MAYORAL MOMENTS FOR JANUARY

Welcome to 2024! It is shaping up to be a very busy year for Glamorgan Spring Bay Council with the Future of Local Government Review process and our full agendas, both in workshops and Council meetings.

The first Council meeting for 2024 had no planning matters. There continues to be a steady flow of development applications across the municipal area that continues to highlight the importance of our area for permanent residents as well as businesses.

The matters dealt with were mostly regulatory in nature or reports from officers. Recent applications for event funding highlighted the need for Council to improve our assessment processes. We recognise that events do bring enormous economic benefit to the municipal area, and it is vital that we support as many events as possible within our limited events budget. Staff will be working through that process over coming weeks to ensure a level playing field for all organisers.

It was with regret that the General Manager accepted the resignation of Clr Richard Parker. You may recall Clr Parker returned to Council following the resignation of then Clr Greg Luck. Clr Parker and his wife have sold their home and will move to Sorell in the next few weeks to be closer to family. We wish them well for the future and thank Clr Parker for his support during his recent tenure.

2023 proved to be a busy time for Councillors and I am sure it will be the case in 2024. Council and senior staff are committed to achieving the best outcome for our area in the upcoming Future of Local Government Review. Budget workshops will be starting in a few weeks to ensure that Councillors have the opportunity to discuss our financial requirements with senior staff and are fully informed prior to the rates resolution.

Don't forget that Councillors are always open to receiving communication from ratepayers and can be reached by email on council@freycinet.tas.gov.au Councillors individu-

al contact details are available on the website www.gsbc.tas.gov.au

Till next time, Clr Cheryl Arnol Mayor

DEMONSTRATION OF PRIDE ON AUSTRALIA DAY

A small group of bystanders watched as the Australian flag was raised on the flag pole of the Swansea Heritage Museum.

The Swansea Drum Corp was in attendance and carrying out their drum service for the flag on the day.

Photos by Noel Stanley





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FRIENDS OF BUCKLAND

Matthew Ives and his Big Band at the Buckland Church When: Sunday 4 February 2024 Time: 2pm-5pm

Tickets via Friends of Buckland Church website: https://www.fobc-tas.org.au/
Sunday afternoon of jazz at the Buckland Church as part of the ongoing fund raising efforts by Friends of Buckland Church.

Featured guest vocalists Roz Pearson, Robyn Lawrence-Vicks and Andrina Rackett.

Food & drinks will be available to purchase throughout the event from Robbie's Wood Fired Pizzas, Jasmine Kitchen, Valhalla Ice Cream, Coffee Truck & The Vestibule Bar.

All profits from ticket sales go towards the Friends of Buckland Church (FOBC) fundraising goal and many of our food & drink stalls donate to FOBC from their sales on the day.

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The Swansea Op Shop Committee

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

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Robert j Gaspari (sec)



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AGM Spring Bay RSL Sub Branch Inc

The Spring Bay Sub Branch Inc wish to advise the date for our Sub Branch 2024 AGM.

The AGM will be on Sunday February 4th. 2024, starting with a barbecue at 12 noon and followed by our AGM at 14.00 hrs.

Two Office Bearer positions are to be filled at the AGM, those being the position of Vice President and Secretary.

Margaret McElwee Secretary

COMMUNITY NOTICE

SWANSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOOK PACK AND UNIFORM COLLECTION.

The school office will be open for levy and uniform payment, along with book pack collection from 9.00am to 3.30pm from Thursday 1st February – Friday 2nd February.

Students begin school on Thursday 8th February 2024. For all enquires please email swansea.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au

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Melissa Quinn School Business Manager

2024 COMMUNITY FOOD HAMPER PROGRAM

Anyone following the media over the past few months will know all about the rise in the cost of living.

Last year the community pitched in to provide food and other household essentials for distribution to those finding it really tough going.

This year the need is no less. Friday 2 February will be our first pickup so please put a spare can or packet in the hamper on display at our friendly IGA store which supported us so well in 2023.

