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# GREAT OYSTER BAY Community News

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Issue 30.2021

## Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Guidelines

Federal Member for Lyons Brian Mitchell is encouraging Glamorgan-Spring Bay residents to prepare funding applications to the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery (BSBR) grants program.

Mr Mitchell said a broad range of recovery and resilience projects can be supported through the BSBR and encouraged Glamorgan-Spring Bay residents to read the guidelines provided.

“We want people to come forward with social and community wellbeing projects as well as projects that support the recovery of local economies and built environments,” Mr Mitchell said.

“The 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires were devastating to many communities, especially here in Tasmania, and it can take time for communities to recover after a disaster.

“The BSBR grants are an opportunity for communities who still require assistance to access support for their recovery journey.”

The BSBR grants program is not available for individuals, partnerships or trusts. To be eligible, you must have an **Australian Business Number (ABN)** and be one of the following:

- A community organisation, local business or incorporated association
- An incorporated charity or not for profit organisation
- An Aboriginal Land Council or indigenous corporation
- A local governing agency or body (such as a Council), or ACT governing agency.

Further information about the National Recovery and Resilience Agency:

[www.recovery.gov.au](http://www.recovery.gov.au)

Information about grant writing workshops and guidelines for the Black Summer Bushfire Grants is available here:

[www.recovery.gov.au/black-summer-grants](http://www.recovery.gov.au/black-summer-grants)

**BRIAN MITCHELL MP** Member for Lyons



East Coast Health

## East Coast Health Centre Community Update

As we all know too well, Australia is still suffering the effects of border closures and unplanned, sporadic lockdowns in response to COVID-19 outbreaks. This situation adds to the difficulty in getting GPs to travel to Tasmania as they are understandably concerned about getting stranded and being unable to return home to their families.

This evolving situation is placing additional pressure on the ability to maintain the service levels at both of our Practices at Triabunna and Bicheno. These challenges are on top of the existing shortage of GP's and other health professionals around Australia, which is being felt particularly hard in regional and remote locations. Currently there are approximately 50 unfilled GP vacancies in Tasmania.

It is in this environment that we have continued our strenuous efforts to recruit GPs to provide services to our communities at both sites. Whilst it has been a challenge, we have been able to secure locum (traveling) GPs for periods of time to provide services at both Practices. Furthermore, we are pleased to report that we have recently been successful in recruiting a new permanent GP at our Bicheno practice. We would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on progress for each Practice.

### East Coast Health, Triabunna

Dr Winston Johnson continues to provide a high level of medical care to the community in his role at the Triabunna Practice. As communicated earlier in the year, we have arranged for a permanent GP to join this Practice.

Unfortunately, the Doctor's start date has been delayed due to COVID restrictions and the Australian Government Registra-

tion requirements and timeframes around relocation. We expect that the realistic start date will be towards the end of the year.

However, we are currently communicating with several doctors who have expressed an interest in joining the Triabunna Practice permanently. These discussions are ongoing and we hope that we can report back with some positive news shortly. In the interim we have organised some locum doctors to support Dr Johnson with the current workload. We have locums already booked for the months of September and October and negotiating arrangements for August.

### Bicheno Medical Centre

We are pleased to advise that Dr Ashton Kelly will be joining Dr Elizabeth Grey at the Bicheno Practice at the beginning of August. Dr Kelly and his family have recently arrived back to Australia, after living in Europe for two years. Dr Kelly was previously working as an independent consultant for the World Health Organisation in Geneva, Switzerland, as well as the International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies.

Dr Liz Grey is taking a well-earned break for three weeks (12th – 30th July). We have welcomed Dr Louise Johns again as Locum for the period 12th – 23rd July. Dr Johns has been with Bicheno recently as a Locum and knows many of the patients. We will also be using other locum doctors to support the practice before Dr Kelly commences.

In regard to the Expression of Interest process, a report is being presented to Council at the 27 July meeting. This report will outline the process that will be undertaken which will commence immediately after the meeting.

The panel will consist of employees and members of the community who have relevant medical experience.

The management team look forward to welcoming the new GPs to our communities and keeping you informed of progress throughout the period up to their placement and beyond.

