits and manholes were installed along Old Spring Bay Road and Gordon Street, Swansea to better manage water flows. The culvert crossing and outlet in Old Spring Bay Road was also upgraded due to its inadequate size to cope with the additional flows.

### Parks, Reserves

Redevelopment of the Bicheno Triangle (design phase) progressed this financial year with part funding of \$206,373 secured for Stage 1 of the project from the Community Infrastructure Fund.

The Bicheno Triangle Project is a two-stage redevelopment, including landscaping, gardens, construction of a visually unique lookout and playground, shelters and barbecue facilities, parking and traffic management features. Estimated total project cost \$1.1 million.

Initiated by local residents, the project is the result of extensive community consultation, and will improve community cohesion, safety and access and create economic benefits by encouraging visitors to stop, stay longer, and explore Bicheno.



## Waste Management

- All kerbside collected waste is transported to the Copping Landfill and kerbside recycling material goes to a processing plant in Launceston. JJ Richards & Sons Pty Ltd purchased Tox Free Australia Pty Ltd in June 2016. Council's current kerbside collection and transport contract expires in September 2022.
- Reduced opening hours during the winter period for all our 'Waste Transfer Stations' from Monday 1st May through to Friday 29th September 2017 again proved successful with minimal issues reported. Visitation numbers are very low on weekdays during winter so the opportunity to streamline our operations by introducing reduced opening hours has proved beneficial.

## Greenwaste

- Council's free greenwaste disposal programme allows residents the opportunity to clean up their properties in preparation for the bushfire season each year. This programme is ongoing and is usually offered during the months of October and January each year. It should be noted that Council also encourages residents to cleanup all types of vegetation from around their properties, especially declared weeds such as Gorse and Spanish Heath.

Burning of accumulated greenwaste is being carried out at Orford, Swansea and Bicheno Waste Transfer Stations under strict conditions from the Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment Division, with approximately three burns per year per site currently being carried out.

Due to the total annual volume of greenwaste received at our four WTS's, burning is carried out in preference to mulching, because of overall cost savings to the ratepayer.



*Reconstruction Works – Rheban Road, Spring Beach*

## PLEASE NOTE

### WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

All waste Transfer Stations will be **CLOSED** on Christmas Day.  
All other days remain unchanged.

**MONDAY to FRIDAY**  
**2.30pm to 4.30pm**

**SUNDAY 12.30pm to 4.30pm**

### KERBSIDE COLLECTION

Due to Christmas Day being on Monday this year the **BICHENO** normal kerbside rubbish and recycle collection will be undertaken on

**SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER 2017**  
(Please ensure bins are out by 6.00am)

## FREE GREENWASTE DISPOSAL

To assist residents in preparing for the bushfire season,  
Council is offering

**FREE green waste disposal** at all  
Waste Transfer Stations

**Monday 8th Jan – Sunday 14th Jan**

**Volume restriction: Up to trailer/utility size only**

## 2018 Calendar

The calendar, which has been produced from the winning images entered in Council's photography competition, is now available for sale at \$10 each.

**All profits from the sale of the calendar are used to support youth projects and activities in our municipal area.**

The calendars are available from the following outlets:-

- Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Office
- Visitor Information Centres at Triabunna, Swansea and Bicheno
- Orford Post Office
- Triabunna Post Office
- Gallery Art Spaces, Triabunna
- Rusty Devil, Triabunna
- Triabunna Pharmacy
- Bendigo Community Banks – Swansea and Bicheno
- Bear Cottage, Swansea
- Swansea Corner Store
- Kate's Berry Farm, Swansea
- Milton Vineyard, Cranbrook
- Bicheno Post Office at the Farm Shed
- Waub's Gallery, Bicheno
- Pondering Frog, south of Bicheno.



## Glamorgan Spring Bay Art Prize 2018

**Entries are now open** for the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council biennial Art Prize 2018 & will close on Friday, 19th January, 2018. **Prizes to the value of \$9,250 will be awarded.**

The official opening will be held on Friday, 16th February and the exhibition will be open over the weekend of Saturday, 17th and Sunday, 18th February.

Entry forms are available on Council website: [www.gsbc.tas.gov.au](http://www.gsbc.tas.gov.au) or by telephoning **(03) 6256 4777**

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