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POP UP BOOK STALL (PUBS) NEWS

PUBS popularity is continuing to grow with an increasing number of regular customers from Hobart to Bicheno and beyond visiting our book stall. Many first time customers, on seeing our set up and vast range of books, have expressed their surprise usually with the word 'wow' and then explained how they have been told by friends if they visit the East Coast they must include PUBS in their itinerary.

Our continued success is only made possible by a dedicated group of volunteers and the wonderful people who support us by purchase and donations of books. We are also indebted to the owners of the building we operate from (former Council Chambers) who allow us free use of the premises and facilities. Our sincere thanks goes to all these great community minded people.

Since the beginning of this enterprise (in October 2015) we have raised over \$73,000 which is an indication of the support we receive. As frequently mentioned, money raised is given back to community organizations through a grant process. For those interested we have a printed sheet outlining all donations given to individual community organizations over the years. Over the last 6 months we have donated the following:

 \$400 -Triabunna District High School for Breakfast Program

- \$5000 -Suicide Prevention Network for Personal Home Alarms
- \$800 Maria Voices for assistance in establishing a local choir for all ages
- \$550 Table Tennis Group Orford for equipment (This group caters for all ages and physical ability and aims to overcome social isolation)
- \$6500 Royal Flying Doctors Service for a specialized piece of dental equipment to be permanently housed at the Swansea Dental Practice.

Our main focus in granting money is for health related and social needs of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Community. Enquiries regarding grant applications are available - see below.

A reminder - our opening hours are Wednesday to Sunday 11am -2.30pm plus Public Holidays.

Venue - Community Hall (former Council Chambers Building) Vicary St. Triabunna. Enquiries Judy 62571262/0438571262; Beth 0407571181

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Backing child care in Glamorgan-Spring Bay

Three child care providers in Glamorgan-Spring Bay will share in over \$900,000 funding to help improve access to care and increase workforce participation.

The Community Child Care Fund gives approved services critical funding to assist

with operating costs and increase the number of children they can care for.

Liberal Senator for Tasmania, Claire Chandler, said Morrison Coalition Government was committed to giving Australian families access to quality child care, regardless of where they live or their circumstances.

"It's so important to support child care services so families can access the care they need, when they need it," Senator Chandler said.

"This program is good for families, good for communities and benefits local economies by allowing more parents to get back into work or to take on additional hours if they chose."

More than 385 child care providers across Australia will share in funding of over \$100 million through round three of the Community Child Care Fund.

The Morrison Coalition Government is investing around \$10 billion in child care this year to support around 1 million families. The recent Budget delivered further support to reduce the out of pocket costs for parents with multiple children aged under six in care and a commitment to a \$2 billion preschool funding agreement for access to early learning for all children in the year before school.

More information on the Community Child Care Fund can be found on the <u>Department of Education, Skills and</u> Employment website.

Funding breakdown:

\$377,623 – Spring Bay Child Care Centre, Triabunna \$375,045 - Little Penguins Child Care, Bicheno \$200,652 - Lady Gowrie- Swansea

Education and Care, Swansea

SENATOR CLAIRE CHANDLER LIBERAL SENATOR FOR TASMANIA



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(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

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www.eastcoastanglican.church
10 Noyes Street, Swansea

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MEALS ON WHEELS SWANSEA ROSTER

Date	2021	Name
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Thur	05 Aug	A Simson
Fri	06 Aug	J Dell
Mon	09 Aug	T Gray
Tues	10 Aug	P & D Cardno

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Janelle Hall

0437 264 332

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Ph 0417 977 118 or 0402 043 621 Swanseadistrictgardenclub @gmail.com

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Website: dsra.org.au
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Contact **0402 043 621** for details

Spring Bay Walkers Every

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See programme

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

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Swansea Tennis Club is open to all members and available for hire.
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Contact

Kathy Dance 0439 732 496. All new members welcome.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

SWANSEA HERITAGE **FESTIVAL** 5-7th 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 2nd 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 dearneps@msn.com.

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CORRECTION

Please note incorrect email address posted in issue 29 for Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council should read

admin@freycinet.tas.gov.au.

