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# GREAT OYSTER BAY Community News

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## MAST on the SWANSEA BOAT RAMP

A major upgrade to the Swansea boat ramp, owned by the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council, was completed in 2017. The design of the boat ramp was developed to suit underlying coastal processes of the site. An elevated ramp profile, supported on steel piles, was adopted for the section of ramp adjacent to the landing gangway to allow continuation of flow and sediment/sand transport underneath the structure.

Plans for the upgrade to the Swansea Boat Ramp were displayed locally and notification was included in Boatwise. There were no representations from the community through the Council's planning process. There were no letters of concern sent to either Council or MAST regarding the ramp's location.

The upgraded ramp provided access at all tides for users of this popular facility for nearly two years until such time as sand started to build up on the ramp.

The build-up of sand is due to coastal processes resulting from unusual and consistent weather patterns. The primary mechanism for sand movement is south

direction.

The swell waves diffract around Waterloo Point and, as the waves lose energy, sand is deposited in the bay. The rate of deposition is likely to be governed by the strength and frequency of the swell events

MAST removed 2500 m3 of sand (150 truck loads) to improve the depth of water at the toe of the ramp in November 2019 but to no avail given the volume of sand on Waterloo Beach.

MAST is working with the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council on some other options that may improve the conditions at this ramp.

MAST will also fund improvements at the nearby Gordon Street boat ramp, also owned by Glamorgan Spring Bay Council.

The works include an extension to the concrete landing stage and installation of new fenders. MAST requires planning approval before it can proceed with these works that will improve the usability of this Council owned facility in off-shore conditions.

It is important to note recreational boat-

ers should not expect facilities across the State to be suitable for use in all weather and tide conditions and that judgement needs to be exercised when trip planning.

## MAST

MARINE and SAFETY TASMANIA

Statement from MAST in relation to the Swansea Boat Ramp

## SOAC ELECTS NEW CHAIRPERSON

The Swansea Online Access Centre Inc held it's annual general meeting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at the Swansea Library.

The committee bid farewell, with thanks, to outgoing Treasurer Sherry King who due to increased commitments to King's Gallery was unable to continue in the position. Sherry's replacement Suzanne Whytcross who has been doing the SOAC accounts accepted the position of Treasurer.

All other committee members were re-elected unopposed with three new members voted to the committee.

Elton Broderick stepped forward and was voted unanimously for the position of Chairperson. The position had been vacant since the resignation of Tonia Bransden a few months before.

The election of the new committee ensures that the online access centre and newsletter will have a continuing strong management. The Centre and your Newsletter will need all your support to continue into the future.

The Swansea Online Access Centre Inc will continue its commitment to helping the residents of Swansea, and its visitors and also keeping the residents of Glamorgan-Spring Bay informed through The Great Oyster Bay Community News.

*Rob Gaspari (secretary)*

**OPENING TIMES****SWANSEA ONLINE  
ACCESS CENTRE  
Inc.**

swansea.oac@education.tas.gov.au

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[https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/services-facilities/  
public-notices/](https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/services-facilities/public-notices/) for details**WASTE MANAGEMENT  
CENTRES (WMC)****WINTER OPENING TIMES**  
May 2021 - end October 2021**BICHENO WMC** – 2km south of the  
town, on the Tasman Hwy.**COLES BAY WMC** – turn off Coles Bay  
Rd, about 5kms from the township.**ORFORD WMC** –Tasman Hwy, just  
north of Raspins Beach.**SWANSEA WMC** – top of Maria St.