Eliza Hazelwood  
COMMUNITY & COMMUNICATION  
OFFICER

**OPENING TIMES****SWANSEA  
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9 Melbourne Street, Triabunna  
operating normal hours of operation,  
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**BUT** with some changes, go to  
<https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/services-facilities/public-notice/> for details

**WASTE MANAGEMENT  
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**WINTER OPENING TIMES**  
**May 2021 - end October 2021**

**BICHENO WMC** – 2km south of the town, on the Tasman Hwy.

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**ORFORD WMC** – Tasman Hwy, just north of Raspins Beach.

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**- normal times apply**

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Trading hours:

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Gloria Willis interim manager  
All Saints Op Shop for Anglican  
Parish of East Coast

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Community Hall (former Council Chambers Building) Vicary St. Triabunna.  
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**Enquiries Judy 62571262/0438571262**  
**Beth 0407571181**  
[www.facebook.com/PopUpBookStall](http://www.facebook.com/PopUpBookStall)  
email [popupbookstall@hotmail.com](mailto:popupbookstall@hotmail.com)

**SWANSEA  
GENERAL PRACTICE**

May Shaw, Wellington St. Swansea  
**Open Monday—Friday**  
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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)

**GREAT OYSTER BAY COMMUNITY NEWS TEAM**

The current Swansea Online Access Centre volunteers and our coordinator Bill Fry

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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**CHURCH NOTICES****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

**Swansea House Church**

Every Thursday

6.30pm—8.30pm

9 Bridge St.

Swansea



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Enquiries

Steven &amp; Linda

(Salvos)

0458 959 820

Laurie &amp; Sherry

0467 972 578

East Coast  
ANGLICAN  
PARISH**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

10 Noyes Street, Swansea

&amp;

1 Franklin Street, Triabunna

**CLUBS & GROUPS****Swansea Branch CWA** meets2nd 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](http://www.triabunnavillage.com.au/springbay-walkers)**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)

**Mahjong** 1.30 pm Mondays

Swansea Golf Club.

Contact Lyn Lyne 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 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

**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.**CLUBS & GROUPS****MEALS ON WHEELS  
SWANSEA ROSTER**

Date	2021	Name
Wed	28 Jul	G Bryan & J Amos
Thur	29 Jul	J Dell
Fri	30 Jul	J Ayres
Mon	02 Aug	L & S Evans
Tues	03 Aug	J Whittaker

**Tap Dancing Classes**Every second Saturday at the  
Swansea Courthouse from 4pm.

Starting from Sat 10th July.

Cost \$3. Shoes and drink provided.

**Janelle Hall**

0437 264 332

**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](mailto:SwanseaDistrictGardenClub@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 Bowls Club**

Introducing

**Winter Indoor Bowls**

On Fridays

Roll up at 2.00 pm

All Welcome,

come and join the fun.

Contact: Mick 0417 064 571 or

Judi 0449 596 175 for details

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3 (6x9cm)	\$18	\$22
4 (6x12cm)	\$24	\$30
1/4 Page	\$36	\$45
1/3 Page	\$48	\$62
1/2 Page	\$66	\$86
Full Page	\$102	\$112

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Rescue, rehabilitation and release of native wildlife.

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with mange in our Municipality on behalf of Wombat Rescue.

Contact **Marcia 0448714419**

**THE VILLAGE**

**20 Melbourne Street, Triabunna**

Community Market 3rd 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**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES****THE GREAT OYSTER BAY COMMUNITY NEWS ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM IS OPEN FOR 2021.**

The Great Oyster Bay Community News is a weekly newsletter which contains items of interest for the Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council area and uses its advertising revenues to finance the printing of the newsletter 50 weeks of the year.

The Great Oyster Bay Community News also uses these revenues to distribute small grants to needy organisations from the Glamorgan-Spring Bay municipality. These small grants are strictly for not-for-profit organisations and are designed to assist these organisations in the purchase of goods and/or services that will benefit the Glamorgan-Spring Bay community.

The grants are normally distributed once a year and applicants are voted for by the SOAC Committee via the application form which is available from the Swansea Online Access Centre or downloaded from the web site:

<https://llobcnews.weebly.com/annual-giving-program.html>

**Applications close  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Note conditions apply,  
see form for details.

*Robert j Gaspari (Secretary)*

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

The Swansea Heritage Festival is now only 4 months away. Please consider your business or community organisation joining the festivities. Here are some suggestions: markets, busking, spit roast, BBQ, food and refreshment stalls, games for children, dress up in old time costumes, performance (play), musical entertainment etc.

