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Community News

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Covid19 Test Signage

It was wonderful to see the Covid-19 Testing tent in Maria Street Swansea on Friday & Saturday. However it was not a good placement of the huge roadside sign advising when the testing was being done.

At the time of writing I have not heard of any accidents, however coming north over the hill from the south you are first appraised that there is a mobile electronic sign about 150 metres away. As you get closer it becomes obvious that there is a Covid-19 test being undertaken, (Monday) That it was at the council depot (Tuesday. Twice) Friday & ? (Wednesday twice) and Saturday 10-3 (Friday)

Also the big yellow sign was placed in the first car park outside the bank & Post Office. Do not bother about the residents who need the parking space including the elderly, disabled and young families. These spaces are at a premium at the best of times let alone losing one in the middle of summer season.

We at the newsletter were not informed of the visit, so we could not place anything in the newsletter last week and do not know where the tent was travelling in the municipality

Bill Fry

I visited the Covid clinic on Saturday morning to take photos but it must have been a bit slow for them as the attendants just waited around for something to happen, although Swansea was bustling with people at the time. The entire set up looked like a border check point! I wonder if the clinic was set up more for the interstate visitors than for the locals?

Robert j Gaspari

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OPENING TIMES

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All Saints Op Shop for Anglican
Parish of East Coast

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January/February 2021

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

Spring Bay Walkers
Every Thursday morning, contact Peter Hutememier 6257 7506. See programme www.triabunnavillage.com.au/springbay- walkers

Swansea Exercise Group.
held at Swansea Golf Club Mondays 8:45 for 9 am. Please note, this class is currently at capacity. Followed by **Qigong** at 10 am Enquiries: 0429 178 076 / 0448 649 765 (re Exercise Group) or 0448 649 765 (re Qigong)

Mahjong
1.30 pm Mondays Swansea Golf Club. Lyn Lyne Ph 0438 578 208

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

Swansea Tennis Club
is open to all members and available for hire. Ladies day Mondays, playing 11am. Contact Kathy Dance on **0439 732 496**. All new members welcome.

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

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

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CLUBS & GROUPS

Swansea Ambulance Group
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Swansea & District Garden Club
Meetings held 2nd Thurs each month 2pm at All Saints Church Hall. New members welcome. Ph 0417 977 118 or 0402 043 621 Swanseadistrictgardenclub @gmail.com

Pickleballers needed.
We need a few new members. Sunday and Tuesday at 4pm at Swansea school hall. Contact Alison for confirmation of times. Phone 0438951281

MISCELLANEOUS

Rescue, rehabilitation and release of native wildlife. Also treating wombats with mange in our municipality on behalf of Wombat Rescue contact Marcia on 0448714419

Available at Swansea RSL
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. For more information contact Steven Kenny on mobile: 0438 060 047

THE VILLAGE
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CHURCH NOTICES

Meals On Wheels Roster

Date	2021	Name
Wed	Jan 27	A Browning & G Bryan
Thur	Jan 28	K Dance
Fri	Jan 29	J Ayres
Mon	Feb 01	L & S Evans
Tues	Feb 02	J Whittaker

The Anglican Parish of the East Coast (Swansea)
Services will continue on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9am. Evening Prayer is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 5pm. All Covid-19 compliances are being adhered to. D. Lord Warden

St. Andrews Uniting Church Swansea
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

WRINKLIES luncheon
Monday 1st February at the Barkmill Tavern. Edith Stanfield.

Memorial Service for
GRACE FREEMAN
to be held at
All Saints Church of England, Swansea
On Sunday 7th February
at 1.00pm .
Friends and family
welcome to attend.

COLOUR ISSUES 2021

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AGM

Spring Bay RSL Sub-Branch Inc

Dear Members,

The Spring Bay Sub-branch Inc of the Tasmanian RSL would like to wish you all a happy and safe new year and advise you of the meeting date of our Subbranch's 2021 AGM.
The AGM will be on the first Sunday in February 2021, 7/2/21 starting with a BBQ at 12 noon with the AGM meeting at 14.00hrs.
Two Office Bearer Positions are to be filled at the AGM meeting which are the Vice Presidents and the Secretaries.
Yours sincerely