All four WMCs are open from

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**  
**2:30pm–4:30pm**  
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- normal times apply**OPENING TIMES****SPRING BAY  
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Inc.**Vicary & Melbourne Street  
Triabunna, Tasmania 7190  
Phone: 0472 511 136  
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Donations most welcome  
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**Beth 0407571181****www.facebook.com/PopUpBookStall**  
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The GOBCNews team

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**OPENING TIMES****Swansea Community & Men's Shed**

Opening Hours:  
 Tuesday 10am to early afternoon  
 (men & women's group)  
 Wednesday 10am to 1pm  
 (men's group)  
 Wednesday afternoons  
 (school pupils)  
 Thursday 10am to early afternoon  
 (men's group)  
 Friday 10am to early afternoon  
 (women's group)

Contact Colin Stevenson 0400 030 746

**Swansea Re-Use Shoppe**

Opening hours:  
 Saturday - Sunday, Tuesday - Thursday  
 10am to 3pm

**CLOSED MONDAY & FRIDAY**

Contact Tracey Kean 0407 639 022

**Swansea Community Room**

with kitchen facilities. Available for hire

Contact Heather Groombridge  
 0416 200 172

**Swansea General Practice**

May Shaw, Wellington St. Swansea  
**Open Monday—Friday**  
**9.00am-1.00pm 2.00pm-5.00pm**  
 For an appointment phone  
 6257 8205

**East Coast Heritage Museum**

22 Franklin Street, Swansea  
 Open Mon to Fri 10am–4pm  
 Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day  
[www.eastcoastheritage.org.au](http://www.eastcoastheritage.org.au)  
 (We are Covid Compliant,  
 be COVID-19 Safe)

**CHURCH NOTICES****East Coast Anglican**

Please join us for  
 church every

Sunday (usually 10am or 3pm).

See details on the website or call

Reverend Ben Allen 0407 242 522

[www.eastcoastanglican.church](http://www.eastcoastanglican.church)

**10 Noyes Street, Swansea**

**&**

**1 Franklin Street, Triabunna**

**ST. ANDREWS  
UNITING CHURCH SWANSEA**

will be holding services on  
 the 1st & 3rd Sundays of  
 each month at 10m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

All Welcome

**CHURCH NOTICES****SWANSEA HOUSE  
CHURCH**

Every Thursday  
 6.30pm—8.30pm  
 9 Bridge St.  
 Swansea

Lifts available  
 Enquiries

Steven & Linda (Salvos)

0458 959 820

Laurie & Sherry

0467 972 578

**CLUBS & GROUPS****TAP DANCING CLASSES**

Swansea Town Hall on Mondays  
 at the new time of 4.30pm  
 All enquiries phone  
 Janelle  
 0437 264 332

**SWANSEA & DISTRICT  
GARDEN CLUB**

Meetings held 2nd Thurs each month 2pm  
 at Swansea Community Hub.

New members welcome.

Ph 0417 977 118 or 0402 043 621

[SwanseaDistrictGardenClub](http://SwanseaDistrictGardenClub@gmail.com)

@gmail.com

**DOLPHIN SANDS  
RATEPAYERS ASSOC. (DSRA)**

Email: [dsra.7190@gmail.com](mailto:dsra.7190@gmail.com)

Website: [dsra.org.au](http://dsra.org.au)

Mail: PO Box 133, Swansea, 7190

**SWANSEA MEN'S  
PROBUS CLUB**

meeting start 10am every 2nd Tuesday of  
 the month at Swansea Golf Club with  
 Social Distancing

**SWANSEA BRANCH CWA**

meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. New  
 members always welcome. Craft days  
 alternate months.

Contact 0402 043 621 for details

**CRANBROOK  
CRAFT GROUP**

Every Wednesday 10.30 am at  
 Cranbrook Hall. Cranbrook.  
 Contact Edith 0409 216 793

**YOUR CLUB OR GROUP  
NOTICE HERE**

**CLUBS & GROUPS****SWANSEA EXERCISE  
GROUP.**

held at Swansea Golf Club  
 Mondays 8:45 for 9 am. (currently full)  
 Followed by Qigong at 10 am Enquiries:  
 0429 178 076 / 0448 649 765  
 (re Exercise Group) or  
 0448 649 765 (re Qigong)

**SWANSEA TENNIS CLUB** is  
 open to all members and available for hire.  
 Ladies day Mondays, playing 11am.  
 Contact

Kathy Dance 0439 732 496.

All new members welcome.

**GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

Are you interested in local History? Then  
 consider joining the Historical Society.  
 Currently our office is open Tuesdays  
 10am to 4pm

22 Franklin Street, Swansea

<https://glamorganhistory.org.au/>

Phone: 03 6256 5077

**EAST COAST COMMUNITY  
YOUTH CHOIR**

Will be resuming from their winter break  
 in Term 4 to prepare Christmas carols. The  
 choir is open to boys and girls aged 9 - 16.  
 Meets in Orford.

Contact Gaye 0422 961 678  
 for details.

**SPRING BAY WALKERS**

Every Thursday morning, contact  
 Peter Hutememier 6257 7506.

See programme

[www.triabunnavillage.com.au/  
springbay-walkers](http://www.triabunnavillage.com.au/springbay-walkers)

**MAHJONG & SCRABBLE**

1.30 pm every Monday  
 at Swansea Golf Club.

Contact Lyn Lyne 0438 578 208

**THE ORFORD &  
DISTRICT RIDING  
CLUB INC.**

is based in Triabunna. We welcome  
 any aged riders, teaching a variety of  
 disciplines such as Dressage, Jumping  
 and ground work.

Time & Place: The last Weekend of every  
 month between 10.00am & 3.00pm

57 Inkerman Street Triabunna

For info. Phone: 0427796096

E-mail: [sandmgraham@bigpond.com](mailto:sandmgraham@bigpond.com)

Facebook— Orford and District

Riding Club Inc.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

**IMPORTANT**

Please keep all your community notices up to date by contacting us on  
 Phone: 0424 425 908 or Email: [gobcnews@gmail.com](mailto:gobcnews@gmail.com)

Online in colour every week at [www.gobcnews.weebly.com](http://www.gobcnews.weebly.com)

**CLUBS & GROUPS****GKR KARATE**

Karate classes starting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Triabunna District School. The class starts at 12 noon.

**For further details contact  
Nathan Jacobs 0482 471 443**

**SWANSEA MODEL YACHT CLUB INC.**

The SMYC Inc. wishes to advise all interested parties that our sailing day has changed to Mondays every week. All interested parties and spectators welcome. Sailing is at the Kelvedon Dam south of Swansea

Inquiries to Cheryl on 0419393774

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Rescue, rehabilitation and release of native wildlife. Also treating wombats

with mange in our Municipality on behalf of Wombat Rescue.

Contact **Marcia 0448714419**

**THE VILLAGE**

**20 Melbourne Street, Triabunna**

Community Market third Sunday of each Month 10.00am to 1.00pm. Large range of stalls and activities. Sell from your car boot, charge applies. Large range of community activities during the week, for details see:

<http://triabunnavillage.com.au/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/VillageTriabunna/>

**MILITARY COMPENSATION & REHABILITATION ADVOCACY SERVICES**

are now available at the Swansea RSL for ex-service, current serving and family members of the Australian Defence Forces. Contact

**Steven Kenny 0438 060 047**

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SIZE	1 Advert for 1 Issue	
	Clubs & Personal	Business
1 (6x3cm)	\$6	\$7.50
2 (6x6cm)	\$12	\$15
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4 (6x12cm)	\$24	\$30
1/4 Page	\$36	\$45
1/3 Page	\$48	\$62
1/2 Page	\$66	\$86
Full Page	\$102	\$112

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

MEALS ON WHEELS SWANSEA ROSTER		
Date	2021	Name
Wed	29 Sep	J Dell
Thur	30 Sep	J & P Hardcastle
Fri	01 Oct	A & R Smith
Mon	04 Oct	L & S Evans
Tues	05 Oct	J Whittaker

**SWANSEA HERITAGE FESTIVAL  
5-7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

The festival will go ahead as planned but the Amos Family Bicentenary has been postponed.

The Glamorgan Spring Bay Historical Society and East Coast Heritage Museum have events planned and a program will be available at a later date. Please consider your business or community organisation joining in with your OWN event or activity.

Could you please notify us of your event and the date and we will include you in the itinerary.