Already organised are: Banners throughout the town, Indigenous exhibition, Amos family exhibition, launch of 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Houses & Estates of Old Glamorgan and a recipe book (from Glamorgan's past), walking tours of Swansea, visit to historic houses.

The festival will be run in conjunction with the 'Amos Family Reunion' being held at Cranbrook.

Dearne Smith and Maureen Martin Ferris are happy to chat with you or visit your group to discuss your plans. Phone Maureen 6256 5066 or email Dearne at [dearneys@msn.com](mailto:dearneys@msn.com).

**COLOUR ISSUES 2021**

Issue 01 January 04

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**Issue 27 July 06**

**Issue 40 October 05**

**Issue 50 December 14**

**'THE LIVING ROOM':  
DYING TO KNOW DAY  
EVENT 2021**

@ The Hub Swansea 5th August

Drop in any time for a friendly chat 11am-2pm Your way-Your Say Discover end of life options that are responsive to your issues, including after death care at home & alternative, affordable funeral services The Living Room at The Village Triabunna & The Hub Swansea is a supportive community group providing a comfortable space for conversations & information sharing about living well while planning for dying **Sally, Carrie & Leni (text preferred: 0448 912 929/ leni.jarvis@bigpond.com**

**THANK YOU**

I wish to say a big thank you again to Karl Hodson and let people know we have honest folk in Swansea. On Sunday I was going home from May Shaw on my mobility scooter when my wallet containing money, cards etc. fell from my pocket. I returned home followed by a ute, the driver (Karl) returned my wallet intact, I had not realised I had lost it.

Thank You again

*Ernie Hodge*

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Your Club - Our Community

**EAST COAST  
CRUSADERS  
PCYC MORE  
THAN JUST  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES.**

Did you know that your local PCYC also runs a GYM, it is located in the Swansea Hub in Arnol street Swansea, hey its not ZAP or All Aerobics but its local. It's got weight machines, exercise bikes, a rowing machine, and elliptical trainers to name a few items. For further information jump onto our Facebook page there are a few pics if you wish to join send us a message.

Our Mobile Activities Trailer (MAC) is packed full of sporting equipment including Zorb balls and most other item to make our activities portable and fun. We also have drums, lots of drums. Currently they are used by the Swansea Drum Corps under the watchful eye of Mick Mears and Keith Breheny. We would love to get the youth of our community involved and get them drumming up as storm. We currently have a few of our younger community members participating in the flag corps carrying the flags for the ANZAC day service and Remembrance Day.

The Crusaders Cabin is home and filled with all the fun stuff, eight ball, board games, air hockey, music, and lots of crafts. We usually organise on a regular basis so keep an eye out on the Morris' Store notice board and Facebook for our next organised activity session.

We have got some great ideas and the kids are always talking about ideas they would like to peruse. So whether it be a camp, activity session, bike ride or fishing trip the sky is the limit.

All we need is the support of the community whether you're a parent or someone with a few minutes to volunteer at an activity we need you. All you need is a passion for fun, a bit of time and the willingness to share the experience and yours with the youth of our great community.

**Our club AGM is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of August @7pm @ the Crusaders Cabin to keep these activities going please support your local youth club.**

**Your Club / Our Community**

*Kelvin Jones*

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Email: [gobcnews@gmail.com](mailto:gobcnews@gmail.com)**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Attention the Editorial team

I write on behalf of the Committee and Members of the Swansea Golf Club and the concerns the Club holds relating to an article which appeared in the 29.2021 issue.

The article in question relates to the increase of council rates, in particular 'waste our money on fairyland projects like golf courses, fish farms, loos with a view.' Although we are confident and hope this does not relate to the Swansea Golf Club, it is our concern that uninformed residents of the community, Swansea in particular may see the reference to golf courses as being the Swansea Golf Club.

We are fully self-funded, volunteer managed and administered. We are community orientated and provide assistance to many local activity groups. We do not receive any government assistance other than grants which are offered to the community from time to time. We would be appreciative if the newsletter could clarify in its next publication, that the reference to golf courses did not refer to the Swansea Golf Club.

Paul Nunn

Robert Gaspari has indicated he was referring to the incomplete course at Louisville Point.

Editorial Team

Dear Editor,

Replying to your comments concerning rate rises in the municipality, our current Council inherited considerable financial burdens: the Triabunna Marina and the Prosser River pipeline being major components. The current Council were legally required to complete the pipeline, but did escape Twamley Dam and the Solis golf course commitments.

