

Triabunna Tomorrow: streetscape takes shape with a community touch



The Triabunna Tomorrow Streetscape Upgrade reached 40% completion at the end of August, with plenty of activity and noticeable changes around town in recent weeks.

Among the latest additions are community-made mosaic pavers, recently installed along Vicary Street. Featuring original designs inspired by the region's flora and fauna, the mosaics bring local creativity into our everyday spaces.

Council has worked with local artist Andrea Frith to incorporate the pavers into the streetscape upgrade. Andrea brought together fellow Tasmanian artists Joseph Gracia, Carolyn Audet and Merinda Young, who each designed artworks and guided community members in bringing them to life.

The project has been a genuine community effort, with volunteers ranging from five years old to a local artisan in his 90s. At Triabunna District School, art teacher Joseph Gracia involved students from kindergarten through to Year 12, with almost every student contributing a tile.

Members of the Spring Bay Art Group, volunteers at The

Village and other community participants also helped create the mosaics, sharing their time, skills and creativity.

"I wanted to bring art into our everyday spaces and give local people a meaningful way to contribute," Andrea said.

The project celebrates the area's natural beauty and cultural heritage while strengthening community connections through collaborative art-making. Support from local organisations, including The Village, the maritime museum committee and the Men's Shed, helped provide spaces and equipment for volunteers to work together.

Council thanks Andrea, the artists, students, volunteers and supporting organisations for their contribution to this lasting feature of Triabunna's streetscape.

Next time you're walking along Vicary Street, take a moment to look down and discover the designs and the community effort behind each one.

Thank you to residents, businesses and visitors for your patience as the streetscape upgrade continues.





Message from the Mayor

Welcome to this edition of SeaSpeak. Have you had a chance to catch up with our recently appointed CEO Nick McGuire yet? Nick commenced with us in early August and has already been out and about meeting community groups and generally familiarising himself with the municipal area and the many projects we have on the go. Nick has an extensive local government background. He is originally from Tasmania and returned to the State about 2 years ago. During the recruitment process the Director Planning and Development Dick Shaw stepped into the role of Acting CEO on very short notice during what was a difficult time for council with vacancies in some senior roles that meant an increased workload for many of the staff. Dick has now returned to his substantive role and is looking forward to progressing many of the projects and policies within his directorship.

Many of you have expressed concern about the standard of live streaming of meetings and poor audio quality due to our aging equipment not keeping up with current technology. We have always been mindful that it is an important part of our operations given the distance between our towns and interested members of the public being unable to attend council meetings in person because of their personal commitments. Council officers are in the process of working through quotations from experts

in this field to improve this process moving forward. This project has been some months in planning as it is important for us to ensure that we source the right equipment to provide a better experience for everyone.

Just a reminder that Council supports community groups and events throughout the year for various reasons through our community grants and events budget. If you think your group might qualify for a community grant or event allocation, contact our Community Engagement team on community@freycinet.tas.gov.au for the guidelines.

By the time you receive this edition, the election process will be underway. Moving forward GSBC will be a 7-member Council as part of the State Government's reform initiatives within the local government sector.

Too often staff and councillors are criticised for this or that on one of the social media platforms that can be soul-destroying.

As the 2022-26 election term ends, and on behalf of the elected members who have served in this electoral term, I want to record our thanks to the wonderful staff we have, both internal and external teams. They are small but dedicated teams that get so much done,

Stay safe and be kind to one another.

Cheryl Arnol
MAYOR

Council Meetings for 2026

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates

Ordinary meetings of Council are held at the Triabunna Council Offices typically on the **fourth Tuesday of each month commencing at 2pm, unless otherwise stated below.**

Meetings are live streamed on Council's YouTube channel and members of the public are invited to register to attend the Council Meeting in person.

