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INTEGRITY
COMMISSION
TASMANIA

INTEGRITY COMMISSION RELEASES PROPOSED LOBBYING REFORMS

The Integrity Commission has detailed the information which would be made public under its proposed reforms to the framework governing lobbying in Tasmania. Under the new system public officials – both elected and employed – would need to disclose when they have been lobbied. They would also need to disclose the name of the person who lobbied them, when or how the discussion took place, and the topic of the lobbying.

Integrity Commission CEO Michael Easton said the reforms would be a significant win for transparency in Tasmania. “We are taking the opportunity to ensure lobbying of our State parliamentarians and senior officials is in keeping with good practice in other areas across Australia and internationally,”

Mr Easton said. “It is important that the public has access to information about lobbying activity, so that we can have confidence that decisions are being made in the public interest.

“The lobbying framework we are proposing will mean Tasmanians have better access to information about how lobbying influences decisions made by our elected officials and senior government officials, and politics more generally.

“Information about what lobbying activity has occurred would be made available on the Integrity Commission website, in close to real time.”

Under the new system lobbyists would also have to declare if they have made a political donation, above the Tasmanian declaration threshold. Finally, elected officials will be restricted from accepting meetings with lobbyists who have provided them with political advice during election campaigns.

Consultation on the Commission’s proposed lobbying model is now open to the general public, and is available via the following link: Research Report (integrity.tas.gov.au)

Media Release

Michael Easton
Chief Executive Officer

MAYOR OF BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL, MICK TUCKER, ELECTED AS LGAT PRESIDENT

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) congratulates Mayor Mick Tucker on his election as LGAT President.

Mayor Tucker, who has been the Vice President of LGAT since 2021, will commence his appointment after the LGAT Annual General Meeting on 30 June 2023. The election of Vice President will take place at that time.

Mayor Tucker said “I look forward to representing our sector and serving as LGAT President for the next two years.”

“I have been passionately advocating for local government for many years and will continue to work closely with elected members from all corners of Tasmania”, he said.

Outgoing President, Mayor Christina Holmdahl, said “I congratulate Mayor Tucker on his appointment as President and know he will provide passionate leadership for the sector”.

“It has been an honour serving as President of LGAT for the last two terms”, she said.

LGAT CEO, Mr Dion Lester, thanked Mayor Holmdahl for her hard work and dedication since first being elected as President in 2019.

“Christina has been an outstanding President and our sector has benefited greatly from her years of experience”, he said.

The election also resulted in the following members being selected to serve on the General Management Committee (GMC)

for the next two years:

Northern Electoral District (population > 20,000)
Councillor Danny Gibson (City of Launceston)

Northern Electoral District (population < 20,000)
Mayor Mary Knowles (Northern Midlands Council)

North West and West Coast Electoral District (population >20,000)
Mayor Cheryl Fuller (Central Coast Council)

North West and West Coast Electoral District (population <20,000)
Mayor Mary Duniam (Waratah-Wynyard Council)

Southern Electoral District (population < 20,000)
Mayor Paula Wriedt (Kingborough Council)

Southern Electoral District (population > 20,000)
Mayor Leigh Gray (Brighton Council)

Under the LGAT Rules, the Lord Mayor of Hobart has a position as of right on the General Management Committee. This position is currently filled by **Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds**.

LGAT CEO, Mr Dion Lester, looks forward to working with the incoming GMC and President.

“The sector is facing a challenging period juggling the proposed reform alongside ever increasing community demand for services and rising costs”, he said.

“LGAT notes, with appreciation, the contribution of outgoing GMC members: Mayor Peter Freshney (Latrobe Council), Mayor Bec Thomas (Glenorchy Council) and Councillor Kelly Spaulding (Tasman Council). All have provided vital strategic leadership and support to LGAT and our sector”, Mr Lester said.



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CHURCH NOTICES

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A Quinn.

