

Next Council Meetings:  
15 July and 19 August 2024 at 10am in the Council Chambers

## From the General Manager - John Brown

Working for Local Government, especially at Break O'Day Council, offers a unique and rewarding experience. Here, we really value teamwork, open and honest communication, integrity, respect and aim to take a proactive approach in everything we do. Our Council values guide our actions and decisions, ensuring that we provide the best possible service to our community. We are part of the community, and many of us work for Council because we want to see our community thrive.

As well as a tight local labour market, Local Government as an industry is experiencing changes as the workforce ages, with employees retiring or transitioning to retirement. Because of this, we have the opportunity to reshape vacant roles to better fit the evolving needs of our community and strategic direction of Council. We are focused on finding the right fit for each position, ensuring that new team members align with our values and are ready to contribute positively to our team and community.

We prioritise the wellbeing of our employees by promoting a healthy work-life balance. As an employer we are committed to supporting a flexible working environment.

Local Government offers a diverse range of career opportunities and we love to provide opportunities for our employees to explore different career directions. Working in Local Government can offer a stable and rewarding career with opportunities for growth and development, helping our team members build a fulfilling career path into long-term employment.

Break O' Day Council are currently looking for a Truck Driver/Plant Operator (Supporting Municipal Work), an Assistant Works Manager and a Project Development Facilitator.

More information about the roles can be found on our website Employment Opportunities - BODC.

## Long Table Lunch to Support World Elder Abuse Awareness Day



Photo: St Marys Hall filled with community members enjoying lunch and raising awareness.

This June was World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and to show our support, Council held a Long Table Lunch in St Marys. Council staff worked in collaboration with Council on the Ageing (COTA) and both Neighbourhood Houses to host the Long Table Lunch on Wednesday 12 June 2024. The Lunch was an event to highlight that elder abuse is something we can all help prevent by learning the signs and knowing how to help. The turnout was fantastic with over

95 people being treated to a delicious hot lunch. Attendees dressed in purple, the colour that symbolises dignity and respect for the cause. The tables and chairs were also adorned in purple, setting the stage for the dining experience. A big thankyou to the Scamander Flower Club for providing the centre pieces for the tables and also to those who volunteered to assist us on the day.



Photo: A group dressed for the occasion in the colour purple for the day..

# Bay of Fires Arts Winter Arts Festival 2024

# IN BRIEF



Photo: Mayor Tucker and Deputy Mayor Kristi Chapple with the stunning artwork - an isolated landscape of Lake Sorell on Tasmania's Central Plateau by Melissa Smith, the winner of the Bay of Fires Winter Arts Major Prize.

The entertainment in Break O'Day doesn't shy away from the cold and much has already been happening this Winter. The June long weekend was an opportunity for locals and visitors to enjoy the art and activities of the Bay of Fires Winter Arts Festival. The festival is a chance for local and national artists to exhibit their talents and for the community to support the artists and indulge in the world of art culture.

Melissa Smith was the winner of the 2024 Bay of Fires Winter Arts \$20,000 Major Prize with her print of the unique and isolated landscape of Lake Sorell on Tasmania's Central Plateau. Over the course of the weekend, people had the chance to visit exhibitions at Panorama Hotel and St Helens Portland Hall as well as meet talented and creative artists in their own studios across Break O'Day. For those brave enough, there was even the Dawn Dash and Splash at Binalong Bay.

## Carer Support Group services Break O'Day

The Carer Support Group meets regularly to offer mutual support. They gather at St Helens Neighbourhood House on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 2 to 4 pm, often featuring guest speakers. Carers value these meetings for the shared understanding and empowerment they provide, allowing them to connect without exhaustive explanations. Many carers miss the friendships and activities they

Talented youngsters were able to enter in the annual Youth Art Exhibition as part of the Winter Arts Festival which celebrates young artists aged 5-18. The Youth Exhibition saw its biggest show yet with 382 artwork entries. This year's theme 'OCEAN' encouraged children and young people to explore the beauty of the ocean and its ecosystem, to create artworks that showcased the ocean's flora and fauna, the impact of climate change on the ocean, or the importance of preserving the ocean's natural resources. All of the entries were unique and imaginative and it was lovely to see many young people using art as a form of expression.

Congratulations to the talented winners and finalists of the 2024 Bay of Fires Winter Arts Festival as well as the Youth Prize and to the organisers, sponsors, volunteers and supporters who made this another successful year for art and artists.

once enjoyed, making these support services vital for social interaction. Carer support events, like coffee meetups or movie outings, can expand social circles. All carers are welcome, regardless of background, including those from diverse communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and the LGBTQIA+ spectrum. For more information, contact Fingal or St Helens Neighbourhood Houses.