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LETTERS TO THE **EDITORIAL TEAM**

Dear Editorial Team

I read in the Great Oyster Bay Community News issue 30.2021, with great disappointment, Steve Barrett's attempt to somehow justify his arguments that the existing GSBC is the victim of circumstances by virtue of them "inheriting" the debt. If the GSBC is being serious about reducing costs or not adding to it on behalf ratepayers why have they recently appointed four new executive positions at what must be considerable cost. It is fair think that the ratepayers are well rid of the personnel responsible for the eight million debt OR ARE WE? With just an ounce of compassion surely Mr. Barrett and those of his ilk can think about the real victims, the ratepayers of GSBC and not add to their costs. Mr. Barrett's mealy mouth excuse that because other councils use the AAV system just does not cut it as the AAR system clearly was not cause of there being insufficient funding. So please someone from GSBC please tell the ratepayers why they should have to foot the bill for this disgraceful financial mismanagement that municipality is now saddled with.

> Len Evans Swansea



LETTERS TO THE EDITORIAL TEAM

GLAMORGAN-SPRING BAY COUNCIL: FROM HERO TO ZERO

Congratulations to our Glamorgan Spring Bay Council. I recently attended the "Council Connect" meeting here in Swansea and, after listening to the Mayor and various new council management staff, left feeling that the era of secrets, lies and innuendo was finished and lessons had been learnt.

Well that lasted less than two weeks! Not one mention was made of the need to increase municipal rates nor the change to Assessed Annual Value (AAV) rates rather than the fairer existing method where every property (in a zone) pays the same rates. Instead Council voted to both increase the rates and alter the assessment method.

The AAV method will allow both undeveloped and properties of low value to pay a lower municipal rate whilst those that have invested in improving their properties for their own purposes and in improving the towns vista and appeal will be stung for the "privilege". Surely this is a disincentive to investment and improvements in our municipality.

Given the major change in assessing rates I feel that the "Community Connect" session was where we would have been informed, re. council's considerations, and at least been given some chance for input. I support a modest increase in rates to get us back on a firm financial footing but can't help feeling that we are in the current position because of extremely unwise "investments" by our previous council i.e the Prosser RAW scheme which, it could be argued, was built to support a fish farming enterprise with a dubious environmental impact.

Can council please explain, to us mere morons, why it costs more to provide/ maintain gutters, footpaths and roads for a block with a new house on it as opposed to a one with a run down shack. Extra water and sewage – agreed but that is provided through Taswater not council. Garbage? No we all pay a garbage levy. Increased costs of assessing building plans and approvals? Yes BUT developers/builders are already carrying that burden! Animal control? No as we get more dog issues coming from campers (on their own

blocks) and shack residents bringing their unrestrained pooches up for holidays. Must be the increased cost of mowing the nature strips? No as owners of more expensive properties take pride in their properties and the nature strips adjacent – can't say the same for vacant land and some shacks so council has to pickup the slack.

To me it looks like a money grab – everyone knows property values have increased dramatically post Covid and council wants to milk the cash cow quicker by changing the rating method.

What else is council trying to sneak past our noses? this doesn't pass the "Pub Test" nor augur well for the future.

Signed Greg Luck, Swansea

PETITION: THE ISSUES WITH COUNCIL

1/ We need to acknowledge our financial position and the need to manage the debt. We are not here to apportion blame for previous decisions nor mistakes. Future elections will sort that out.

2/ THE MAIN ISSUE is:- the change from AAR (average area rates) to AAV (assessed average values) with insufficient thought and due process resulting from poor governance.

3/ Failure by council to fully consider the implications on ratepayers. A lot of those affected with heavy rises are self funded retirees with no redress to rates remissions. Implementing a multi tiered taxation system has a serious adverse affect on inter-community relations and that has not been adequately considered. Yes some property rates will reduce this year but that position will not be maintained into the future under an AAV methodology.

4/ Failure by council to question if Section 86(B) of The Act 1993 – Local Government is truly appropriate in 2021 and if the application of a "wealth tax" is fair and equitable. Failure by council to recognize that the definition of "wealth" by using AAV is no longer fair and equitable. A ratepayer may live in a property with a high AAV but have a reverse mortgage, or a low AAV but have \$xMil. In the bank so clearly the AAV assessment of capacity to pay an extra share of "wealth tax" is unjust.