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Every Wednesday
10.30 am at
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Contact **Edith 0409 216 793**

DOLPHIN SANDS COMMUNITY ASSOC. (DSCA)

Email: dsca.7190@gmail.com
Website: dscommunity.org.au
Mail: PO Box 133, Swansea, 7190

SWANSEA BRANCH CWA
meets 2nd Wednesday of the month.
New members always welcome.
Craft days alternate months.
Contact **0402 043 621** for details

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at 10 am
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0448 649 765
(re Exercise Group)



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0448 649 765 (re Qigong)

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0439 732 496.
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The Spring Bay Potters Group situated in
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Wednesdays & Fridays
10.00am to 1.00pm.
As well as tuition, clay,
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Peter Hüttemeier

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1.30 pm every Monday
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Contact **Lyn Lyne 0438 578 208**

THE SWANSEA HOPE CLUB CUPPA & CHAT GROUP

2nd & 4th Monday of each month
from 2pm onward
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4 Arnol St Swansea
Enquires contact Steve, Linda
0458 959 820
Look forward to seeing you there.

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Hi my name is Kath, and I am organising
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KATH
0468 998 546 (TEXT ONLY)

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The class starts at 12 noon.

For further details contact
Nathan Jacobs 0482 471 443



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Meeting starts 10am, guest speaker 11am, usually followed by BBQ every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Swansea Golf Club



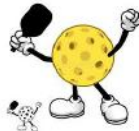
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WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY 24TH OF JUNE 2023
AT 11:00 A.M.
AT THE CLUB ROOMS
ALL WELCOME

Nomination Forms for board positions are available from the Secretary or in the clubrooms.

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Winter Feast

24th June 12 - 4pm

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THE SWANSEA FOOTBALL CLUB

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Damian Graham
Secretary

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Tue	27 Jun	A Quinn & L Tucker

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Colin Stevenson
President

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Picture by John Fletcher

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No CHEATING NOW!

ARTICLES of INTEREST

Dear Great Oyster Bay News,

Please see attached media release from Glamorgan Spring Bay Council in relation to Robyn Moore's open letter in the previous edition.

Dear Robyn

As General Manager I am responding to the questions on Council's behalf and with the permission of the Mayor.

Firstly, Council does fully understand the methodology for the State Grants Commission (SGC) base grants, the outputs are not in dispute. However, we firmly believe that the underlying formulas are flawed and should be reviewed to make them more equitable. This is clear by the distinct difference in funding allocation that Glamorgan Spring Bay Council (GSBC) receives compared to all other Councils. I am sure residents would agree that if this was fair, it would reduce the need for higher rate increases, and or improved service delivery. Whichever way one looks at the allocation of base grants to 29 Councils – Glamorgan Spring Bay Council is not getting its fair share.

Secondly in regard to your assertion of the overspending in Planning and Community Amenities, it is important to understand that category is made up of two distinct classes of expenditure. The first one being 'Community and Regional Development'. This incorporates the traditional planning, building and plumbing statutory requirements. The second class is 'Community Amenities' which covers outlays on administration, provision, operation etc of street lighting, crematoria, cemeteries, public conveniences and other public amenities. The break down of this expenditure is approximately 50% for each class.

Each Council has differing services within its municipal area and when completing the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) survey may allocate expenditure inconsistently. This could be evidenced, by GSBC's allocation being higher for some classes, but lower for others. Furthermore the difference between the actual and adjusted figures you point out below, is not an overspend. This is just the allocation of expenditure the SGC uses to attempt to standardise the state spending for each expenditure category based on the 2021 census to determine population. It is not to be interpreted as like for like as some municipal areas would receive some expenditure allocation for services they do not provide. For example, Devonport received adjusted expenditure of \$1,267,985 for Health Housing & Welfare while we only received an allocation of \$235,840. Devonport does not support 3 medical

practices however, they receive a large expenditure allocation for this category based on the higher population of the area. Our actual 'health' expenditure including medical is approx. \$1.8M, where Devonport actual 'health' expenditure is approx. \$200K. When this actual cost is standardised in the SGC formula, based on population from the Census 2021, this turns into GSBC health adjusted expenditure of \$200K and Devonport adjusted expenditure is \$1.2M. This inverse relationship is influenced substantially by the Devonport Census population of 25k vs GSBC of 4.7K. These adjusted expenditure estimates in turn converts to a greater "need" for Devonport and subsequently results where Devonport receives more grant revenue allocation.