Keith Pyke
Honourable Secretary
Spring Bay RSL Sub Branch.
22nd January 2021

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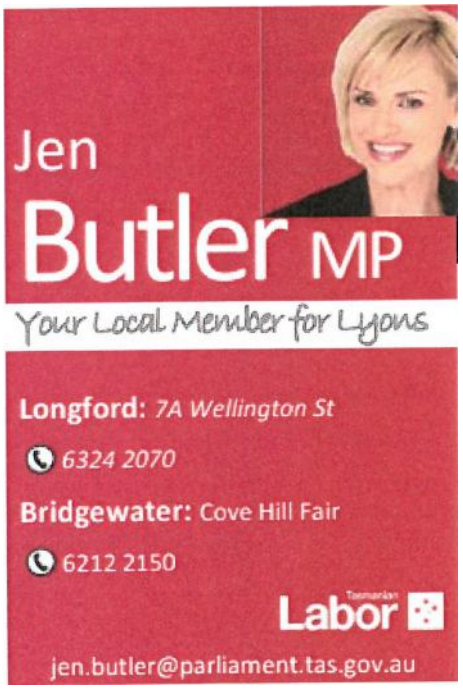

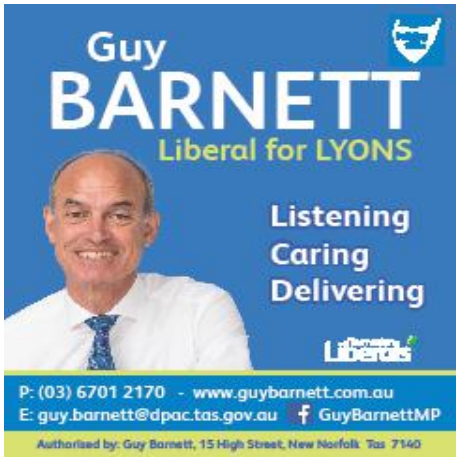

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Epic Community effort to save stranded whale

On Saturday night (16 Jan) a beached whale was found 300m from the Five Mile beach access car park on Nine Mile Beach by community members and reported to authorities.
Sunday 17 Jan, several community members worked tirelessly to keep the whale wet, shaded from the sun, and oriented correctly. Steve from Parks and Wildlife provided quality instruction and support until a team from the Marine Conservation Program (MCP), a unit in DPIPWE (Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment) arrived. The team was led by wildlife biologist Dr Kris Carlyon, who also led the response effort for the Macquarie Harbour pilot whale strandings in September last year.
Dr Carlyon assessed the stranded whale was indeed a older male Pseudorca Crassidens, commonly called a False Killer Whale: one of the largest members of the oceanic dolphin family, False Killer Whales are found worldwide but normally in tropical or more temperate waters than Tasmania. They are a highly social species, so the occurrence of a single male is unusual.
The MCP team would like to thank all the community members that helped on Sunday, as they do not have everyone's names, a huge thank you to everyone who gave of their time and strength to keeping this beauty alive and fit.
A plan was put in place and by 3.30 Sunday afternoon the dolphin was being gently swam out to the Zodiac and monitored until it was 1 km offshore and appearing to swim well and recovering.
An update as late as Wednesday (20th Jan) is that there have been no reports of the whale beaching anywhere else, and so "no news is good news".
The professionalism and passion of the MCP team was second to none.
Such a privilege and experience to share in the professionally managed process and co-operation of so many people. Thank you, everybody.
The rescue of live animals is a priority and early reporting via the 24/7 Whale Hotline can be vital for a successful response. The community are strongly encouraged to report marine mammal incidents and sightings (dead or alive) - the information reported through the hotline and social media can be critical to the success of the unit's research and conservation programs.

The Whale Hotline: 24/7
phone 0427 942 537
https://dpipwe.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/marine-conservation-program

by Anne Held & Elizabeth Stroud

More photos page 7

No Australia Day Awards

Enquiries made to Lona Turvey, the Community Development Manager for Glamorgan-Spring Bay council concerning the 2021 Australia Day Awards and citizenship ceremonies was answered with an understandable and unfortunate, no!
"There won't be an Awards Ceremony this year as Council did not receive any nominations. It is unfortunate but as it turned out it was possibly a good thing as there has been so much uncertainty around events at the moment with COVID-19 that it may have meant that not many people could attend."
In the past the awards as well as the Australia Day ceremonies have been a well attend event and will be missed along with other events
associated with Australia Day. We will have to wait until 2022 to see if things will get back to normal.

Robert j Gaspari for GOBCNews

AUSTRALIA DAY 2021

The 26th January, 2021, marks 233 years since western culture officially began on this, the continent of Australia, it interrupted an indigenous aboriginal culture that had existed relatively unchanged for over 60,000 years.