5/ YES the "wealth tax" issue is a State Government issue **BUT** Council chose to ignore the above and instigate AAV for their gain. A dramatic change in the rate base will occur with property re-evaluation due in two years or less –

an easy cash grab? AAR was and still is available to apply.

6/ Council had the option of continuing to use AAR and simply adding a \$200 increase across every ratepayer to achieve the same financial result but in a FAIR and EQUITABLE manner.

7/ Council implemented the change from AAR to AAV with insufficient community consultation despite the express wishes of the community to adopt the AAR method in 2013 (following extensive community consultation and support).

8/ Community trust and faith in council's governance is at an all-time low and their position is untenable. This statement refers to the Councillors and Mayor not the council staff. With several important (to the community) developments currently being assessed, community has no faith in a fair and just process being applied and are worried that those key projects may founder.

And NO we are not referring to THE CAMBRIA GREEN PROJECT, nor are we in any way supporting Chinese investment in our community. 9/ How much of our current debt situation is due to the expansion of the council staff. How does this sit with the recent closing of the tourist interface — Visitor Information Centres. Who was consulted before expanding the bureaucracy?

What can community do? There is a community petition currently being prepared and distributed for you to sign if you agree that the above issues are of serious concern to you as a ratepayer and or resident. That petition is made to The Hon. Roger Jaensch as minister for local government.

Please read the information provided at the location where you find the petition. If you agree with the statement sign your name and address on the petition provided at retail outlets in your town or where you collect your copy of The Great Oyster Bay News. The petition should be available in the next few days once distribution is arranged.

Signed Greg Luck, Swansea

Editorial Team Comment It seems the council has awakened the sleeping giant, the ratepayers. They are out for blood. The elected councillors of Glamorgan-Spring Bay all seemed to have gone to ground? No sympathy from this ratepayer!

LETTERS TO THE EDITORIAL TEAM

PAYING THE PRICE FOR PAST DECISIONS

I thank Greg Luck for his penultimate letter to the Editorial Team re the GSBC rates debate. It is not that I agree with all Greg's opinions but good on him for putting his views out there.

Greg may be correct in saying there is a fairer way to determine the rates for properties however given that Council is constrained by the LG Act, (rates are defined as a tax and therefore need to have a capacity-to-pay component) along with the diversity of selfinterested stakeholders, any decision Council makes re rates is going to be unpopular with a fair proportion of ratepayers. The setting of rates should obviously have a lengthy public consultation process however it is my understanding, from watching the Council meeting online, there were legitimate reasons why community consultation couldn't occur within the allotted time this year. Council needs to ensure that a timely and meaningful conversation with Community happens before the setting of the Budget next year.

In his letter Greg congratulates three Councillors that voted against the rates Motion; two of the Councillors Greg mentions, Deputy Mayor Woods and Councillor Arnol, in my view, definitely do not deserve to be congratulated. Both have been a member of the GSB Council for well over a decade and have been aware during that time, that the revenue from rates was insufficient and needed to be increased but for the last 6 years plus they have supported an unsustainable budget. At the June Council meeting they knew there was not any other viable option to the one being recommended; they offered no amendment or alternative solution to the motion on the table. Neither did Deputy Mayor Woods or Clr. Arnol accept any responsibility for Council's current financial predicament even though their support of costly projects in the past e.g., THE pipeline, the Twamley dam, Solis golf course, East Coast Health contributed greatly to the problem. Many, if not all these projects should have been funded by private enterprise, or the State and/or Federal Government NOT the Ratepay-

I congratulate the five Councillors who voted for the motion; an informed and difficult decision that they knew would be unpopular; they had the courage to put their name to a decision that unfortunately needed to be made.

Many community members are suggesting that amalgamation is the answer – it is certainly not the answer if the ques-

tions are "How do we reduce rates?" or "How do we get better representatives?" Amalgamation will not decrease rates. The larger a Council the more money is spent on employing top level managers etc. and the local communities' representation is diminished. Tasmania would be better served by introducing a new LG model; a contemporary and more appropriate model for the State considering Tasmania's population and its geographic context.