Therefore, we recommend that to gain a better understanding of Council's operating budget you view Profit and Loss statements for each department within the Information Briefing Documents found at [INFORMATION BRIEFING DOCUMENT – GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL \(gsbc.tas.gov.au\)](#). We would recommend viewing the June 2021 document first as this matches the SGC document year you refer to below.

Why is our spending on planning so high? Why is it getting higher? What is this money being spent on? Please provide us with the breakdown of planning spending as per the SGC spreadsheet (approx. \$3 million).

Please refer to page 20 of the June 2021 Information Briefing Document mentioned above. This outlines that the total expense budget for the year was \$1,279,900 and the actual spend was \$1,449,433. The rationale for this overspend is outlined in the notes, which relates to higher level of contract planners to cover staff vacancies to assist with the higher level of development applications, the LPS and other planning matters. This also reflects that the development department outperformed the original budget by \$362,926 overall which is a positive result.

As you can see the spreadsheet used by the SGC groups different areas together and this should not be viewed as 'planning' alone.

Why is spending on administration so high? Why is the difference between adjusted and actual spending in 2022-2023 almost double that for 2021-2022? In other words, why is the situation getting worse? What is this money being spent on? Again, please provide us with a breakdown of administration spending as per the SGC spreadsheet (approx \$3.5 million).

I refer to the issue of grouping above and refer you to the Information Briefing Document for further breakdown.

Why are planning and administration prioritised in terms of budget expenditure while other services are slashed? Have Councillors been given past spending details of these areas to review in their budget deliberations. Why is GSBC paying for accountants and other financial advisers who cannot understand the SGC methodology?

Council has statutory requirements in relation to planning and as you would recall a 'Performance Improvement Directive' was issued to Council in 2020, which required Council to ensure statutory obligations are met and to improve the overall organisation. However, as outlined above, the assumption that planning is allocated \$3m is incorrect. As you are hopefully aware, the PID identified serious issues with Councils financial performance, exacerbated by a lack of financial resources within the organisation.

Councillors are provided with the Information Briefing Documents quarterly and a monthly budget update. As part of all budget discussions, Council is provided with all financial information. The assertion regarding the SGC methodology has been answered above.

How do Councillors think that GSBC's revenue could be better allocated?

Council decisions around revenue expenditure and budget are governed and informed by the Long Term Financial Management Strategy and Asset Management Plans. It is critically important that Councils renews its infrastructure assets in accordance with sound asset management practices to ensure we don't leave a legacy burden of underfunded assets for future generations and that we continue to provide an acceptable level of service for our community.

You are encouraged to peruse Council's Strategic Plans.

Regards
Greg Ingham
GENERAL MANAGER

I would like to thank the General Manager for replying to Robyn Moore's letter of last edition and hope this clarifies the Council's position in the matter.

All future correspondence in regards to this editorial should be forwarded directly to GSBCouncil to facilitate an appropriate response.

The Editorial team

LETTERS TO THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Dear Editorial team

I sincerely thank the group of concerned citizens who wrote in last week's newsletter asking serious questions about the management of Glamorgan Spring Bay Council (GSBC) finances.

I have researched the material they referred to and am quite shocked.

Why is spending on Planning and Amenities more than \$2 million dollars above the state average? And why is spending on Administration nearly 1 million dollars above the state average?

The information provided by the State Grants Commission about our council's finances have only recently started to become publicly available. And thank goodness it has.