This day is the day when Australia was changed forever, be it for good or bad it is what it is.

Over those intervening years scores of different cultures have settled here as diverse and varied as seen anywhere in the world and it has worked. We live in relative peace and harmony in a tolerant society. Let us hope the future will bring more of the same.

Happy Australia Day to all.

Robert j Gaspari for GOBCNews

From page 6

Have you any great stories to share? We would love to publish them. Please see page 2 for details. The News Team

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!

By Hilary Burden

I thought I knew exactly how to pinpoint the accident. A car had left the road and burst into flames where I was second to arrive on the scene by less than a minute.
I'd pulled over on the Lake Leake Highway, near the start of the descent into Swansea, not far from the M Road intersection and turn-off to Lost Falls and Meetus Falls.
I rang 000 as more cars pulled up to help two elderly passengers limp and bush bash their way to the road from their burning vehicle. The voice at the other end asked a series of questions: how many injured; can you see blood; how old are they; can either of them speak; can you ask their names; can you ask if they can spell their names… More questions I can't recall but I do remember Triple Zero saying it was ok not to know the answers to everything.

It did seem to be going on, though, and at one stage I remember thinking it was like talking to Centrelink (with a list that needed ticking off) when all the time we just needed reassurance that an ambulance was on its way.
Then, Triple Zero asked what kind of phone I had.

A mobile, I said, perplexed.

My answer was stupid, but then so, perhaps, was the question. Perhaps in the circumstances it could have been worded more directly.

The fire, metres away, was leaping higher from the car bonnet, and starting to pop and bang. I could see the woman was clearly lying in pain, a worrying shade of grey; the man, in tears, lay holding his wife. Said his shoulder hurt, but he was pretty bent up in one leg, I thought. More people arrived. Someone wearing a May Shaw badge was also on her mobile.... Triple Zero was still asking questions about our location.

Do you have MAPS?
Yes.
Then if you could please find the blue dot and press on it…

I couldn't find the blue dot in MAPS. (Later I realised 'Location Services' was turned off on my smart phone which is why I couldn't find the blue dot marker. I do this so I'm not sending out signals to the world 24/7).

I'm sorry I can't find the blue dot.

I repeated that I was a local, I knew where we were, how we were on the only road, the main highway between Swansea and Campbell Town on the descent side into Swansea, just past the summit, you couldn't miss us. But local knowledge had no bearing in the conversation. Triple Zero needed a GPS location. He needed the blue dot!

This is important. Please hand your phone to somebody else who knows how to use it. I need to take another call.

I gave my phone to the third person who had arrived on the scene, in the midst of taking primary care of the injured couple.

I'm a trained paramedic from the Territory, he said. I have first responder experience. Do you want me to take a picture of the GPS location and text it to you?
Triple Zero needed the blue dot location. It wasn't long before they had what was required and we could relax a little knowing the ambulance was on its way, wherever it happened to be coming from – Swansea or Campbell Town.

During this time, an off duty 'Firie' had pulled up and instructed us firmly to move at least 200 metres down the road in case the burning car blew up and we were all hit by flying metal. I watched as he then got in his ute and went up to the nearest bend to start directing traffic to slow down.

I determined to use my recent First Aid training - as volunteer crew for Freycinet Volunteer Marine Rescue - and focus on the injured. Liam, the paramedic nurse, had gone to his car for aids and I did the same, coming back with a blanket and sleeping bag, while he returned with a padded surfboard cover and second sleeping bag – all of which were put to good use as a makeshift stretcher to move the injured couple further down the road, one at a time.
The woman was now shaking uncontrollably clearly in shock and pain. Someone leant down and said he was a vet… Do you think they need water? Some sugar? That can be good for shock…. A young couple went to their car and came back with two water bottles. Then, a series of bangs like a bomb going off, the whole car went up in flames, thick black smoke trailed towards the sky. More tears

and pain passed between them, as they too could hear. And all we could do was try to keep the couple talking, focused on the important things: that they were both alive and the ambulance was on its way.

When two ambulances arrived our role as randomly chosen caregivers was over. Hopefully it was enough. To this day I am amazed at how perfect strangers, with all our combined skills, can pull together to do whatever is needed. It gave me faith in people.