The current Council have had to trim costs, leading to the unpopular closure of the Visitor Information Centres and the re-structure of staffing, but still have a \$8m debt. There is now little room left for reducing expenditure, although we hope some projects will still be considered on merit.

The new (AAV) rating system is in line with 27 of the 29 Tasmanian councils, and is the Tasmanian Government's preferred rating system. If you compare the new general rates for a residential property paying \$1673 annually in GSBC to the rates the same property would be paying in Sorrell, \$1670, or Break O'Day, \$2102, we realise the increases are not unrealistic. As to the naming and shaming of the Council: the 'fairly land projects' cited (and you could have added Cambria Green) were approved by previous Councils. Currently, only 2 of those councillors are in office, so it seems unfair to appor-

tion blame to the other 6. Certainly, serious mistakes were made, but we can repair these now, and we, as ratepayers, can contribute.

Steve Barrett

Read Greg Luck's article on page 6, we will wait for your comment?

Editorial team

## FAMILY HEIRLOOMS STOLEN

Swansea January 2019  
Reward for any information:  
Tel 0499650512.

French Silk lace monogram M (200approx)  
christening dress  
other French lace  
tapestries

Rosary: rosewood & silver cross  
French silver vase 12x17cm/box with deceased ashes: black blue flowers  
Square & oval Ethiopian amber trade bead  
silver necklaces x 2

Marie Theresa Thaler silver coin c1780  
belt 20coins approx.

Brazil Railway share certificates c1900-1912 (150-200approx.)

glass French scent bottles silver lids  
stamp albums

silver knives x20

Jasper egg/

large tropical shell.



Note: photos are generic, similar to items taken

It is and has been an onerous 2.5-year process to find out what happened to my family heirlooms, some of 4 generations to be passed on to my niece and nephew and would be a joy to be able to retrieve any. All your assistance is greatly appreciated.

T. Burrows

## FOR SALE

Simpson Ezuset 350 Dryer  
Good condition, runs well  
\$60

Ph. Rob 6257 8002  
(Swansea)

## GIVE AWAY (Swansea area)

Wood shavings (small chips)  
ideal for a small animal bedding.  
(chickens, rabbits, mice)  
Clean, mainly pine wood chips

Ph. Rob 6257 8002

## MILKING COWS AND CRANKY BULLS

By now most ratepayers have heard that Glamorgan Spring Bay Council have made a drastic change to the method of calculating municipal rates. This change is resulting in rises of up to 99% (\$1000) overnight for some ratepayers and with no community input or prior warning. Council readily regurgitates the statement "fair and equitable" when trying to weasel out of this decision but clearly it is council that have failed us. Yes the ratepayers are being treated as milking cows and those perceived to have the fullest udders are being drained first. What GSBC need to remember is that every herd has an angry and cantankerous bull looking on and ready to protect those who can't protect themselves.

This decision, to alter the rating method, was made by councillor after many months of "workshops" with financial consultants etc. but the retention of our existing Average Area Rates system was not possible as that consideration was conveniently left too late – we needed a "Certificate" from the Local Govt. Minister and adjustments to some average area ratings. This council and its consultant have had 12 months to get this issue in order and why are we only now hearing about the need for this "Certificate"? where is the public record of the "workshops" if they involved a major change affecting the ratepayers.

I suggest, strongly, that fellow ratepayers go online to the GSBC website and view the live recording of our council in action – June 2021. Be warned that getting access is tricky – the direct route seems to have failed mysteriously ..... so go to the GSBC website, go "Your Council" (that cracks me up !!), go "Instruments of Delegation" then select "View live streaming and recordings" from the drop down menu on the left. Click on June 2021 and watch and learn. See who voted for and against the motion, listen to the paid consultant hiding in the background (same person who was acting GM - 12 months ago, and has been the financial consultant since but couldn't sort the "Certificate" issue out in time thus enabling this major failure in governance.

Listen to our councillors try and justify the tax grab. Ask yourself why a modest shack owned by a mainland property investor should be taxed less while a local resident who has lived in their house for years and may even be carrying a large mortgage should be seen as a milking cow. Or why a shack purchased and used for a default business – "short term accommodation – eg. AIRBNB" should get a reduction subsidised by a neighbour who, having improved their property, have increased its value and hence rates

under the newly installed system. Listen to our Mayor as he seeks to give unwarranted advice until shut down by a point of order. Listen to him ramble on about there being 28 out of 29 local councils using the method now adopted. Clearly we must be wrong and like stupid Lemmings jump off the cliff to join them .... No consideration that perhaps the Average Area Rating system in place, in GSBC, since 2013 was the fairest and most equitable model and that the other local councils should have been following us !!