It is clear the State Grants Commission (SGC) treats our council fairly - despite claims to the contrary by the General Manager. The SGC simply distributes funds across all councils according to criteria prescribed by federal law.

The General Manager is captain of the ship and ultimately financial management lies with him.

Why is blame being deflected onto the SGC for GSBC's apparent lack of money? When the answers do come from the General Manager, I am confident it will not contain bamboozling and condescending gobbledegook, or have the arrogance to suggest that state and federal methodology is flawed. We need straight answers. And at the same time, I am confident that councillors will not surrender their power to technocratic capture by bureaucrats in council, and vote for excessive rate rises again.

Yon Kikkert
Dolphin Sands

Dear Editorial team

I read your front page item from Issue #23, from Dr. Robyn Moore and others, regarding the situation between GSBC and the State Grants Commission (SGC).

Earlier this year, I personally wrote to the Chairman of the SGC asking for his explanation as to the seeming "anomaly" upon which the GSBC have been relying to "explain" the differing grants from the SGC which at face value would appear to disproportionately disadvantage ratepayers in GSBC. I received a very considered, reasoned and courteous response from the

Chairman of the SGC, and as a consequence of his explanations, I am completely satisfied that any grants provided by the SGC are done so under a very strictly controlled set of principles applied nationally, and have been done so for many years. So, I cannot but agree with the substance of Ms. Moore's letter.

What is now very clear to me is that somewhere along this tortuous track, there is a breakdown of understanding of the accounting principles which surround the establishing of rates and SGC grant applications within the Shire. I completely confess to not entirely understanding the sometimes labyrinthine accounting methodology of local Government. But whatever the methodology used, ratepayers in GSBC are clearly coming off "second best".

All I know is that, over the past two years, the rate notice on our own house in Swansea has increased 50+%, (with absolutely no increase in the services provided or their frequency) and I shudder to think what the rate increase might be for the forthcoming year. For people on fixed incomes such as ourselves (self funded retirees NOT running income earning properties) the prospects of a further dramatic increase in rates is simply terrible.

So, I would call on the GSB Council to become completely transparent, and show clearly how we've ended up in this dreadful position. Clearly, the SGC is not to "blame", so why, why, oh why the seemingly endless increases year on year in the rate burden?

Perhaps the Council can and might explain?

John Gault
Swansea

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TASMAN HIGHWAY ORFORD UPDATED

We will be cleaning and clearing drains next to the Tasman Highway through Orford until Friday, 23 June 2023. There will be a reduced speed limit with frequent lane closures during our working hours, 7:00 am to 5:30 pm.

RUNNYMEDE UPDATED

We will be repairing the Tasman Highway at several small locations between the Runnymede township and Lake Leake Highway, Swansea until Friday, 23 June 2023.

There will be a reduced speed limit with frequent lane closures during our working hours, 7:00 am to 5:30 pm.

THE SIDELING

The Tasman Highway through the Sideling is open. Construction and repairs will continue between the Sideling Lookout and Whish-Wilson Road, Springfield until March 2024. There will be a reduced speed limit with lane closures at all times during our working hours, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.