Contact Maureen 62565066 or Dearn 0402043621

**COLOUR ISSUES 2021**

Issue 01 January 04

Issue 14 April 06

Issue 27 July 06

**Issue 40 October 05**

**Issue 50 December 14**

**IMPORTANT**

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Phone: 0424 425 908 or  
Email: [gobcnews@gmail.com](mailto:gobcnews@gmail.com)**

**SWANSEA CRICKET CLUB INC. AGM**

Friday 8th October 2021 7pm

At the club rooms

All Welcome

Season starts 30th October

Old and new players welcome

*Trent Gray  
President*

**THE SWANSEA TOWN HALL COMMITTEE**

is holding their  
**Annual General Meeting**  
in the Town Hall at 4.30pm on  
Thursday October 7th  
*David Lathwell*

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

*east coast  
tasmania*

**EAST COAST TASMANIA TOURISM INC  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
3:00pm – 3:30pm**

**Panorama St Helens, 1 Quail Street, St Helens 7216**

On behalf of the Chair, Jen Fry, and the Board of East Coast Tasmania Tourism Inc, you are invited to our

Annual General Meeting, to be held at Panorama St Helens on Monday 11th October 2021 commencing at 3:00pm. Please join us afterwards for drinks and nibbles from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

For further information and to register visit [www.eastcoasttourism.com.au/annual-general-meeting](http://www.eastcoasttourism.com.au/annual-general-meeting)

Please register by COB Wednesday 6th October 2021, only 50 spaces available. *Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions you must register for our event.*

**FRIENDS OF THE BUCKLAND CHURCH INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Friends of the Buckland Church Inc. will be held at the Buckland Hall on

**Tuesday, 28th September, 2021,**  
commencing at 6.00 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2021.  
*Bryan Green Chairperson*

**CENTENARY of the CRANBROOK HALL/ SCHOOL 1921-2021**

**SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER 11AM  
CELEBRATION CHURCH SERVICE**

at Gala Kirk

followed by picnic lunch  
in the school grounds from noon

BBQ available

BYO meat to cook and  
a picnic lunch

**ALL WELCOME**

**Jennie Amos (Sec) 0417 034597**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### AUSSIE OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER



**Poppie B**



Poppie has shown many of the Department of Education values that we at Swansea Primary School strive to model. She is showing RESPECT through her kind actions towards others. She will support an upset friend for as long as it takes (even if it means missing out on play time). She has a mindful attitude - being able to understand her emotions, explain feelings and positive strategies that can be used to help herself and others feel better.

### THE BAD NEWS.. AND THE GOOD NEWS

It is with great regret that eccai announces that the concert with Samuel Dundas and Jennifer Marten-Smith has had to be postponed due to Samuel's unfortunate ill health.

However Jennifer has offered us an alternative programme in its place until Samuel is well enough to present the original. Jennifer is joined by Will Newbery (viola) who has performed for us often before, and making her first appearance at Kennedia, Rebeka Hren Dragolic, a mezzo soprano and flautist. Rebeka has had a successful international career and now lives in Hobart. The three artists will present a Trio in D Major by C.P.E Bach, A viola sonata in C minor by Mendelssohn and two songs for voice, viola and piano by Brahms

The concert will be at the same time and at the same venue

**On October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2.30pm at  
13 Kennedia Place, Swansea**

### SWANSEA FOOTBALL CLUB

are seeking interest for all positions involved in club operations, i.e. interested players, game day volunteers (time keeper, goal umpire, trainer, etc), ladies committee, office bearers.

We would like the opportunity to bring football back to our community.

Please contact  
**Paul Wright on 0484585031**  
for any further information and/or to register your interest by Oct 1st 2021.

### SWANSEA COMMUNITY & MEN'S SHED INC. INAUGURAL A.G.M.

Will be held at the  
Swansea Community Hub  
4 Arnol Street, Swansea  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 at 11.00am.

Nomination forms are available  
for members at:

The Swansea Community & Men's Shed  
and

The Swansea Community Shop  
during normal opening hours.