I am convinced that this two speed rating system, where the "rich" get robbed and the spoils pay the "poor" was the subject of a fairy tale I read when a child ..... I suggest fellow ratepayers wade through the antiquated Legislation **The Local Government Act 1993 - Tasmania** and play a game :- lets see how many rules and regulations these councillors, and the mayor, have failed in applying their duties. The top issues, in my game, were major communication failures, multiple procedural failures, poorly demonstrating and applying the "fair and Equitable" component in decision making, failure to represent the community, failure to act in the best interest of the community. Failure to recognize that our population is amongst the States oldest and that a lot do not have access to the internet or are unable to use it therefore if council had decided to communicate its own info doc. "Seaspeak" - a written pamphlet included with our rate demands or a flyer/mail out was required.

I also suggest ratepayers create a "Petition" requiring the Minister for Local Government, Roger Jaensch, to immediately consider placing GSBC in "Administration" for a period of time sufficient to allow for the replacement of all councillors and the Mayor. My sincere apologies to Councillors Arnol, Symmons and Deputy Mayor Woods for

involving your service in this petition but please be assured that the community respects your valiant attempts (at voting down this abhorrent motion) and we would be honoured if you would consider standing as part of a new and revitalised council.

Ratepayers I have one warning :- Please, if the council goes into administration and a new council is elected, support the new council as never before and DO NOT allow it to be stacked by politically driven radicals and wannabe politicians. Include a demand in the petition to Minister Jaensch that he utilise his powers under "The Local Government Act 1993" and require each of the 4 primary towns/districts of GSBC to elect 2 local government members from their own district thereby putting an end, once and for all, to the us versus them mentality that has seen a major spending imbalance in GSBC and has been the root cause of a lot of our predicament.

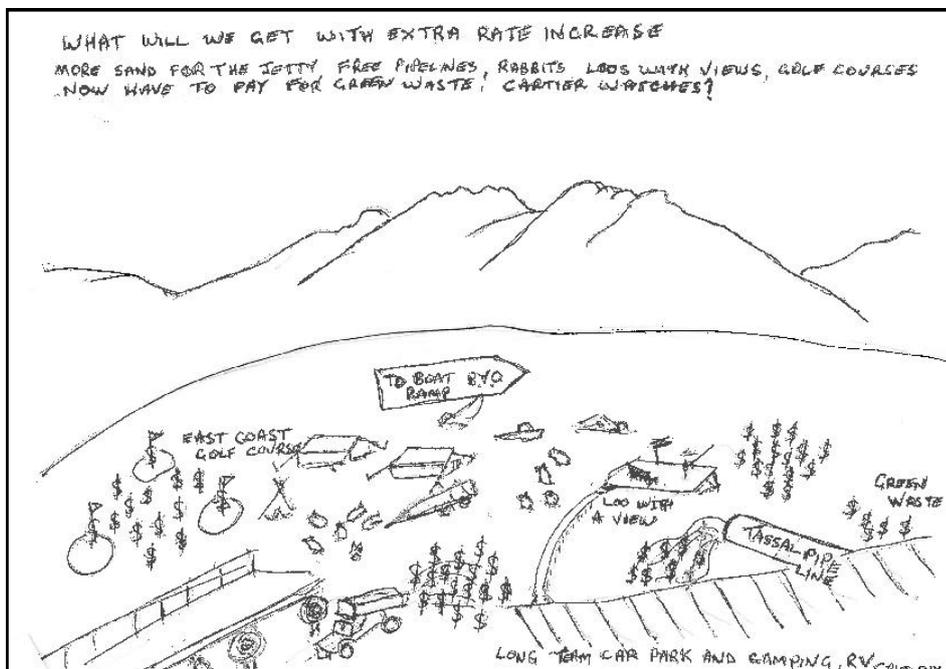
I am yet to hear from anyone in Council despite my rantings of the last three weeks. Our new "Director" of communications (and finance LOL) is doing a fine job. I am also yet to hear from a single resident or ratepayer who was not willing to pay a modest increase across the fair Average Area Rate i.e. 10% across every ratepayer fairly and equitably.