I still think of that couple and how lucky they were. How their journey back to Boat Harbour had started with a cruise on Wineglass Bay that their children had gifted them. And how it ended after she had nodded off and he had fallen asleep at the wheel. Heading up hill, hanging out for a spot to pull over and rest, the car had crossed the road and ended up flipping into the bush. It could have been anyone.

I still beat myself up hoping my inability to find a blue dot didn't cause unnecessary delay. It's for this reason I am sharing my experience. If you have a smart phone with Google Maps, pressing on the blue dot will show your exact location, so if ever you need rescuing you can share what centralised rescue services need to know. Telling them where you are because you travel that road every week, and know every bend, is not enough in a modernised world. If you can be timely and pinpoint accurate, then that is the best response all round.

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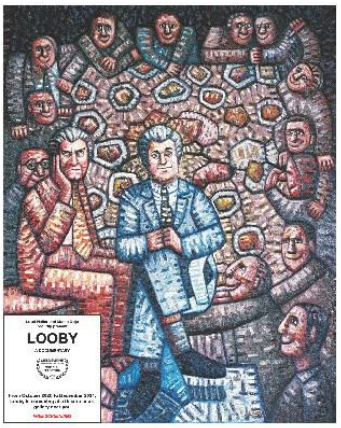

Keith Looby, who won the Archibald Prize in 1984, lived at "Muirlands" at Little Swanport during the 1980's with his then wife, artist Kerry Gregan. Kerry also spent a lot of time painting at "Lisdillon" south of Swansea.

FREE SCREENINGS

SWANSEA TOWN HALL: 1.30 pm – Monday 22 February 2021

TRIABUNNA COMMUNITY HALL: 11.00 am – Tuesday 23 February 2021

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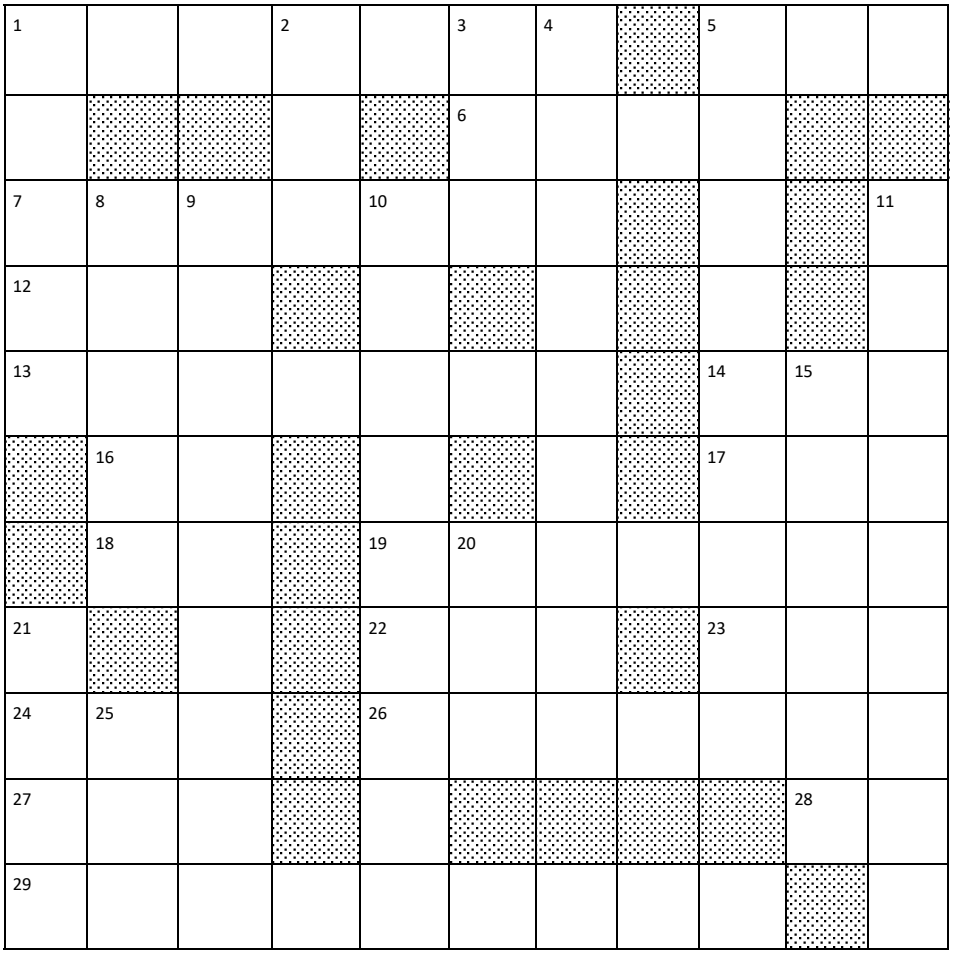