Nominations are to be received by

The Secretary,  
Swansea Community & Men's Shed Inc.  
4 Arnol Street,  
Swansea, 7190

By 5pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITORIAL TEAM

#### BY NOW MOST RATEPAYERS

of the GSBC municipality will have paid or commenced to pay their rates for the the 21/22 year. ( I know we have !! ).

That willingness to pay should not be taken, by the GSBC, that this is an acceptance of the AAV rate calculation formula.

Rather, to the contrary, there has been a significant number of signatories to petitions against the rate increase, circulated throughout the GSBC Municipality as well as 2 E Petitions, listed for debate in State Parliament after the 30th. Sept.2021.

Meanwhile the GSBC General Manager has been attending meetings with ratepayers and local business organisations and discussing their concerns about the rate increase and issues relating directly to Bicheno and Coles Bay.

At meeting on the 20th. September in Swansea the General Manager met with some ratepayers from the local area of Swansea.

This meeting was requested by the General Manager as his response to correspondence forwarded to the GSBC by me a week or so earlier.

Some councillors were notified by the General Manager of the meeting in Swansea and that he would be attending by himself to outline the background to the AAV rate formula to the meeting. A list of a questions from various ratepayers was forwarded to him to enable him to prepare better for meeting. (These questions are included/attached to this letter)

I would ask that you read the questions as they might form the basis for discussions/questions at upcoming Community Connect Sessions.

The General Manager undertook to reply in writing to these questions. ( At the time

of writing we are awaiting his response) The ongoing theme of a total lack communication/transparency, on the part of the GSBC, re the rate increase and the PID Process ordered by Mark Shelton the then Minister for Local Government, is omnipresent in our correspondence/discussions with GSBC thus far. It has been encouraging to hear some council representatives concede that the communication from GSBC had been less than ideal.

This failure to communicate properly is the crux of the matter along with comments like " well if you own a house valued at more than your next door neighbour then you must be able to afford to pay more in rates" . Comments such as this smack of class distinction and the imposition of a "Wealth Tax" on people deemed to be "Wealthy" by virtue of the "value" of their house.

Unfortunately our meeting with the General Manager did not do a lot towards allaying our concerns about future important decisions by the Council which may or may not impact adversely on ratepayers.

The General Manager made clear to us "he is in this for the longhaul" and whilst he was somewhat taken aback by the past performance of the GSBC his plan back to financial redemption relies on careful attention to;

- \* The Longterm Financial Plan (LTFP)
- \* Asset Management Planning; ie Roads, Bridges Sport Grounds, Pipelines etc.
- \* Diligent Financial Planning in order to ensure that GSBC qualifies for Grant Monies from Federal and State Governments. (An area in which allegedly has the GSBC has performed badly)

These areas appear to be the main "Drivers" for the General Manager's ambitions for the GSBC and it's ratepayers. He stated that he would not support changes to his plan. He says that his plan will drag the meeting GSBC back financially as well as provide support for important private sector projects that are in the pipeline.

As a rate payer I think it is reasonable to expect that our community leaders take a careful considered approach to the implementation of

Major Changes such as the AAV and at all times adhere to the requirement for Councillors to all times comply with the Local Government Act.

"Careful and Considered" also requires good communication and transparency of information about intentions by the decision makers. Trust comes into it also.

*Len Evans Swansea*

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## WE'RE HIRING

Tasman Sea Salt is seeking a Packaging Worker

- This is a casual role of approximately 16 –20 hours per week.
- You will be responsible for packaging our range of Tasman Sea Salt products by machine and by hand.
- No prior experience required. Works well in a team

For further information or to apply please contact:

Chris Manson

Phone: 0417 273 906

Email: [chris.manson@tasmanseasalt.com.au](mailto:chris.manson@tasmanseasalt.com.au)



# SPRING INTO SPRING 2021

## ECCAI CONCERT FEATURING

Jennifer Marten-Smith, (piano)  
William Newbery (viola)  
& Rebeka Hren Dragolič (flute and voice)