Upcoming Dates at the Triabunna Council Offices:

2pm	Tuesday 22 September 2026
2pm	Tuesday 27 October 2026
2pm	Tuesday 24 November 2026
3.30pm	Tuesday 8 December 2026
5.30pm	Tuesday 8 December 2026 Annual General Meeting



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From the Chief Executive Officer's desk

I am delighted to have recently joined Glamorgan Spring Bay Council as Chief Executive Officer, and I feel privileged to be taking on this role in such a special part of Tasmania. This is a region I know well and have a strong personal connection with, having spent a great deal of time here growing up as a young person. To now have the opportunity to reconnect with the area in a professional capacity, and to contribute to its future, is something I am genuinely excited about.

Throughout my career in Local Government, I have been fortunate to work with a range of communities, predominantly in south east Queensland and, most recently, in Hobart. Across those roles, my work has consistently been community facing, centred on listening to people, understanding local priorities, and working with others to deliver practical and positive outcomes. Those experiences have shaped the way I approach leadership and have reinforced my belief that strong councils are built on strong relationships with the communities they serve.

I have a strong focus on genuine community engagement, working alongside communities rather than simply making decisions on their behalf. For me, that means being open, approachable and accountable; delivering with integrity; and building relationships based on honesty, trust and respect. These values are particularly important in a region like Glamorgan Spring Bay, where each town and community has its own identity, strengths, challenges and aspirations.

In my first few weeks in the role, I have already had the chance to connect with Council staff, Councillors and a number of community members. My standout first

impression has been the passion people bring to their work and the strong desire they have to make a positive contribution to the community. That commitment is evident across the organisation and across the places that make up this beautiful Council area.

Council's core purpose is to "Help and support our communities to develop and thrive". Aligned to that purpose is the Glamorgan Spring Bay vision: to be "Prosperous, vibrant and inclusive. A place where people want to live, work and visit." These are important statements, but they cannot simply remain words in a document. As CEO, I want to help bring them to life and ensure they are front and centre in the way we work, the decisions we make, and the way we engage with the people who call this region home.

There are many opportunities ahead for Glamorgan Spring Bay, and there will also be challenges that require thoughtful, collaborative and community-focused responses. I am looking forward to working with Councillors, staff, businesses, community organisations and residents to support a prosperous and inclusive future for the region. If you represent a business or community group, or if you are an individual who would like to discuss priorities for your group or broader community, I would welcome the opportunity to hear from you.

Please feel free to reach out to me via email at general.manager@freycinet.tas.gov.au.

Nick McGuire
Chief Executive Officer

Spring Bay Community Food Hub – A Local Success Story

The Spring Bay Community Food Hub continues to go from strength to strength, with strong support from the local community and visitors from across the East Coast and beyond.

Even throughout the quieter winter months, sales have continued to track well, with people travelling from across the region and even from the South to visit the store.

The Hub's popular \$20 food hampers continue to be a favourite, offering an affordable option for people looking to purchase groceries and everyday essentials.

The Food Hub is also creating opportunities for the community to come together. A recent community Pingo night was warmly received, providing a fun opportunity for locals



to connect, enjoy themselves and strengthen community connections.

The team behind the Food Hub is incredibly proud of how far it has come and grateful for the ongoing support from the local community and those travelling from further afield.

The Spring Bay Community Food Hub is a great example of a community-led initiative making a positive difference locally.

Visit the Spring Bay Community Food Hub

17 Vicary Street, Triabunna

Opening hours:

Thursday: 9.30am – 3.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am – 12.00pm

Pop in, say hello and see what's available!

Peri-Urban Deer Control Program

As deer expand out of rural areas into towns, small farms and nearby areas, peri-urban deer control in Tasmania is becoming increasingly important. *Peri-urban* areas are the places on the edges of towns where residential areas meet farms, bushland and lifestyle properties.

Led by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania, the *Tasmanian Wild Fallow Deer Management Plan (2022–2027)*, is the overarching strategy.

It specifically targets peri-urban environments as a priority area driven by rapid population growth; an expanding deer range and rising public safety concerns.

In these fringe areas (small acreage, bush–suburb interface), high deer densities due to abundant food and limited control options mean that deer cause, vehicle collisions and safety risks, and damage to gardens, vineyards, and native vegetation communities. Habituation to people can also create aggression risks.