End of rant, can the last councillor standing PLEASE TURN THE LIGHTS OFF as you exit the building and public life. I would thank you for your service BUT

Greg Luck Swansea -  
AKA, cantankerous and unpredictable protector of the herd

*Council, past and present will be forever reminded of these failings in an attempt to avoid them in the future, hopefully?*

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**This weeks puzzle page answers .....**

**No cheating now**

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## Labor Lyons MHR Brian Mitchell calls on Tasmanian government to upgrade East Coast tourist road

Local News

The Advocate

 Emily Jarvie


# Brian Mitchell MP

**ON YOUR SIDE!**

As your federal MP I am pleased to hear the State Government say it will finally seal Wielangta Road. This cannot happen fast enough.

I called for this to happen in February last year (see press clipping, above) but my plea was dismissed at the time by the Gutwein Government.

Over the past few weeks we have seen how important Wielangta Road is as an alternative east coast route, and how inadequate it is to service significant volumes of traffic, especially after poor weather.

The photo in this advertisement was taken near the bridge on Saturday June 12 after just a couple of days' rain, and it's not even the worst spot for potholes.

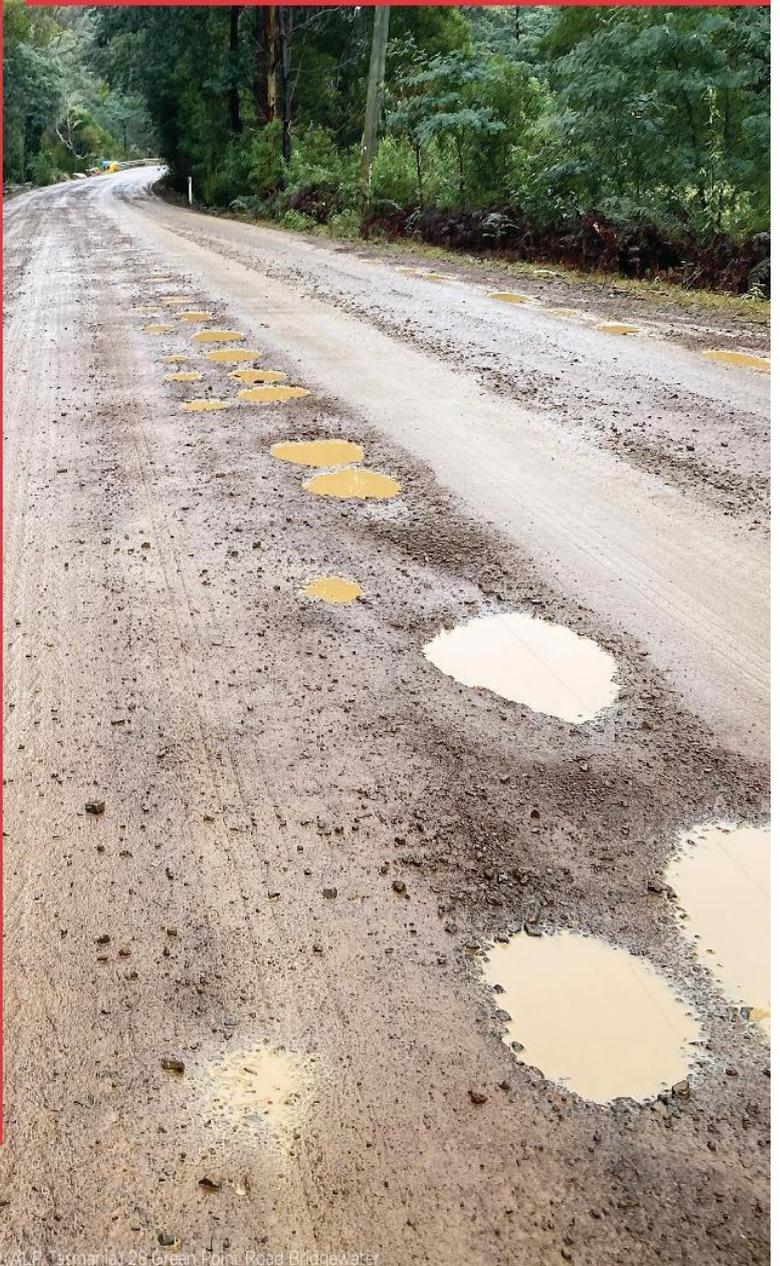
So I am pleased Wielangta Road will be upgraded, but now we are waiting on the Government to provide details.