In music by C.P.E Bach, Mendelssohn & Brahms

**At Kennedia,  
13 Kennedia Place Swansea  
on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30pm.**

Book early as seating is limited  
Tickets \$25 or \$20 eccai members/concessions

[eccai.tas@gmail.com](mailto:eccai.tas@gmail.com) /62578755/0427861618

MayShaw

## LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Registered Participants  
\$10.00 main & dessert

Other Participants  
\$16.00 main & dessert

**Swansea Golf Club  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
12pm for 12:30pm**

Due to Covid-19, restrictions will be in place and bookings need to be made by Midday on Wednesday.

Transport provided at a cost of \$2.00 pp per trip

For meal and transport bookings please phone:  
6257 9100

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STRICTLY 12 NOON FRIDAY

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## QUESTION ASKED TO THE GSBC GENERAL MANAGER

1/ Introductions and reasons for having to use May Shaw and not RSL or Pub etc.  
2/ Can you talk us through the events that led up to the introduction of AAV and advise who was leading that process and why was the legal advice informal? As GM you are bound to provide a "certificate" to the elected councillors authorising your acceptance of advice on subjects that they were to consider - How does your certification deal with accepting Informal advice and why is your certification different to previous GMs certification? In particular regards to informal advice?

3/ Can you please explain why AAV is fairer to everyone than the AAR system? I fail to comprehend how the application of a Wealth Tax is fairer than a system where we all pay an equal share? Did you not consider remaining on AAR and adding a modest \$300 rise to each property? And who decided on setting the "safety cap" on rate rises to 99% - a ludicrous amount when compared with other safety caps in Tasmania and around Australia.

4/ How does anything to do with rating change/process failure/ communication etc. foster any support for the signed GSBC "Statement of Expectations". Why didn't Cheryl Arnol sign onto the above? Why aren't you signed onto the above and why isn't the current Mayor signed on?

5/ In a recent phone call to Len you mentioned a document showing the amount of government grants versus councils on AAV. You indicated it was a reason for us to move to AAV. Having delved deeper we note: In 2018 GSBC received a record 11.8 Million grants so that was under AAR. The drop in grants is because of unstable Management and their ability to attract grants not the rating system. Please don't compare us with Break o Day. We are 2 different sizes and types of council under the ACT 1993 - apples and oranges.. Please provide a copy of that document if possible.

The answer moving forward is attracting more developments that pay rates not changing the rate system, which is detrimental to community equality relations, and encouraging more investment at a reasonable cost.

6/ Are you open to a Negotiated agreement re Rates?

If yes and we must stay with AAV could not a Rates Rebate be applied to all properties in GSBC deemed "Principle Residences" under the State Land Tax exemption? A list of those residences should be easily obtainable from the State Revenue Office then overlaid with your Rate Base system

If a Principle Residence Rebate was applied the ratepayer would pay the \$300 in general rate + various levies but get a 50% reduction (for example) on the Cents per

AAV Dollar component?

Simple enough and a fair and equitable solution. Those with Principal Residence status get their rates pegged back to a reasonable and fair amount whilst those who have investment properties, shacks or land sitting idle pay a higher amount. They are after all the true wealthy as they own multiple properties.

7/ Why bother video recording meetings and special meetings if all decisions are premade in "workshops" where are the public minutes from the Workshops and why can't a member of the public be included in all workshops to maintain confidence?

EXAMPLE TUESDAY 11 MAY 2021 Rating Review and Communication Plan ?????? what plan?

8/ Are you able to re-instate the "ward system" in GSBC where each of the four major towns (Coles Bay, Bicheno, Swansea and Orford/Triabunna) have a maximum cap of 2 councillors per ward therefore putting an end to council stacking and the "us and them" mentality that has prevailed for years? If a ward was only able to field one candidate then the neighbouring ward could have three (but only the nearest neighbouring ward)

9/ The rates policy endorsed 17 December 2019 in which GSBC boasts of 7 years of prior financial stability and a future 10 year outcome of its long term financial plan is ticked off by the Auditor General which underpins its Average Area Rates mantra of keeping rises to CPI - so how come less than 12 mths later Council is not financial, its issued a PID, its ticked off financial plan thrown out, Council changes its revised rates policies? And we are talking about same councillors in the chair!