## ASBESTOS UPDATE: ANSONS BAY WASTE TRANSFER STATION (WTS)

The Ansons Bay Waste Transfer Station remains closed while Council addresses, investigates and cleans up the illegal dumping of Asbestos.

The WTS will remain closed until it has been assessed and declared safe to open by WorkSafe Tasmania.

Council will continue sending a Waste Truck to Ansons Bay on Wednesdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 2pm and will be stationed in Acacia Drive.

## DISCOVER LIBRARIES TASMANIA

Libraries Tasmania provides modern, accessible, and inclusive spaces for all ages and interests, promoting lifelong learning, social interaction, and cultural inspiration. Services include archive access, digital and phone assistance, printing, public computers, free Wi-Fi, diverse programs, daily newspapers, and more. Their app enhances the library experience.

Free Membership Benefits include:

- Borrowing up to 15 items for 3 weeks
- No overdue fees
- Special memberships available and more.

Free Programs available:

- Learner Licence Assistance Program
- First Gear Program
- Literacy Program

For more information, call 0428 161 057.

## AQUATIC FACILITY UPDATE

A consultant has now been appointed to undertake the Break O'Day Aquatic Feasibility Study. Otium, a Victorian based organisation were formally selected at the June 20 Council Meeting by Councillors. The project received a number of high quality applications which were assessed by the Break O'Day Aquatic Working Group using a scoring matrix that included; understanding of the requirements, methodology, timeline, community engagement and capability.

We look forward to working with the consultants through this first stage of the project.

**"People coming together as a community can make things happen."**



# HAVE YOUR SAY

## Community Engagement Updates

### BEAUMARIS PARK AND SCAMANDER SURVEY REPORT

The Beaumaris/Scamander Survey Report has now been completed and presented at the June Council Meeting. The Council supports the outdoor gym equipment to be located on the eastern side of the Scamander Bridge in the recreation space where toilets and other play equipment are located; and Council

supports the proposed Beaumaris community group's planting project so long as it does not come at the cost of other recreational facilities and activities the Park is used for.

To read the report visit [www.bodc.tas.gov.au/community/community-consultation/](http://www.bodc.tas.gov.au/community/community-consultation/)

### BINALONG BAY BBQ AREA – CONSULTATION NOW FINISHED

Council will be replacing the BBQ area at Binalong Bay and we asked the community for feedback on where they think the new facility should be located. Feedback closed 28 June and a Report

is being prepared for discussion with Council.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to give their input and ideas on this project.

### DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW – READY TO GO TO JULY MEETING

Council reviews its dog policy every five years and recently invited community input on a draft revision of the current policy and the included dog zones. The Dog Control Act 2000 requires Council to review the policy and declared areas, and gather community feedback.

Council is now considering all the submissions we received to ensure everyone's views are fairly represented in the final policy.

Council aims to balance the needs of dog owners with public health, safety,

and protecting wildlife. The draft policy was shaped by community feedback, discussions with the Parks and Wildlife Service, Birdlife Tasmania, and other stakeholders.

The report will now go to our Council Meeting on 15 July. The policy and proposed dog zones will be updated after Council makes its final decisions and will be available to the community on our website [www.bodc.tas.gov.au/property/dogs/](http://www.bodc.tas.gov.au/property/dogs/).

## That Time of the Year - Rates Notices

The 2024/2025 rates notices will begin to hit your letterboxes and email in mid-July. Your rates fund the services we deliver to you, our community. This includes things like waste, roads and footpaths, animal control, planning and building, parks and recreation and community buildings to name just a few. Your rates also fund improvements to our diverse townships, events and community group funding.

If you are having difficulty paying your rates, contact us on 6376 7900 or email [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au) as soon as possible and we can work with you to develop a payment plan.

When you receive your notice, you will also receive a new waste and recycling calendar, recycling dos and don'ts fact

sheet and a rates information brochure. The calendar is for the financial year period, so it will be included each year with your annual rates notice. The brochure will explain the rates increase, property valuation and how this affects your rates and projects in the 2024-2025 budget.

Rates instalments for 2024-2025 are:

**31 August 2024,**

**30 November 2024**

**28 February 2025**

**30 April 2025**

You can now opt to receive rates reminders via SMS. Sign up by emailing [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au) with your name, property address and contact number and its FREE.