Meanwhile, my thoughts continue to be with the people of the east coast who continue to suffer the economic pain caused by the closure of Tasman Highway at Orford.

In recent weeks I have visited a number of businesses and residents and it's clear the closure has had a major impact.

While I am pleased the Government listened to my pleas for a business support package to be established I am disappointed the support does not extend to employees, who have lost shifts and in some cases lost their jobs entirely. A short-term wage subsidy would have been most helpful, I think. It is a terrible oversight to ignore the pain being felt by east coast workers and their families.

Please feel free to contact me anytime regarding this or any other issue. You can get me at the office on (03) 6263 3721 or email [Brian.Mitchell.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Brian.Mitchell.MP@aph.gov.au)


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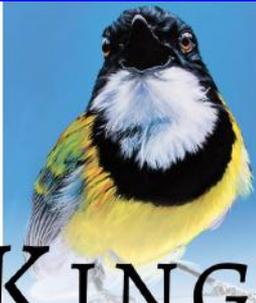
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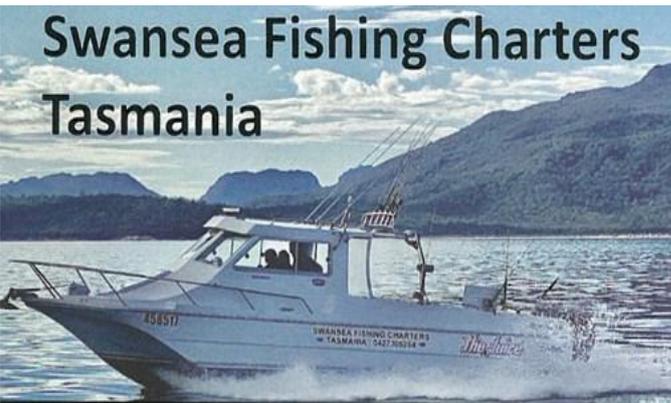
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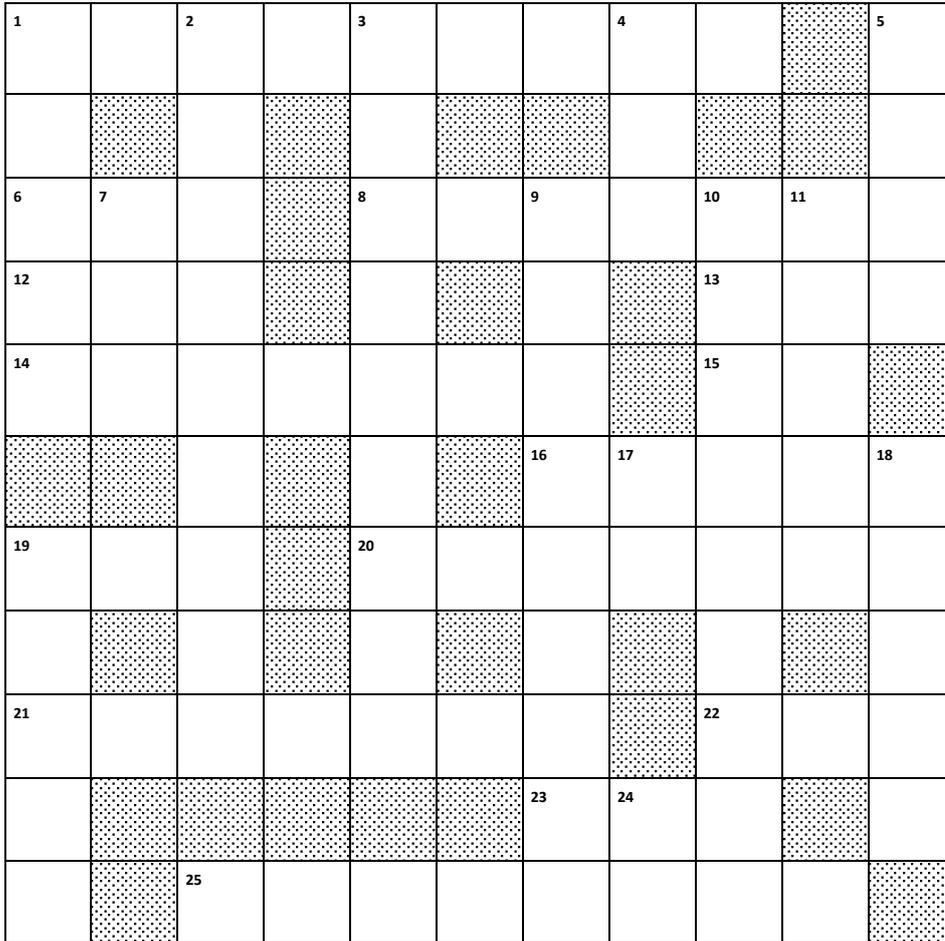
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## THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