ACROSS

1. Changed for the better (7)
5. New Zealand bird (3)
6. Abominable snowman (4)
7. Snood (4.3.)
12. Possess (3)
13. Pasta variety (7)
14. Droop (3)
16. Moon of Jupiter (2)
17. Ben is a she? (3)
18. Very strong metallic element (2)
19. Repeat (7)
22. 2240 pounds is a long one (3)
23. A kind of small 16th century violin (3)
24. Japanese sash (3)
26. Having the highest temperature (7)
27. A male offspring (3)
28. _ _, myself & I (2)
29. Wise (9)

DOWN

1. Detest (5)
2. Negative conjunction (3)
3. Sight organ (3)
4. Loss or damage (9)
5. A popular favoured milk drink (9)
8. Look for or expect (5)
9. Billing (9)
10. Stone Age period (9)
11. Plumes (9)
15. Fantasy; introverted thought (6)
20. Also (3)
21. Grows in moist areas & on rocks, trees etc (4)
25. A type of constricting

Answers on page 9

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THE SATURDAY CRICKET

Round 9 Swansea at home against Triabunna

Swansea 9/182 (43 overs) df Triabunna 135

Swansea Golf Club Results 23rd January 2021

Today's event was a carry the flag played in warm conditions. Both Alvin Douglas and Jayden Coleman finished 18 holes tied and headed back down the first fairway to decide the victor. Both sprayed their drives, but it was adjudged Jayden was closest to the pin.

Winner on the Day Jayden Coleman.

Div. 1 Winner Tim Bond 62 Runner Up Jason Kerrison 64

Div. 2 Winner Alvin Douglas 61, Runner Up John Quinn 63 c/b

Nearest the Pin 6th/15th Ricky Wright 3rd/12th Peter Lea, 8th/7th Steve Dart..

Super Pin. 4th/13th Steve Kenny, 7th/16 Stewart Moore.

Wednesday 20th January 2021

Ladies - Stableford

18-Holers winner Alison Smith 34, Runner Up Joanna Whelan 32 c/b.

9-Holers winner. Helen Hall 13, Runner Up Claire Franklin 12.

Nearest the Pin 9th Helen Hall, 8th Jan Darke, 4th Sally Siepen, 3rd Alison Smith.

Chicken Run (Scores Only)

Wednesday, J. Tate 27, Russell Dodge 29, Rod Smith 29.5, **Putts** Keith Breheny 12.

Friday, Matt Gall 27.5, Shane Nichols 29.5, **Putts** Ian Johnson 13

7-Day Glamorgan-Spring Bay Weather from Bureau of Meteorology

Bicheno

Tue. 26 Jan	Wed. 27 Jan	Thu. 28 Jan	Fri. 29 Jan	Sat. 30 Jan
Showers.	Cloudy.	Possible shower.	Shower or two. Windy.	Shower or two. Wind easing.
22 °C	17 °C	18 °C	19 °C	20 °C
17 °C	12 °C	13 °C	14 °C	16 °C

Orford/Triabunna

Tue. 26 Jan	Wed. 27 Jan	Thu. 28 Jan	Fri. 29 Jan	Sat. 30 Jan
Shower or two.	Cloudy.	Cloudy.	Shower or two. Becoming windy.	Shower or two.
20 °C	17 °C	18 °C	18 °C	20 °C
14 °C	10 °C	11 °C	13 °C	14 °C

Coles Bay

Tue. 26 Jan	Wed. 27 Jan	Thu. 28 Jan	Fri. 29 Jan	Sat. 30 Jan
Showers.	Cloudy.	Cloudy.	Shower or two. Windy.	Shower or two. Wind easing.
22 °C	19 °C	19 °C	21 °C	22 °C
15 °C	11 °C	12 °C	13 °C	15 °C

Swansea

Tue. 26 Jan	Wed. 27 Jan	Thu. 28 Jan	Fri. 29 Jan	Sat. 30 Jan
Showers.	Cloudy.	Cloudy.	Shower or two. Windy.	Shower or two. Windy.
21 °C	17 °C	18 °C	19 °C	21 °C
15 °C	10 °C	12 °C	13 °C	14 °C