To manage the increasing risk posed by deer the *Peri-Urban* Deer Control team have commenced a deer control program in Bicheno on Tasmania's east coast. The area of focus has been on surrounding private land parcels north of the township.

The aim of the program is essentially low-volume, high-precision, intelligence-led population suppression under tight safety constraints. The success of the project is based on the following principals;

- Targeted, professional removal
- Local government and landholder collaboration
- Site-specific methods (not one-size-fits-all)
- Public safety as the top priority.

The project is currently in operation and an update on the



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effectiveness of the control on local deer populations will be provided once the program has completed.

For more information on Deer Management in Tasmania please review the *Peri-Urban* Deer Control Project:

<https://nre.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/management-of-wildlife/peri-urban-deer-management>

Please report all sightings into DeerScan



Council's food business renewal process 2026–27 is well underway

The environmental health team is having a busy few months!

Businesses selling food in Tasmania are required under the *Food Act 2003* to notify their Council of their business details. This includes the name, address and contact details of the person/s responsible for the food business and importantly, the types of food handled and sold, the level of training that staff have undertaken and measures in place to ensure food safety standards are maintained.

Once this initial information is received and assessed, and payment of the appropriate fee received, a Certificate of Registration of a Food Business is issued by Council's Environmental Health Officer.

Businesses are required to renew this registration annually, with renewal forms sent out by Council at the end of each financial year.

While most food businesses will require registration, food businesses assessed as handling/selling lower risk food may

simply require a once off notification and fee to council.

This means that an application made to council assessed as handling/selling lower risk foods such (for example foods that do not require refrigeration, heating/cooling or further food handling), a once off fee is applied and a letter advising of this notification is issued, with no further annual renewal process required.

Council's Environmental Health Team are now busy processing food business renewal applications and issuing the Certificates of Registration of a Food Business for 2026–27. This process ensures Council has up-to-date records of food business across the community, enabling ongoing communication and building professional relationships with food businesses operators.

For further information on food safety and food business application forms visit council's website here:

<https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/residents/environmental-health/mobile-food-businesses/>

Works and Infrastructure Department

17 Acre Creek Bridge replacement – Wielangta Road

Works to replace the 17 Acre Creek Bridge on Wielangta Road are scheduled to commence in mid-September 2026.

The bridge currently has a 5-tonne load limit following third-party inspections. Vehicles exceeding this limit must use Rheban Road as an alternative route.

During the bridge replacement, Wielangta Road will be closed to all traffic at the bridge location, with all traffic travelling through the area detoured via Rheban Road. Signage will be installed to advise motorists of the closure and detour.

The 17 Acre Creek Bridge is located approximately 6 km from the Wielangta Road/Charles Street intersection.

Access to Three Thumbs Lookout will be maintained throughout the works.

Once the replacement is complete, the new bridge will have an open load limit.



Free Green Waste Disposal – Sunday 4 October

Council is offering free green waste disposal at all Council waste transfer stations on Sunday 4 October 2026, from 9am to 3pm.

This offer is available for one day only and is for residents and light vehicle loads only.

What can be accepted?

Green waste only – such as grass clippings, leaves, branches and other garden waste.

No other waste or rubbish will be accepted. If it doesn't grow, it's not green waste. Loads containing contamination will be rejected.

Please note:

- Council inspectors will be onsite to check loads for contamination.
- Bulk or truck loads will be charged the usual green waste disposal fee.
- The offer is not available for commercial disposal.
- Please follow all directions from Council representatives onsite.
- Higher vehicle movements are expected at the waste transfer stations on the day. For their safety, please keep children in your vehicle.

Thank you for helping us keep green waste clean and uncontaminated.

New RV & Caravan Dump Station now open in Coles Bay

Council recently completed the installation of a new RV and caravan black water dump station at Coles Bay, providing a much-needed facility for visitors travelling with caravans and motorhomes.