Jenifer Crawford

JUNE GSBC AGENDA" IRONIC RATE DEBATE."

The June Ordinary Meeting of Council I found to be so sadly ironic. The two longest serving

Councillors voting against the immediate need to alter GSBC Rate/Tax/Fee for Service from AAR to AAV to service our maxed out debt and immediate operational cash flow needs when I believe they are major contributors having permitted the excessive debt we the Ratepayers are now subjected too. The support of previous Council Administrations' ventures into non core activities and unbalanced commercial agreements ignoring the concerns of some fellow Councillors and Residents. The repeated years of short term borrowings on the following years Rate Income and Depreciation Funding screamed for the attention of anyone capable of reading a financial report. I believe they failed in their responsibilities to the Ratepayer at our cost for years to come.

Too late to lament "Why was I not informed" when some existing and past Councillors chose to ignore when told of concerns with past Administrations' failures &/or tilted representations under Section 65 of The Local Government Act, no excuse for the Councillor's failure to do due diligence just accepting what they were feed failing to protect us, the ratepayer.

I truly believe some Past Councillors and Existing long serving Councillors owe Us The Ratepayer an apology and in good conscious Two Resignations never to stand for Office again.

The New Administration must be supported and permitted time to correct matters, to protect our Municipality, our Future. The calls for the Minister to appoint an Administrator is premature and hopefully will not be necessary. I commend the elected Councillor's efforts to effect Compliances as per the Local Government Act to ensure the continued existence of Our Municipality.

Jon Heck, Triabunna

TO ALL PEOPLE considering the \$10000 grant to build a unit in their backyard they may lose much more than that in a very short time. Take our case, we purchased such a property in Bicheno 2009. The title included both the house and unit and rates were a reasonable \$1100.

In 2012 the council covertly approached the Valuer General to have all properties revalued, then secretly they had Lands & Titles draw up new titles such that if there were two buildings, they each had unique property numbers, this was even worse as if there were three buildings three times etc.

Since then, our rates have doubled and guess what Tas Water have doubled water and sewerage charges.

What did we get for this change, nothing, Zero Zilch only multiple rates and charges?

Beware

I now note that GSBC have seen that the value of properties has increased so much that they have reverted to a AAV system but guess what they have kept the multiple building rating system. In the past I have lived in several municipalities and dealt with several councils, GSBC would have to be the most incompetent I have ever seen, they disregard rate payers only hoping for golf courses and fish farms!

Paul Arnol Bicheno

This is a letter to the editor of the Mercury which was published Saturday 31st July

I was just wondering if any of your readers who are affected by this multiple

Rating system fiasco were interested in mounting a class action against the Council to have multiple rates returned plus interest and if the Council cannot pay then the elected councillors who voted for the system in 2012 be held accountable and

have to pay.

At the time I wrote to each and every councillor getting three replies one from the Mayor Indicating, he would look in to my complaint and get back, he never did another said she was against the proposal but was pressured to make the vote unanimous the third from the Deputy Mayor questioning my right to complain and that only thirty propertied were affected in the whole council area. I personally counted 28 in Bicheno alone.

Since these people are elected to help the electorate and did not, they should feel the full force of the law and if any are still elected, they must resign and be no longer entitled to stand in any elective office.

> Paul Arnol Bicheno

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This weeks puzzle page answers

No cheating now



Source: ABS, 2016 Census of Population and Housing

In 2019, of Australians lived in regional areas.

For people in 55 regional areas, the largest population group was aged 64

Source: ABS, Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2018-19, cat no. 3218.0

Source: ABS, Regional Population by Age and Sex, Australia, 2019, cat. no. 3235.0

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sus night. Help and resources www.census.abs.gov.au/help

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Census Bureau of Statistics

CENSUS NIGHT IS ON TUESDAY 10[™] AUGUST 2021.

The Census is the most comprehensive snapshot of Australia. It provides information on the number and key characteristics of people in Australia, including where we live, how old we are, our ethnicity, religion, income, education, and our living and housing arrangements.

Census data is used to plan services that impact on our lives, from schools, healthcare, transport and infrastructure to local support for individuals, families and communities.