No. 30.2021

By Rob Gaspari



### CLUES

#### ACROSS

1. Tried (9)
6. Crude mineral (3)
8. Aims (7)
12. Bacardi alcohol (3)
13. Married title (3)
14. Impartial (7)
15. Father (2)
16. Form of lyric poem (4)
19. In favour of (3)
20. Adored (7)
21. Employed incorrectly (7)
22. Employ (3)
23. Type of tree (3)
25. Vine climbing frames (9)

#### DOWN

1. Oak nut (5)
2. Trembling, as from fear (9)
3. Cloths, fabrics (9)
4. Ova (3)
5. Ado (4)
7. Repent of (3)
9. Person held up as an example (4.5)
10. Large stores (9)
11. Exchange of goods (5)
17.  $\pi$  (2)
18. Moved one step at a time (5)
19. Machines used to raise liquids (5)
24. Lithium (2)

### THIS WEEKS SUDOKU

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**ALL ANSWERS  
ON PAGE 7**



### WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

"Why did Billy get fired from the banana factory? He kept throwing away the bent ones."

"I wouldn't buy anything with velcro. It's a total rip-off."

"What's an astronaut's favorite part of a computer? The space bar."

"I don't play soccer because I enjoy the sport. I'm just doing it for kicks!"

"Why are elevator jokes so classic and good? They work on many levels."



### LIFE'S LIKE THAT :-

Law of Probabilities & Proportions  
(Murphy's Law)

- The probability of getting a tradesperson to do a job is proportional to the size of the job and your wallet.

RjG

# SPORT & WEATHER

## Swansea Golf Club

### Result 24th July 2021.

Cool but pleasant conditions greeted players for a stableford event generously sponsored by the Qigong Group.

<b>Winner.</b>	Russell Dodge 42, 2nd Peter Thomas 40, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tim Bond 36, 4 <sup>th</sup> Matt Gall 35.
<b>Nearest the Pin.</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> Keith Breheny, 8 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> David Brown, 9 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> Matt Gall.
<b>Super Pin</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> Peter Thomas, 7 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> Max Hall
<b>Birdie Bonus</b>	Peter Thomas
<b>Eagle's Nest</b>	Keith Breheny 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hole
<b>Next Week</b>	Lyne Trophy – Sponsored by Springvale Stroke

### Wednesday 21st July 2021

Ladies Round 2 of Championships Results.

<b>18-Holers</b>	Winner Joanna Whelan 60, Runner Up Lyn Lyne 66.
<b>9-Holers</b>	Winner Dorothy Morey 32, Runner Up Alison Donaldson 36 c/b
<b>Nearest the Pin</b>	18-holers 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sally Siepen, 8 <sup>th</sup> Linda Lowe, 9-holers 4 <sup>th</sup> Jane Cotton, 7 <sup>th</sup> Di Garcia
<b>Next Week</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> and Final Round of Championships

### Chicken Run (Scores Only)

<b>Wednesday,</b>	Ian Wallace 29.5, John Cotton 30, Barry Skeggs 30.5 c/b, Russell Dodge 30.5, Paul Morris 30.5
<b>Putts</b>	John Cotton 10.
<b>Friday</b>	Gavin Todd 28.5
<b>Putts</b>	Tim Bond 16.



“You don’t mind carrying all our bags, do you?” a threesome asked a caddy at Peekskill, NY’s Mohanasic Golf Course.

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Partly cloudy.	Showers.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Shower or two.
16 °C	16 °C	16 °C	16 °C	17 °C
8 °C	10 °C	6 °C	8 °C	9 °C

### Orford/Triabunna

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Partly cloudy.	Shower or two.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Shower or two.
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### Swansea

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