10/ Why did Council decide to change the rating system?

11/ Why did Council not consult with us prior to making that decision and what are you going to do to rectify the situation?

12/ If you raise more funds how can we be

assured that this debt will be repaid and the funds spent wisely?

13/ Please explain how it is fair to penalise 40% of the ratepayers by changing the rating system?

14/ Why was the discount for pre paying your entire rates in full, as opposed to quarterly, removed and why was there no notice given re. that change?

15/ Rates Notice - please explain the notice eg. Land value, capital value, AAV improvements, adjusted AAV. Why isn't the explanation on the rear of the notice?

16/ Where does our Medical Levy, from Swansea rate payers go?

17/ Rates remissions - how is it calculated and applied to the new rates? eg. A \$426 increase yet the pension remission only increased by \$6 for the entire year?

18/ Which component in the Rates Schedule will the proposed 15% and the 12.5% increase be applied to and how will our rates look each year over the next three years?

19/ What process is used when Council applies for government grants?

20/ Has GSBC considered selling off some high end debts i.e. Prosser RAW water to TASWATER or TAS IRRIGATION - people with the ability to run a system and experience in ownig a system. What contractual penalties are adhered to the pipeline for when it is not operational due to drought given the Twamley feed in dam was not proceeded with?

21/ Was there any research conducted by GSBC into ratepayers "capacity to pay" as defined in the ACT 1993. i.e. was it fair given the change in economic circumstances since 1993?

22/ Why didn't Council inform ratepayers at the Community Connect session in Swansea that a rate methodology change was even being considered let alone ready to vote on?

23/ What is the Councils overall increase in revenue when comparing AAV to the old AAR system?

Greg Luck

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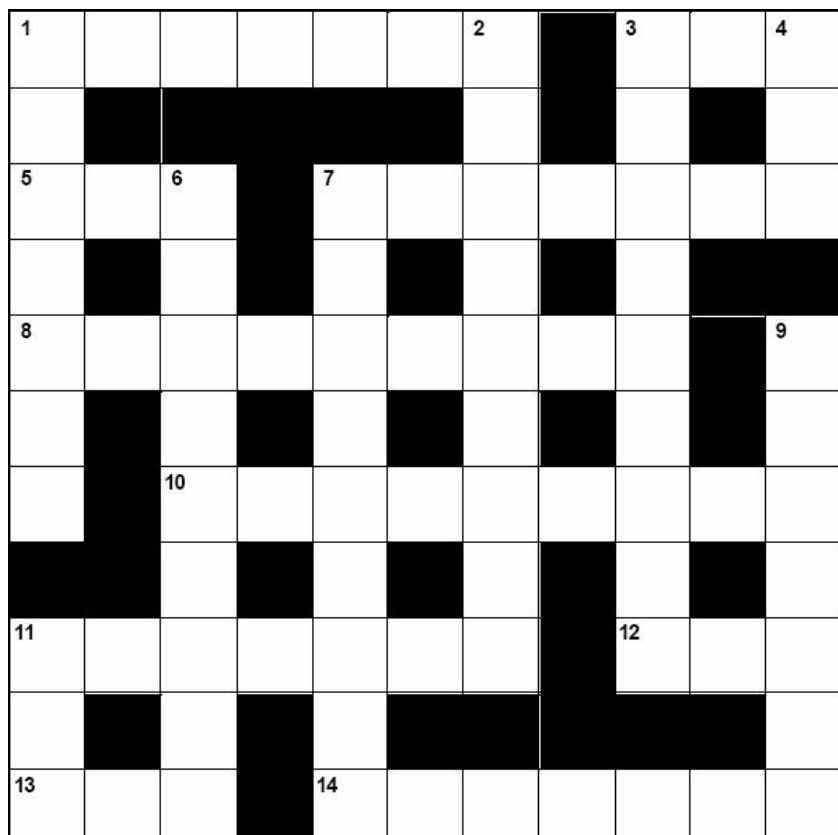
# THE PUZZLE PAGE



## THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

No. 39.2021

By Rob Gaspari



### Across Clues

- 1) Deteriorates [7]
- 3) Item of headwear [3]
- 5) Yourself [3]
- 7) Strength [7]
- 8) Hors d'oeuvre [9]
- 10) Pulse [9]
- 11) Flowed with the tide [7]
- 12) Sheep [3]
- 13) To clothe [3]
- 14) Loiters [7]

### Down Clues

- 1) Ambushed [7]
- 2) Content [9]
- 3) Not a vowel [9]
- 4) Snoop [3]
- 6) Uptilting [9]
- 7) Inhabited [9]
- 9) Frees from [7]
- 11) Speck [3]

## THIS WEEKS SUDOKU

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**ALL ANSWERS  
ON PAGE 7**

### WHAT'S SO FUNNY?



- What is Forrest Gump's email password?  
Iforrest1.
- "Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera."
- "What do a tick and the Eiffel Tower **have in** common?" "They're both Paris sites."

### LIFE'S LIKE THAT :-



"Sticks and stones may brake my bones, but names will never hurt me,"— Consider the words, "Ready, Aim, \_ \_ \_ \_"!

RjG

# SPORT & WEATHER

## Swansea Golf Club Result 25th September 2021.

Grand Final field today contested a 4 person Ambrose, except for one team who had 5.  
**Winners** Jack Hardcastle, Christine Ring, Mitchell Baxter, Jim Morris, Darryl Down 47.5

**Runners Up** Peter Dodge, Val Kemp, Steve Dart, Shane Bartell 50.625

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Adam Wilson, Gavin Todd, Ray Flynn, Tim Bond 53

**Nearest the Pin** 4<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Jack Hardcastle, 3<sup>rd</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Jack Hardcastle

**Super Pin** 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Raymond Flynn

**Correction from last Week's Progressive results for FOBS after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round:-**  
Freycinet 489, Orford 537, Bicheno 466, Swansea 512

### Wednesday 22nd September 2021

Lady's Mid-week Stableford

**18-Holers** Winner Sally Siepen 34 Runner Up Lyn Lyne 32 C/b, Di Sinclair 32.

**9-Holers** Winner Pip Cardno 16, Runner Up Ange Dixon 15, Helen Hall 14.

**Nearest the Pin** 18-holes 8<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Jan Darke 5<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Sally Siepen. 9-holers 4<sup>th</sup> Jane Cotton 7<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Whittaker.

### Chicken Run (Scores Only)

**Wednesday,** Rod Smith 28.5, Barry Skeggs 29.5, Max Hall 30.5.

**Putts** Jim Miley 11.

**Friday** Steve Mortimer 34.

**Putts** Derek Ring 14.

Fred had tried to be particularly careful about his language as he played golf with his preacher. But on the twelfth hole, when he twice failed to hit out of a sand trap, he lost his resolve and let fly with a string of expletives. The preacher felt obliged to respond. "I have observed," said he in a calm voice, "that the best golfers do not use foul language." "I guess not," said Fred, "what the hell do they have to bitch about?" "I once played a course that was so tough, I lost two balls in the ball washer!"

*Results & jokes by Paul Nunn*



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Partly cloudy.	Showers.	Showers.	Showers.	Shower or two.
17 °C	16 °C	16 °C	18 °C	17 °C
7 °C	10 °C	11 °C	12 °C	12 °C

### Orford/Triabunna

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Partly cloudy.	Showers.	Showers.	Showers.	Showers.
16 °C	15 °C	15 °C	18 °C	17 °C
5 °C	8 °C	9 °C	10 °C	10 °C

### Coles Bay

Tue. 28 Sep	Wed. 29 Sep	Thu. 30 Sep	Fri. 1 Oct	Sat. 2 Oct
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### Swansea

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