Face to face support for Census will be available at many locations across Australia in August 2021, including

SWANSEA LIBRARY 31 Franklin St, Swansea Thursday 5th August 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 1:15 PM - 4:15 PM

Census Hub

Drop into the Census Hub and receive face to face assistance with Census information or pick up a paper form: From late July, all locations, dates and times of face to face support will be available on the Census website www.census.abs.gov.au/find-us.

All key information about the 2021 Census can be found at https://www.census.abs.gov.au/.

Other Hubs are

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CENSUS RURAL AND REGIONAL **AREA INFOR-MATION**

Around one third of Australians live in regional areas. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) knows that internet connectivity is lower in regional areas. While we encourage people to get online to complete their 2021 Census, we understand there can be barriers. We'll hand deliver paper forms to areas where we're less confident that mail will reach. Others will receive either a letter with instructions on how to complete online, or a paper form in the mail. We're also providing face to face help at fill in the form sessions and pop-up hubs around the country. The Swansea Pop Up is on the Thursday the 5th of August at the Swansea Library from 9:30 am to 4:15 PM

How does the Census benefit me and my community?

Census data is used to inform decisions on issues that impact on our lives, from schools, healthcare, transport and infrastructure to local services for individuals, families and communities. For example, knowing the number of people living in regional and remote areas informs where doctors are needed, and understanding local birth rates and languages spoken at home links Australians to the community services they need.

How and when do I complete the Census?

You can complete your Census online, by paper, or with help from us. YOU CAN START YOUR ČENSUS AS SOON AS YOU GET YOUR INSTRUC-TIONS IF YOU KNOW WHO WILL BE HOME ON CENSUS NIGHT THE 10TH OF AUGUST 2021. Census staff may visit most households in regional areas to provide a paper form. In some areas, instructions will be sent in the mail to complete online. This will have your unique Census number and temporary password.

Can I complete the Census on paper instead of online?

Yes. Most people will receive a paper

form in regional areas. If you receive a letter, you can get a paper form by calling the 24-hour automated paper form request service on 1800 130 250. You'll need your 16-digit Census number from your Census letter if you have one. Paper forms will also be available at selected locations or Pop up Hubs refer to www.census.abs.gov.au/find-us.

I've already completed the Agricultural Census. Do I need to do the Census of Population and Housing too?

Yes. The Agricultural Census asks different questions. The Census of Population and Housing is compulsory*. Every household and every person in Australia on Census night must be included, excluding foreign diplomats and their families. You should complete the Census wherever you are on Census night. *See the 2021 Census Privacy Statement at www.census.abs.gov.au/privacy

I'm away on Census night. What do I do?

If your address will be unoccupied on Census night, you can report this online at www.census.abs.gov.au/doing/emptydwelling or by calling us on 1800 512 441. If you have a house-sitter or anyone staying on Census night, they will need to complete the Census form at your address. People who are overseas on Census night don't need to complete the Census.

I think I've seen Census staff around. Can you tell me more about them?

Census staff might be driving or walking around your area. They can be identified by the bright yellow satchel and ID card they wear. Locating houses in rural areas can be hard, so sometimes they might ask neighbours about houses in the area or to confirm if a house is occupied. This is so they don't continue visiting or leaving materials if nobody is home. Census staff will leave all gates as they found them. They may try to leave information tied to a gate. In regional and rural areas, the 'front door' might not be at the front of the house as it is in urban areas. So, Census staff might approach what they can see is the common entrance to a house.

I missed filling in the form on Census night. Do I still need to do it?

Yes. Everyone in Australia on Census night, Tuesday 10 August 2021, must complete the Census. If you receive your letter or paper form after Census night, you must complete it as soon as possible

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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://lgobcnews.weebly.com/annual-giving-program.html

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST 2021

Note conditions apply, see form for details.

Robert j Gaspari (Secretary)



Burn Brighter this Winter

Wood heater users are encouraged to burn with a flame or Burn Brighter this Winter to reduce wood smoke.