## WHAT'S ON

### The Lighthouse - Every Wednesday

Serving the Break O'Day community, The Lighthouse is a safe place where you can enjoy a free cuppa, hot soup and roll, warm beanies and scarves or a friendly chat.

Open every Wednesday, 11am-1pm at the Anglican Hall - 56 Cecilia Street, St Helens.

Also, if you would like to help us help those in our community who are on a low income, homeless, or just struggling with providing nourishing meals for themselves or their families we welcome your support!

Items can be dropped off every Wednesday between 11am-1pm and your welcome to stay for a cuppa.

### Learner Mentor Driving Program Get in2 Gear -

Need access to a car to learn to drive or need to get your learner driver hours up?

We have volunteer mentors ready to help you. Our mentors will guide you through the road rules, driver safety and help you achieve your on-road hours until you are

confident enough to go for your driving test.

All welcome! This program is for anyone who currently holds a Learner Licence.

For more information contact Jenna at Break O'Day Council on 6376 7900 or email [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au)

### Break O'Day Christmas Festivities -

Satisfy your sweet tooth and help fund this year's Christmas events. Look out for fundraising chocolates in participating businesses in Break O'Day to help bring the Christmas spirit to our community.

#### LOCAL MARKETS

##### St Helens - Every Saturday

Location alternates between the Portland Hall and the Visitor Information Centre Carpark.

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

Held at the St Marys Hall.

**Keep up to date on Council activities and projects by joining our email database.**

Email [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au)

## Council Works Reports

**Georges Bay Esplanade/Cecilia Street Junction** - Funded under the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4 program, works have been largely completed, with junction sealing and a traffic refuge island constructed during June. Over the next fortnight, a new section of the footpath will be installed, and the landscaping work will be concluded.

**Cecilia Street – Streetscape Design** - We extend our thanks to community members who have commented on the proposed concept streetscape design. Over the coming month, the design will be finalised, and a construction cost estimate will be established.

**Road Grading** - Council's Maintenance Grading team completed road grading at Reids Road, Terryvale Road and Argonaut Road, with grading in progress on Ansons Bay Road.

*Please take care when driving through works by slowing down and watching out for our workers. Also, drive slowly on freshly graded roads.*

### Upcoming projects

**Circassian Street/Medea Road junction upgrade** – installation of a new roundabout with works commencing in August, subject to design approval by StateGrowth. Road closure details will be advised before work occurs at the site.

**Bridge replacement at Cecilia Street, St Helens and Lower Germantown Road, St Marys** - affected residents will be notified of the work schedule and impact on residents in the coming weeks.

### WEED MANAGEMENT

- **Aerodrome St Helens**  
Spanish heath
- **King's Park St Helens**  
Bridal creeper
- **Binalong Bay**  
Bridal creeper
- **St Mary Railway Yard**  
Gorse, Spanish heath

### DOG STATISTICS 10/05/2024 - 6/06/2024

Urban Patrols = 11  
Beach Patrols = 12  
Infringements = 1  
Unregistered Dog = 0  
Impounded dogs = 2

## Weed of the Month - boneseed

Boneseed is a Declared Pest in Tasmania. Boneseed 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. Boneseed doesn't typically flower until 18 months old, so it is important to remove plants as young as possible before they produce seed. 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. This time of year boneseed is actively growing and has not set seed, 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: [NRE.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds](http://NRE.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds)



## St Marys Comes Alive in Winter



Photo Courtesy of Break O'Day Regional Arts: Crowd gathers to enjoy the Dragon Fire Sculpture.

It has been a busy month for the town of St Marys. The main street of St Marys was closed and people were revved up to attend the annual St Marys Community Car, Bike and Pedal Car Show, one of the very last true country car shows of its kind. People lined the streets to admire all makes and models of cars and enjoyed the opportunity to indulge in some food, drinks and shopping at the local market stalls. Music was performed by the talented Clinton Hutton which was enjoyed by many.

The Winter Lights Festival brought the country town of St Marys alive with many gathering to experience the various festival activities.

The all-day event saw adults and children alike enjoying the many activities and food. Lantern making

was a focus of the event and many lanterns big and small were handmade at the event. The circus workshop was a crowd favourite entertaining people of all ages who tried their hand at hula hooping, juggling, plate twirling and for the confident and brave, riding miniature bicycles. By nightfall, there was an amazing fire show, entertainment with live music performances. The night culminated in the lighting of an impressive Dragon Fire Sculpture (made earlier that day) was a beautiful sight to behold by the lively crowd.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in organising and supporting these great events out in St Marys. They were filled with family fun and entertainment enjoyed by all ages.