Non-perishables, such as tinned fruit, pasta, rice, cereals, flour etc. cleaning liquid; and personal hygiene products (toothpaste, soap etc.) are most welcome.

Thank you for your support.

Michael Tyquin

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORIAL TEAM

I am a Local Swansea resident and am compelled to write in regards to the sudden closure of our much loved "Swansea Corner Store".

- With the population of Swansea increasing by the day and certainly increased over the last few years, WHY are we reducing the access to Supermarkets from TWO to ONE?
- Why was the infrastructure around Morris's, ie Car Parking, etc not addressed prior to this decision being made as the traffic will be twice as busy, its concerning already!
- The Lack of communication in regards to the closure is very disappointing when it involves the Local Community!
- The short few weeks of notice given to allow for community response is upsetting.
- Is the Delicatessen going to relocate to Morris's for freshly sliced meats, fish, etc (not packaged!)?
- Will there be an option to get a freshly made & filled Salad Rolls or sandwiches available?
- A Baimarie for Hot Pies, Pastries, Sausage rolls and being able to order and buy a freshly cooked Chicken?
- Availability to buy Choc.top Valhalla ice creams.
- I understand that the "exciting and new" venture is to be a Bottle shop/come wine bar! Why another bottle shop?? And on the corner!!
- A nice idea would've been a Salamanca Fresh/Hill St type venue supporting local producers and all Tasmanian produce which is far more sensible and much needed.
- More Communication and Transparency certainly would've been appreciated.

This is just a few concerns that I've had and would have liked to have been given a chance for further discussion as it involves The Community!

I will take this opportunity to say Many Thanks to Trevor and his wonderful team at the Corner Store, who always greeted you with a smile and "hullo". You will be truly missed.

Thank you Local Resident Of The Swansea Community

DEATH NOTICE

It is with much sorrow I announce the death of my very dear husband of 51 years, John Litherland, who passed away aged 76, who passed away peacefully at May Shaw on Monday 22nd January 2024.

As per his wishes. John will be privately cremated, but no memorial service will be held. He is finally at peace.

He is very badly missed by his wife Rae, his sister Mary, in England, and many loving nieces & nephews and other members of the family throughout Australia & England.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Dr Andrew Grove, Dr Camilla Byrne Dr Gemma, and the whole Swansea Medical Centre Team who have given John such excellent care these past 19 years.

To our paramedic Steve, and his excellent team of volunteer assistants. Thank you for the wonderful care you gave John in his times of strife.

To Katelyn Read, Belinda Crisp and the whole May Shaw Home Care Team, thank you. You brought so much more than just routine care into our home. You are special people. You enriched both our lives.

To Suzanne and the pharmacy team. Thank you, too, for your help over the years. You always met John's needs.

To May Shaw Nursing Home Team of Workers. Thanks to each and every one of you for the care and assistance you gave, and especially for the cheerful way you all delivered it. May Shaw is a very special place because of all of you.

To the people of Swansea, the SES, and the shop assistants, you all make Swansea a great place to live and John loved living here in Swansea.

The Litherland family

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February 2024

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Thursday 22nd February - 12 noon

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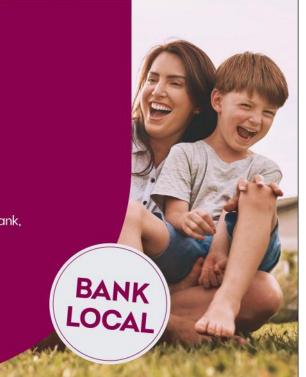
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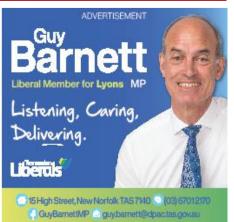
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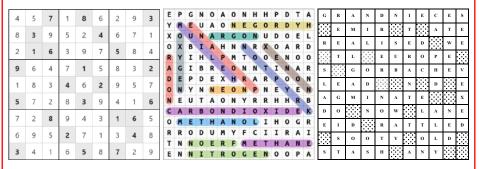
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NEW TASWATER INFRASTRUCTURE WELL UNDERWAY

In mid-January, TasWater began the construction of a new sewage pump station on the corner of Maria Street and Sebastian Rise, Swansea

The new pump station will include underground emergency storage tanks and new pumps to capture and better manage the stormwater inflows.