Wood heaters are a common and efficient way to warm homes during winter. However, burning without a flame or burning wood overnight can often result in thick smoke around towns and suburbs across Tasmania.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Tasmania and local Councils are encouraging residents to Burn Brighter this Winter by burning wood with a flame to reduce smoke emissions.

Dr John Innis from EPA Tasmania says air If you can, go outside occasionally, and quality monitoring undertaken across Tasmania shows that there is poor air quality in several locations during the winter

'On still winter days and nights, smoke tends to linger and build up around towns and suburbs, which is unpleasant, can be a nuisance and can also have negative consequences on our health,' said Dr Innis. The Director of Public Health Dr Mark Veitch would like to remind Tasmanians that wood smoke reduces the quality of air that we breathe, and can worsen conditions such as asthma, bronchitis, emphysema and heart disease.

'The smaller particles in wood smoke, when breathed in, can directly enter the bloodstream, causing inflammation and worsen these existing conditions,' Dr Veitch said.

Dr Innis says the amount of smoke coming from a wood heater is dependent on the age and type of heater, but also on how it is operated. The good news is that we can burn wood in a way that creates less smoke.

Follow the Burn Brighter this Winter campaign advice about how to operate your wood heater to reduce smoke emissions:

- always burn with a flame don't let your fire smoulder
- after loading wood, open the air control and burn your fire on high for 20 minutes, especially before going to bed
- only burn dry, seasoned wood
- ensure your flue is clean.

check how much smoke is coming from your chimney. If it is regularly producing a lot of smoke, even with good operation, you may need to have your heater checked or the flue cleaned.

For further information about smoke levels in your area, smoke alerts and health advice for people affected by wood smoke visit https://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/ publichealth/alerts/air/

More information on using your wood heater responsibly and reducing smoke pollution can be found on EPA Tasmania's website www.epa.tas.gov.au/burn-brighter



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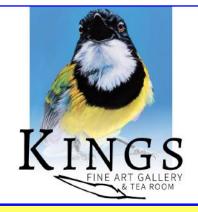
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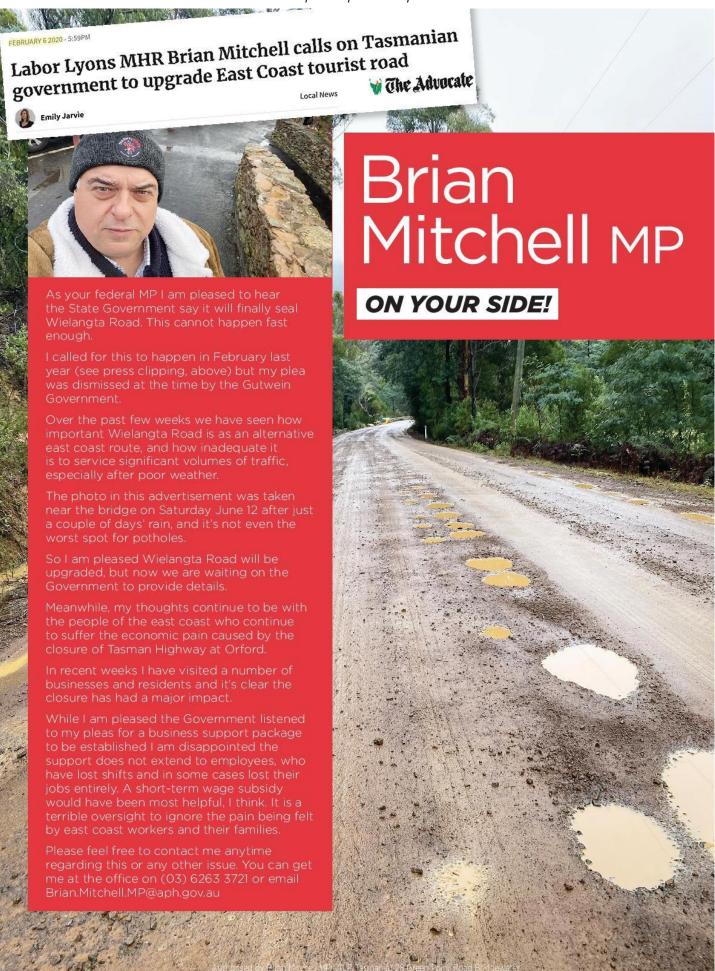
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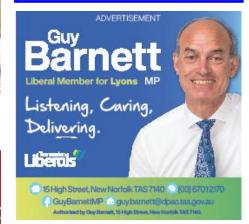