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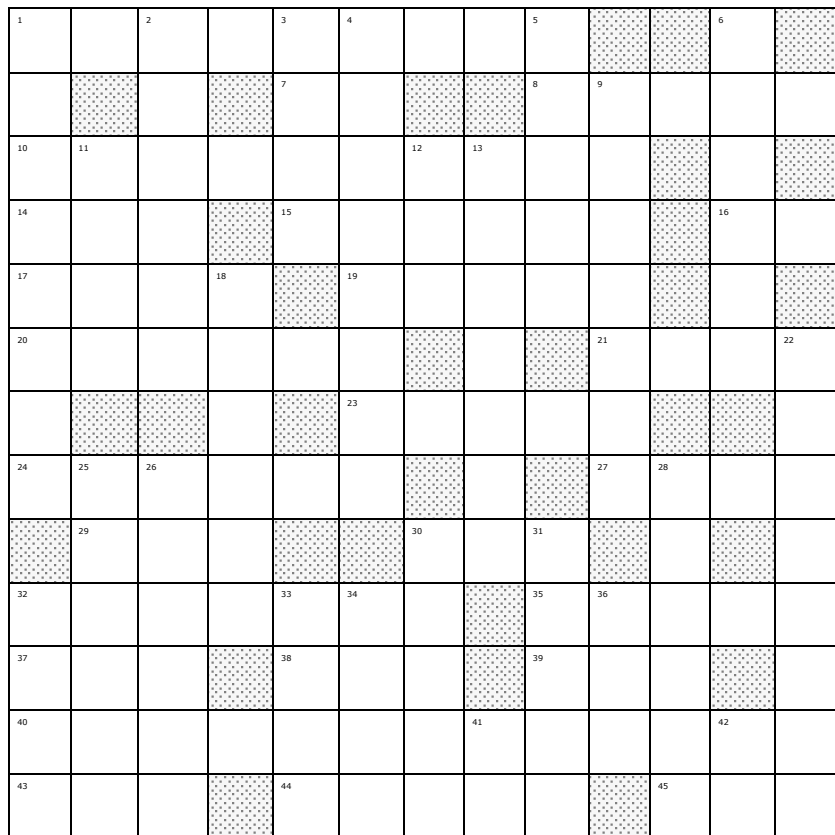
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ALL ANSWERS ON PAGE 7



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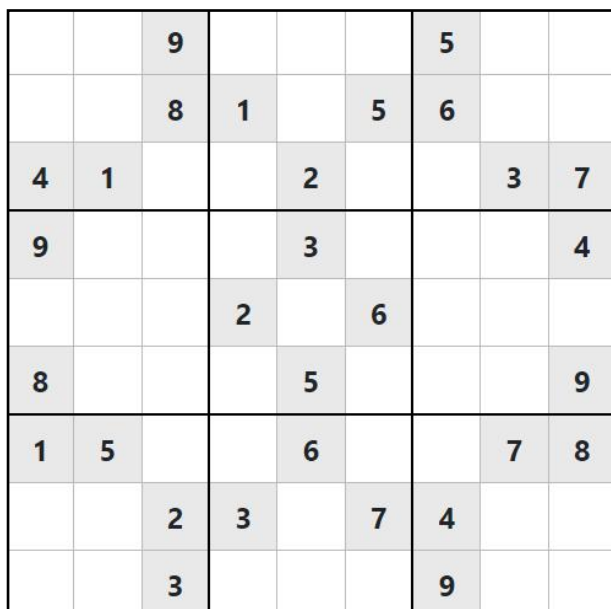
ACROSS

- 1. Glued wall covering (9)
- 7. The primitive, impulsive part of our psyche driven by instincts and desires (2)
- 8. Before 9 after 7 (5)
- 10. A dirty shabbily clothed urchin (10)
- 14. Before in time (3)
- 15. Device for tilling the soil (6)
- 16. move from one place to another; travel. (2)
- 17. decrease in vigour or extent; become weaker (4)
- 19. A list of three names submitted to the pope as recommended to fill a vacant bishopric or benefice. (5)
- 20. To become hard or hardened (6)
- 21. The goddess of the moon (4)
- 23. To praise (5)
- 24. not under the control of another; as one wishes (6)
- 27. Flow or leak slowly through porous material or small holes. (4)
- 29. Something that affords protection and safety. (3)
- 30. Grow old or older (3)
- 32. The tallest living quadruped (7)
- 35. A large spitz breed of dog originating from the mountainous northern regions of Japan. (5)
- 37. A city in the Gulf Country region of Queensland, known for vast mineral deposits. (3)
- 38. Used for rowing (3)
- 39. Decompose (3)
- 40. Rejecting or disowning or disclaiming as invalid (13)
- 43. Lysergic acid diethylamide, a potent psychedelic drug (3)
- 44. Used for biting and chewing. (5)
- 45. Fish eggs (3)