Previously, the closest dump points were in Swansea and Bicheno, meaning visitors staying in Coles Bay had to travel further to dispose of black water appropriately.

The new facility includes:

- An underground 8,000-litre holding tank, with capacity for approximately 400 caravan cassette dumps
- Solar and battery-powered remote tank monitoring
- Automated alerts when the tank reaches 50% and 80% capacity, allowing a pump-out to be arranged before it is full
- Solar and battery power to ensure the monitoring system continues to operate during power outages
- The dump station has been located within the boat trailer overflow parking area at Harold Street Reserve, making use of an area that was previously underutilised.

With visitor numbers to Coles Bay continuing to grow, Parks and Wildlife Service recorded more than 300,000 visitors last year, the new facility provides a more convenient and environmentally responsible way for caravan and RV visitors to manage black water while staying in the area.

A practical addition to Coles Bay that will benefit both visitors and the local community.



Australian Red Cross EmergencyRedi **FREE Workshops**

Look out for Red Cross on the East Coast this Spring offering FREE EmergencyRedi workshops to help your household prepare for emergencies

- **Triabunna 13 Oct** – 5.00-6.00pm – Triabunna Hall (before Tivoli screening)
- **Coles Bay 3 Nov** – 2.00-3.30pm – Coles Bay Hall
- **Coles Bay 3 Nov** – 5.30-7.00pm – Coles Bay Hall
- **Orford 11 Nov** – 10.30am-12pm – Spring Bay Probus Blue Waters Hotel
- **Swansea 3 Dec** – 10.00-11.30am – Swansea Courthouse

Contact Amity Deans **0408 158 692** adeans@redcross.org.au

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Local Government Elections 2026

Local Government elections will be held across Tasmania in October 2026.

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council will elect seven Councillors, including a Mayor and Deputy Mayor, who will each serve a four-year term.

Local Government elections are conducted by full postal ballot, meaning you do not need to attend a polling place. Voting is compulsory for electors on the State electoral roll.

Key dates:

- 7 September 2026 – Candidate nominations opened
- 21 September 2026 – Candidate nominations close at 12 noon

- 22 September 2026 – Candidates announced
- From 5 October 2026 – Ballot packs delivered by post
- 27 October 2026 – Poll closes at 2pm
- 28 October 2026 – Counting commences

Considering becoming a candidate?

If you are interested in standing for Council, information is available about eligibility, the nomination process, the role of an elected member and election requirements.

For more information, visit the Tasmanian Electoral Commission at www.tec.tas.gov.au or Council's Local Government Elections page.

Dog Registrations Reminder

Dog registrations were due by 1 July 2026. In accordance with the *Dog Control Act 2000*, every dog over the age of six months must now be registered by its owner with Council and must be microchipped. Council needs to be provided with the microchip number as part of the registration process.

To avoid being fined, please ensure your dog's registration and microchip details are up to date. For more information or registration forms, please call Council on 03 6256 4777 or visit Council's website at www.gsbc.tas.gov.au and go to 'Dog Registrations'.



Ever wondered how your rates are calculated?

Council rates are calculated based on the value of a property, with additional charges applied through fixed fees and specific service charges. The value of your property is set by the Office of the Valuer General (State Government), not by Council.

Council's General Rate which includes the fixed fee, is applied to all properties and funds a range of services, such as maintaining roads, planning, stormwater, recreation, community development and other relevant services.

The State Government add Fire and Waste Levies on top of that, which Council collects on behalf of the State, but Council doesn't retain any of this revenue. Money collected through the Waste Base Levy is reinvested by the State Government into improving recycling, composting, and resource recovery across Tasmania. Money collected for the Fire Levy is based on the fire district your property falls under, which depends on the local fire brigade that would respond in case of a fire.

Ever wondered how your property value is set?

Property values are set by the Office of the Valuer-General (OVG), not by Glamorgan Spring Bay Council.

A full property valuation is carried out every six years.

Between these valuations, property values are adjusted every two years to better reflect changes in the property market.

Properties in the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipality were last valued in 2023/2024. These values came into effect 1 July 2024.