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To discuss any position information please contact Council's HR Consultant Kristy Scott on 0419 534 470 or email kristy@hrisesp.com.au

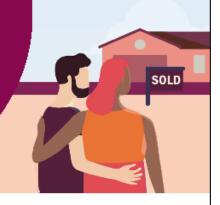
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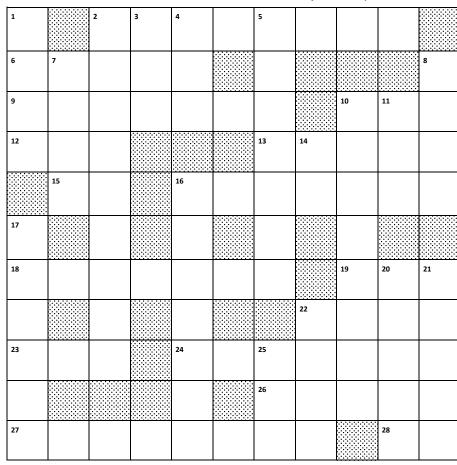
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THE PUZZLE PAGE

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

No. 31.2021

By Rob Gaspari



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ALL ANSWERS
ON PAGE 7



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ACROSS

- **2.** Convenience food (9)
- 6. Household task (5)
- **9.** Fossick (7)
- **10.** Fold, wrap (3)
- 12. Historical period (3)
- 13. Lions cries (5)
- **15.** Thorium (2)
- **16.** Novice (7)
- **18.** Shrunk from (7)
- 19. Sound of contempt or disapproval (3)
- **22.** Detergent (4)
- **23.** Type of donkey (3)
- **24.** Foster (7)
- **26.** External (5)
- **27.** Bones (8)
- 28. Old NSW Reschs beer (2)

DOWN

- 1. Land measure (4)
- **2.** Small axes (9)
- **3.** Limp (3)
- **4.** NZ parrot (3)
- **5.** Barometer type (7)
- **7.** Injure (4)
- 8. Arched church recess (4)
- **10.** Idlers (9)
- **11.** Skill (3)
- **14.** Suffix used in the naming of chemical derivatives, compounds etc. (2)
- **16.** Organise (7)
- 17. Fragments (6)
- 20. Furnished with paddles (5)
- **21.** Classical musical (5)
- **22.** Shock (4)
- 25. Hopping marsupial (3)

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

A couple from the big city travel to the country and visits a farm. They meet

the farmer and asks why a cow didn't have any horns? The farmer explained that some cow breeds don't have horns, like the Angus, he continue explaining.... 'sometimes horns are removed to ensure they don't hurt other cows or their handlers', and then he said, 'when they are calves they are treated chemically so as not to grow horns'.

The farmer then took a breath and said 'but the reason that particular cow has no horns is because it's a horse?'

Buddy Hackett



LIFE'S LIKE THAT :-ABBREVIATIONS

BBQ — Beef Burnt in Quantity

CWA — Chatty Women's Assembly

 $RSL - \underline{R}emember to \underline{S}hout (a beer) \underline{L}eague$

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SPORT & WEATHER Swansea Golf Club

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Ladies Lyn Lyne 64, Runner Up Sally Siepen 66.

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Super Pin

Next Week Monthly Medal - Stroke

Wednesday 28th July 2021

Ladies Round 3 of Mid-week Championships & Alison Donaldson Trophy

Round 3 Results.

18-Holers Winner Joanna Whelan 64 c/b, Runner Up Valda Kemp 64. 9-Holers Winner Philippa Cardno 30, Runner Up Sally Fletcher 34. 18-holeWinner Jo Whelan 192 Runner Up Lyn Lyne 200 Championship 9-hole Winner Pip Cardno 97, Runner Up Jane Cotton 111.5 18-holers 3rd/12th Pat Hardcastle, 7th 16th Jo Whelan, 9-holers 7th Sally Fletcher, 4th Sally Fletcher,

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