Tasmanian contractor One Earth Excavations is doing the work for TasWater, which will continue Monday to Friday from 7am to 5pm until the middle of the year.

TasWater Capital Delivery office Project Manager Scott Burley said the new pump station would be an enormous improvement.

Locals should expect some delays due to temporary traffic controls during construction.

For more information email <u>capitalprojects@taswater.com.au</u> or call Community Engagement Officer Trent Swindells on 0460 034 613

update

QUESTIONS REMAIN OVER WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER

The Rockliff Government has serious questions to answer over its newly announced sponsorship deal for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and its treatment of the Tasmanian Air Rescue Trust.

The Trust is in the process of being wound up after the government withdrew the service's licence to fundraise, saying the emergency helicopter service was now fully funded by the government through the Department of

Health and the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management. But news that the government has now negotiated a new deal with Westpac shows this is not true, and all that's been achieved is the removal of the Air Rescue Trust and, with it, significant funding from other sponsors, potential sponsors, public donations and community fundraising.

The Trust estimates it has raised about \$10 million to support the

service since it was established in 2000 through community and corporate sponsorship.

Trust members say they've also been advised that one of the two operational Westpac helicopters has been withdrawn from service and re-tasked elsewhere, creating potential competition between Tasmania Police and Ambulance Tasmania for use of the service.

The State Government has handled this issue badly from the start, and now appears to have sidelined the Air Rescue Trust for no apparent reason and as usual, been economic with the truth about their reasons for doing so.

This is a vital service and Tasmanians deserve a full explanation instead of government spin about what's really behind these questionable changes.

Media release

Anita Dow MP

Shadow Minister for Health, Mental Health, and Wellbeing



MARINE and SAFETY TASMANIA

NEW INFRA-STRUCTURE

One of the critical roles MAST plays across Tasmania is the identification, funding and construction of new and upgraded marine infrastructure.

As summer 2024 continues there are four major projects underway Statewide:

- Coles Bay
- Kelso
- Corinna
- Penguin

At Coles Bay, after a competitive tender process, MAST has appointed a contractor to extend the Freemans Jetty, a major part of the

Coles Bay boat ramp facility.

Freemans Jetty is a Glamorgan Spring Bay Council asset. The extension works have a budget of \$660,000 and were funded from allocations and commitments from MAST and the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service to address increasing demand on recreational boating facilities in the Coles Bay community.

Design and construction of precast concrete components commenced in October last year, with site construction commencing after Easter 2024 and continuing for a 14-week period.

There will be no access to the adjacent boat ramp (No. 4) and jetty for the duration of these construction works. All other ramps are anticipated to be available.

The Freemans Jetty upgrade will see reduced eco-tourism and recreation vessel congestion at the existing jetty through the provision of additional berthing space.

It will also give waiting vessels an alternative location away from launch ramps for passenger loading/unloading.

The upgrade also provides a layup location for recreational boaters to retrieve their boat trailers

As a result of the extension, there will be additional sheltered waters to the boat ramps and landing pontoons located north of the proposed jetty extension due to breakwater panels

At Kelso on the West Tamar, planning approvals are well advanced and a contractor has been appointed to install a 12-metre extension to the existing pontoon.

This extension will be at right angles, running north to the end of the pontoon and will provide extra berthing space away from the boat ramp proper making launching and retrieving more efficient.

Work is planned to start in March 2024 after all the approvals have been granted.

Corinna on the West Coast is an extremely popular boating facility. Work was completed in time for the recent Christmas rush.