The updated index adjustments were received from the OVG in June 2025, effective from 1 July 2026.



Weed control works better together

Managing weeds across a landscape as large and diverse as Glamorgan Spring Bay is a long-term challenge. With weeds occurring across roadsides, farms, reserves and natural areas, trying to tackle every infestation everywhere is neither practical nor effective.

The Glamorgan Spring Bay Weed Biosecurity Program provides a more strategic way forward. The program builds on previous weed management plans while aligning weed management in the municipality with Tasmania's *Biosecurity Act 2019*.

At the heart of the program is a risk-based approach, directing effort towards the weeds that pose the greatest risk and the places where weed control can achieve the greatest benefit.

The program identifies 14 priority weeds and 8 priority control zones across Glamorgan Spring Bay. These priorities

consider agricultural and horticultural values, important natural assets such as Ramsar wetlands, National Parks, threatened vegetation communities and reserves, as well as existing weed strategies and the work already being undertaken by local community groups.

Rather than trying to tackle every weed everywhere, the priority zones allow landholders, Council and community groups to coordinate control in areas where it can have the greatest impact.

The weed biosecurity program initially focuses on roadside weeds and encourages weed management across property boundaries, with the aim of eradicating declared weeds within priority control zones and preventing their return.

For more information, contact:

mel.fazackerley@landscaperecovery.org

Tackling gorse in priority areas

Gorse is one of Glamorgan Spring Bay's most recognisable and widespread weeds. Gorse is highly invasive and can reduce pasture quality, restrict access, and impact native vegetation. It is also highly flammable. Dense infestations can increase fuel loads and influence how fire moves through the landscape, making gorse management important not only for agriculture and biodiversity but also for managing landscape risk.

Under the Glamorgan Spring Bay Weed Biosecurity Program, priority control zones provide a way to make meaningful progress on widespread weeds such as gorse.

By concentrating control in important areas and coordinating work between neighbouring landholders and land managers, gorse can be progressively removed while protecting valuable natural, agricultural and infrastructure assets.

Know what is on your property, control it where you can,

and work with your neighbours to achieve lasting results.

Long-term follow-up is essential, as gorse seed can remain in the soil for many years. Preventing spread through good machinery and equipment hygiene is also important.



Triabunna Native Plant Nursery

It's full steam ahead at the Triabunna Native Plant Nursery. The nursery is growing local native plants for biodiversity, habitat restoration, climate resilience and community education. Volunteers meet every Wednesday to get plants ready for spring. They have been busy mixing soil, pricking out seedlings, and tweaking the watering system. Over 2,900 seedlings in and still counting!

Have you got native plants in your backyard? Do you know what their seeds look like or how to grow them? Learn more about the diverse range of plants growing in Glamorgan Spring Bay.

Everyone is welcome. Come along and share your stories.

Triabunna Village, Melbourne St, Triabunna

Every Wednesday 10 am – 1 pm

Bring gardening gloves, sun screen and a hat.



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hey there!

BERNADETTE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Bernadette is available in Swansea and Bicheno!

Bernadette will be available at the Swansea Courthouse office (next door to the Courthouse on Noyes Street) every Thursday from 9am–3pm, and in Bicheno Hall Annexe, Burgess Street (back of the building) every Tuesday from 10am–3pm.

You're welcome to drop in, say hello and have a chat.

Waste Transfer Stations – Operating Hours

(Orford, Swansea, Coles Bay, and Bicheno) will apply from Monday 13 April 2026 to November 2026:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Closed: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Normal operating hours apply on all public holidays except Good Friday and Christmas Day.

Stay informed on issues you care about

Did you know? that Council regularly uses email databases to directly communicate with our communities on a variety of issues.

We have databases for:

- Various Townships
- The Business Community
- Community Groups
- A Newsletter Database

We use these to share information about Council activities relevant to you and is one of the easiest ways for you to know what is happening in our area. If you would like to join one of our databases please email: community@freycinet.tas.gov.au and advise which database you would like to join.

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