DOWN

- 1. Lycanthrope (8)
- 2. An extremely famous or notorious person (6)
- 3. a tell-tale or informer (4)
- 4. Infidelity in marriage (8)
- 5. The period of rule of a monarch (5)
- 6. Japanese a military ruler (6)
- 9. Breathe in (7)
- 11. Middle Eastern person (4)
- 12. A rival, enemy (3)
- 13. A unit of distance, equal to 220 yards or 1/8 mile. (7)
- 18. A cry of joy or satisfaction when one finds or discovers something (6)
- 22. A demonstration of approval by clapping the hands together (8)
- 25. Uplifts (6)
- 26. A short journey undertaken in order to deliver or collect something (6)
- 28. A person who is in charge of a newspaper, magazine. (6)
- 30. A high or inaccessible place from which someone can observe what is below them (5)
- 31. This planet (5)
- 32. Young woman (4)
- 33. A reservoir for oil in an oil lamp (4)
- 34. The surface of a thing (4)
- 36. Type of colourful Japanese fish (3)
- 41. Expressing location or arrival in a particular place or position (2)
- 42. In the negative (2)

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SWANSEA GOLF CLUB RESULTS

SATURDAY - 17TH JUNE 2023

STABLEFORD EVENT - SPONSORED BY SWANSEA LADIES CRAFT GROUP

Overall Winner: Wayne Menzies - 38

Division One Winner:

Jack Hardcastle - 37

Division One Runner-up:

Adam Wilson - 36

Division Two Winner: Rylie Menzies - 36

Division Two Runner-up: Val Kemp - 34

Nearest the Pins: 6th /15th - Chris Whelan

8th/17th - Wayne Menzies

Super Pins: 4th/13th - Rylie Menzies

7th/16th - Peter Dodge

NEXT WEEK'S EVENT IS THE COLEMAN SHIELD - SPONSORED BY THE BEND VINEYARD

WOMEN'S MID-WEEK - WEDNESDAY - 14TH JUNE 2023

ALISON DONALDSON TROPHY - STROKE

9 Hole Winner:

Pip Cardno

Runner-up: Deb West

Nearest the Pins: 3rd - Pip Cardno

7th - Di Garcia

18 Hole Winner: Val Kemp - 65 C/b

Runner-up: Kathy Dance - 65

Nearest the Pins: 4th/13th - Lyn Lyne

Gobblers: Val Kemp, Jo Whelan

Birdie: Jo Whelan

NEXT WEEK'S EVENT IS CLUB DAY - STROKE

CHICKEN RUNS

WEDNESDAY - 14TH JUNE 2023

Winners: Rylie Menzies - 28.5

Josh Lawrence - 30.5

Putts: Josh Lawrence - 12

FRIDAY - 16TH JUNE 2023

Winners: Alvin Douglas - 29.5

Steve Mortimer - 30.5

Phil Barker - 30.5

Putts: Steve Mortimer - 13



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Tue. 20 Jun	Wed. 21 Jun	Thu. 22 Jun	Fri. 23 Jun	Sat. 24 Jun	Sun. 25 Jun
Mostly sunny.	Becoming cloudy.	Showers.	Showers.	Shower or two.	Shower or two.
13 °C	13 °C	14 °C	15 °C	15 °C	14 °C
5 °C	4 °C	5 °C	9 °C	8 °C	7 °C

Tue. 20 Jun	Wed. 21 Jun	Thu. 22 Jun	Fri. 23 Jun	Sat. 24 Jun	Sun. 25 Jun
Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Shower or two.	Showers.	Shower or two.	Shower or two.
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4 °C	3 °C	3 °C	8 °C	8 °C	5 °C

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