A completely new ramp was constructed using precast concrete panels. The ramp is now more aligned with the jetty and the slightly steeper grade means users won't have to reverse as far down the ramp, particularly when the river level is low.

At Penguin on the North-West Coast, an upgrade to the seaward end of the low tide ramp will commence in late February 2024.

The nature of the work requires the boat ramp to be closed during construction. It is anticipated these works will take 4-6 weeks, depending on weather.

Keep an eye on the MAST website and Facebook page for updates on all these projects. **Lia Morris, MAST CEO**

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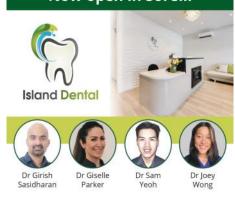
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The 6-Day Glamorgan-Spring Bay Weather Forecast

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ROADWORKS REPORT FRIDAY, 26TH JAN. - 09TH FEB. 2024

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TASMAN HIGHWAY

SWANSEA

We will be trimming trees on the Tasman Highway between Kelvedon Beach and Lake Leake Highway until Wednesday, 31 January 2024.

There will be a reduced speed limit with frequent lane closures during our working hours, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm.

WARRANE

We will be maintaining the roadside on the Tasman Highway between Dampier Street overpass and Resolution Street, Warrane, until Friday, 2 February 2024.

There will be a reduced speed limit with occasional lane closures to Hobart bound lanes during our working hours, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm.

CAMBRIDGE

We will be maintaining the roadside on the Tasman Highway, between the South Arm Highway and Cambridge Road intersections, until Friday, 2 February 2024.

There will be a reduced speed limit with frequent lane closures to Hobart bound lanes during our working hours, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm.

LAKE LEAKE ROAD

CAMPBELL TOWN TO LAKE LEAKE

We will be trimming trees on Lake Leake Road between Lake Road and Pinnacles Creek until Thursday, 8 February 2024. There will be a reduced speed limit with frequent lane closures during our working hours, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

THE SIDELING

Construction will continue between the Sideling Lookout and Whish-Wilson Road, Springfield until March 2024.

Find out more about the Sideling project on our website here.

There will be a reduced speed limit with lane closures at all times during our working hours, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

ELEPHANT PASS ROAD

CHAIN OF LAGOONS

We will repairing the Tasman Highway between East Road and Wardlaws Creek until Tuesday, 6 February 2024.

There will be a reduced speed limit with occasional lane closures during our working hours, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

NEW BRIDGEWATER BRIDGE PROJECT

Major construction is underway, and drivers should allow extra time when travelling through the project area, from the East Derwent Highway roundabout in Bridgewater through to the Brooker Highway in Granton.

Some minor delays and intermittent road closures may occur on roads and highways throughout the project site during off peak times to facilitate construction activities.

If you're travelling through Granton, please be

aware traffic changes are underway so construction on the new Bridgewater Bridge can progress safely.

A new temporary roundabout is in place on the Brooker Highway and all through-traffic has been switched onto the new Lyell Highway alignment.

A section of Black Snake Road is closed, and Main Road traffic will be temporarily directed along George Street for about three months to travel north or south on the Brooker Highway.

There will be some traffic changes on the northern side of the river in February 2024, and we will provide an update closer to the time.

To find out more about the new Bridgewater Bridge Project (and see video updates), visit the website: https://bridgewaterbridge.tas.gov.au/home

To keep traffic moving, please avoid stopping or slowing down unnecessarily to view construction work while travelling through the project area.



Visit the **Transport website** for a detour map and additional information.

THE PUZZLED PAGE

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD® No 04.24 By Rob Gaspari





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ACROSS

- 1. Granddaughter of one's brother or sister. (11)
- 10. Title of various Muslim (mainly Arab) rulers (4)
- 11. Consumed (3)
- 12. Become fully aware of (something) as a fact; understand clearly (9)
- 15. Used in formal contexts for or by a royal person (2)
- 16. Element Thallium (2)
- 17. Continent (6)
- 20. Last Soviet Premier (9)
- 23. The distance advanced by a screw in one turn (4)
- 25. Cluster or circumscribe grouping of lesions confined to a

localized area of the body (8)

- 29. A party or other social event.(2)
- 30. At this time (3)
- 31. Narrow roadway (4)
- 34. End of Ramadan (3)
- 36. Made (someone) nervous, worried, or irritated. (10)
- 37. BBC children's puppet show (1968-1992) starring non speaking bear & friends (5)
- 39. Of great age (3)
- 40. A store or supply of something, typically one that is kept hidden or secret. (5)
- 41. Used to express a lack of restriction in selecting one of a specified class (3)

DOWN

- 2. Variant spelling of right (4)
- 3. A mixture or blend. (7)
- 4. Zero; nought (3)
- 5. More free from moisture or liquid (5)
- 6. marked by repetition, reiteration, or recurrence. (7)
- 7. Element Calcium (2)
- 8. A small, often decorative case, especially one for needles, toilet articles, or the like. (5)
- 9. To have sight (3)
- 13. A substitute, especially in a sporting team. (3)
- 14. A medical practitioner (3)
- 18. The highest academic degree one can achieve (3)
- 19. An open space between

- banks or woods; a valley. (5)
- 21. King of the Norse gods (4)
- 22. Annoyed, frustrated, or worried. (5)
- 24. A self-centred person with little regard for others (6)
- 26. Compass direction (5)
- 27. (Of a sports fixture) played at the opponents' ground. (4)
- 28. Sir John does his candle in the wind (5)
- 32. Partner in war (4)
- 33. A hooligan or petty criminal.
- 35. People who are dead when brought to a hospital (3)
- 38. Windows, iOS, and Mac *OS*, *Linux* are examples of these. (2)



LOCAL SPORTS



SWANSEA GOLF CLUB

RESULTS

SATURDAY - 27th JANUARY 2024

STABLEFORD EVENT SPONSORED BY KNIGHT FRANK

Winner: Karen Moran 44 Peter Coon 41c/b Runner-up: Third: John Franklin 41 Fourth. Tim Bond 40

Nearest the Pins: 8th/17th Ricky Wright 9th/18th Matt Hayes 4th/13th Rob Moore 7th/16th Lee Bennett Super Pins:

NEXT WEEK'S EVENT IS MONTHLY MEDAL - STROKE

Women's Mid-Week - Wednesday -24™ January Club Day - Stableford

Jennifer Whittaker 23 9 Hole Winner: Jane Cotton 17 c/b Runner-up: Jennifer Whittaker 4th & 7th Nearest the Pins: 18 Hole Winner: Lee Bennett 38 Patricia Hardcastle 37 Runner-up:

8th Lyn Lyne 3rd Christine Ring Nearest the Pins: NEXT WEEK'S EVENT IS CLUB TROPHY - STABLEFORD

CHICKEN RUNS

WEDNESDAY - 24TH **JANUARY Winners:** Alby Halaifonoua 29, Wayne Menzies 29.5, David Ralston 30, Corry Van Den Broek 30, Russell Dodge 30.5, Peter Lea 31. Putts: Alby Halaifonoua 12, Paul Nunn 12

FRIDAY - 26TH JANUARY

Winners:

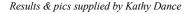
Sandy Shaw 29,

Jen Whittaker 29.5, Tim Bond 30,

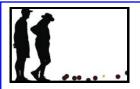
Gavin Todd 30.5,

Francis Dowling 30.5 Alvin Douglas 31.5, Jim Morris 32c/b.

Putts: Derek Ring 11







SWANSEA BOWLS CLUB

NEXT GAME IS AGAINST ST. MARYS AT ST. MARYS ON SATURDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY



SWANSEA CRICKET CLUB

ASSOCIATION BYE NO GAMES PLAYED NEXT GAMES ON SATURDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY



