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GREAT OYSTER BAY Community News

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SANTA CLAUS HAS COME TO TOWN

Saturday the 16th saw the main street of Swansea visited by a jolly, but not so plump gentleman in a red suit and white beard.

The annual Christmas parade moved down the main street led by the local drum corp. and followed by various vehicles and angels and the Grinch distributing sweets to the watching children as they passed.

The parade ended at the local oval where stalls and parade vehicles stopped to be inspected. The oval was packed with little space for cars as on the day also occurring was a local double header cricket match, the usual Saturday Golf comp and a full on Bowls pennant match.

All had a marvellous time.

By Rob Gaspari



The Grinch distributing sweets to the children



Local police in hot pursuit .

More pics on page 6 & 7

OPENING TIMES**SWANSEA ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE**

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 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 LIBRARY**

Franklin St. Swansea
 (at Primary School)
 Phone: 6257 8607

OPEN TUESDAY & THURSDAY
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**SPRING BAY ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE Inc.**

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 Triabunna, Tasmania 7190
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 springbay.oac@decyp.tas.gov.au

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Enquiries: Chris 0458560753
 Beth 0407571181

Judy 62571262 or 0438571262
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SWANSEA RE-USE SHOPPE

4 Arnol Street

MONDAY CLOSED
TUESDAY TO THURSDAY
10AM - 2PM

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 EFTPOS available

Contact Tracey Kean 0407 639 022

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The current Swansea Online Access Centre volunteers and our coordinator

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The GOBCNews team

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Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day
www.eastcoastheritage.org.au

SWANSEA OP-SHOP

Franklin St. Swansea
Trading hours
Monday

CLOSED THURSDAY 21ST DEC. 2023
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Welcome
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Parish of East Coast
Gloria Willis manager
ptasrh@ths.tas.gov.au

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Wednesday - Thursday 3pm - 9pm
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Sunday 12 noon - 6.30pm

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Sunday 12 noon - 2.00pm
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CHURCH NOTICES**EAST COAST ANGLICAN**

Please join us for
church every Sunday
10am Swansea (10 Noyes St)
4pm Triabunna (1 Franklin St)
6257 3321

www.eastcoastanglican.church

Swansea - 10 Noyes St
Triabunna - 1 Franklin St
Woodsdale - 2265 Woodsdale Rd

ST. ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH SWANSEA

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

Everyone is invited to attend.
All Welcome

A Quinn.

LUNCH WITH MATES

Everyone welcome
Good tuckers
A free coffee for all others

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**CLUBS & GROUPS****THE SWANSEA HOPE CLUB CUPPA & CHAT GROUP**

2nd & 4th Monday of each month
from 2pm onward
@ the Community Hub
4 Arnol St Swansea
Enquires contact Steve, Linda
0458 959 820

Look forward to seeing you there.

LONELINESS GROUP

LET'S GET TOGETHER
& TALK ABOUT IT.

Hi my name is Kath, and I am organising
both a ladies group and also a gents
group to talk about loneliness and isolation.
If you are interested please text
leaving your interest so I can organise a
time & date

KATH

0468 998 546 (TEXT ONLY)

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The Spring Bay Potters
Group at The Village in
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Wednesdays & Fridays
10.00am to 1.00pm.

As well as tuition, clay, tools, glazes
etc. are provided for a cost.

Peter Hüttemeier

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

The last weekend of every
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57 Inkerman Street Triabunna
For info. Phone: **042 779 6096**

E-mail: sandmgraham@bigpond.com

Facebook—Orford and District
Riding Club Inc.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

SWANSEA SPLASHERS

The Splashers meet most days
@ 8 am &/or 9am

Gordon Street boat ramp for a
swim/splash.

New splashers
always welcome.

For details contact

0408 971 483 or 0408 369 213

**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
Available for hire.

Contact **Kathy Dance**
0439 732 496.

All new members welcome.

**SWANSEA EXERCISE GROUP**

at Swansea Golf Club
Mondays 8:45 for 9 am.
(currently full)

Followed by **QIGONG** at 10 am

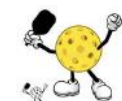
Enquiries:

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(re Exercise Group) or
0448 649 765 (re Qigong)

**PICKLEBALL**

You just want a social,
non competitive game?
Sunday times may vary
Swansea School Hall

Contact **Alison**

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CLUBS & GROUPS**GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

Are you interested in local History? Consider joining the Historical Society.

Currently our office is open
Tuesdays 10am to 4pm

22 Franklin Street, Swansea

info@glamorganhistory.org.au

Phone: 03 6257 9011

DOLPHIN SANDS COMMUNITY ASSOC. (DSCA)

Email: dscs.7190@gmail.com

Website: dsccommunity.org.au

Mail: PO Box 133, Swansea, 7190

SWANSEA BRANCH CWA

Meets the
2nd Wednesday
of the month

Anglican Church Hall

Cnr Noyes &

Wellington St.

Swansea

NEW MEMBERS

ALWAYS WELCOME!

Contact **Linda 0409359208** for details.

**SWANSEA MEN'S PROBUS CLUB**

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

**MAHJONG & SCRABBLE**

1.30 pm every Monday
at Swansea Golf Club.

Contact **Lyn Lyne 0438 578 208**

GKR KARATE

Karate classes on
Thursday at the
Triabunna District School.

Class starts at 12 noon.

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

**SPARKLERS DANCE TROUPE**

**CLOSED FOR
THE HOLIDAYS**

**SPRING BAY WALKERS**

Every Thursday morning,
contact **Peter Hutememier 6257 7506.**
www.triabunnavillage.com.au/

CLUBS & GROUPS**SWANSEA MODEL YACHT CLUB INC.**

Sailing, weather permitting, every
Monday 10.30 am until 2.30 pm.

All interested parties and spectators
welcome. Sailing is at the Kelvedon
Dam south of Swansea.

Inquiries Cheryl
0419393774

**ORFORD DF65 RADIO SAILING GROUP**

The above group meets from time to time
in the Orford area to sail popular DF65
and other radio-controlled model yachts.

If you are interested in racing or just sail-
ing around,

contact—**David 040 751 8171**

SWANSEA BOWLS CLUB

Thursday Social Bowls starts 1.00pm for
1.30 Roll Up.

All welcome. Beginners
encouraged to come and
join the fun, no equip-
ment required. For more

details contact **Mick 0417064571**

**FREYCINET VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE**

Meets 7pm, 3rd Tuesday each Month
VMR Boatshed,

76A Maria Street, Swansea

Visitors and new members welcome

Enquiries: 0400 329 973

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<http://triabunnavillage.com.au/>

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Contact **Celia Ralston**

0432 415 516

**ADVOCACY SERVICES**

**SWANSEA RSL
SUB-BRANCH Inc.**

Until further notice the contact person for
Advocacy Services will be

Garry Bevan on 0435 861 201.

Available for appointments in Swansea

***Deck the Halls*
Christmas Day Service**

**Monday December 25th
9.30 am**

at the Cranbrook Hall

Bring your picnic chair along,
as weather permitting, we will hold
the Service outside.

Jennie Amos 0417034597

**MEALS ON WHEELS
SWANSEA ROSTER**

Date	2023	Name
Wed	20 Dec	D & T Rigby
Thu	21 Dec	D & L Mackay
Fri	22 Dec	L Lyne & J Darke
Mon	25 Dec	L Dann
Tue	26 Dec	A Quinn & L Tucker

**MEALS ON WHEELS
SWANSEA ROSTER**

Date	2023	Name
Wed	27 Dec	G Bryan & J Amos
Thu	28 Dec	K Dance
Fri	29 Dec	A & H Downie
Mon	01 Jan 24	?
Tue	02 Jan	?

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

NOTICE

THE SWANSEA COMMUNITY RE-USE SHOPPE will be taking a well-earned break during the Christmas period. It is the time of year where we want to spend time with our families.

The last day of trading will be Thursday 21st December, reopening on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

The last day to pay and collect items from the Waste Transfer Station shed will be Thursday 21st December.

Once again, whilst we are grateful for your donations, we ask that you please do not leave any items outside the shop during this closure period. We will gratefully accept donations when we reopen on the 9th January. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Celia Ralston

THANK YOU

On behalf of those doing it tough this Christmas, we would like to sincerely thank everyone who has donated either financially or with food and toys, to the East Coast Salvos.

We have seen community at it's best and are extremely grateful for the support given. You have helped us bring hope and joy to those who need it most along the East Coast this Christmas. Thank you.

We wish everyone a blessed and happy Christmas filled with love, joy, peace and hope.

*Steve and Linda Miller
East Coast Salvation Army*

COMMUNITY NOTICE

COLOUR ISSUES for 2024

Issue 01 January 09

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SWANSEA GOLF CLUB INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 12th JANUARY 2024 - 7.00PM AT SWANSEA GOLF CLUB

- To confirm the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting.
 - To receive from the Committee, Auditor, and Servants of the Association, reports on the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year.
 - Any matter raised by any Member in accordance with the Club's Constitution.
 - To elect the officers of the Association and Ordinary Committee Members.
- Nominations to be lodged at the office by Friday 29th December 2023.
- Life Membership

*Kathy Dance
Secretary Swansea Golf Club Inc.*

BARKING & UNCONTROLLED DOGS

Are they a problem, barking, running unleashed, or leaving a mess?

Please contact

Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council
Check with council by-laws on these matters.

NOTICE

2023 SOAC ROUNDUP

This year 2023 has flown by, and much has happened for the Swansea Online Access Centre.

The moving of the S.O.A.C to a space in the newly renovated Library has taken some months, but now completed. We are eager to settle in to our new digs and shared space, to provide our convenient-services as needed. A thank you to the VMR for donating space at their boatshed so we could continue the GOBC Newsletter printing during this time.

I would like to express many thanks to all volunteers and committee members for their time and effort this year, especially considering the disruptions, but in particular:

- Elton Broderick for his term as Chair Person/President (now outgoing)
- Suzanne Whytcross for her accounting skills.
- Rob Gaspari for his diligent effort as Desktop Publisher for GOBC News.
- Bill Fry as Co-ordinator for his administration skills and for liaising between Libraries Tasmania and D.O.E., and keeping us all informed as to the stages of the renovation.

A thankyou and farewell to volunteer/committee members Jack Hardcastle, Celia Ralston, and Trish Carey for their time with us and wish them all the best.

S.O.A.C would appreciate anyone interested in joining us and becoming a volunteer to call in and see us for a chat, even if you only have a few hours a week available.

I wish everyone *A Happy and Safe Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous Year in 2024.*

Deb Blundell. (Chairperson SOAC)

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More photos will be posted in our colour New Years issue on the 9th Jan. 2024. If you have any photos that might be fun or interesting send them in and we will see about publishing them.
EMAIL: gobcnews@gmail.com
 Pics by Chelsea Brown & Rob Gaspari

SWANSEA TURNS ON A LIGHT SHOW FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

A evening drive around Swansea at this time of year is worth the effort.

The gold, red, green and blues of Christmas lights and decorations is evident in so many streets and on adorning so many properties is amazing.

Many are low key, but some are breath taking and almost outlandish and over the top, but still amazing. Take a drive and see for your self, and take advantage of the sights of these fantastic light shows before they are packed away for another year.

The photos don't do them justice.

Pics & story by Rob Gaspari



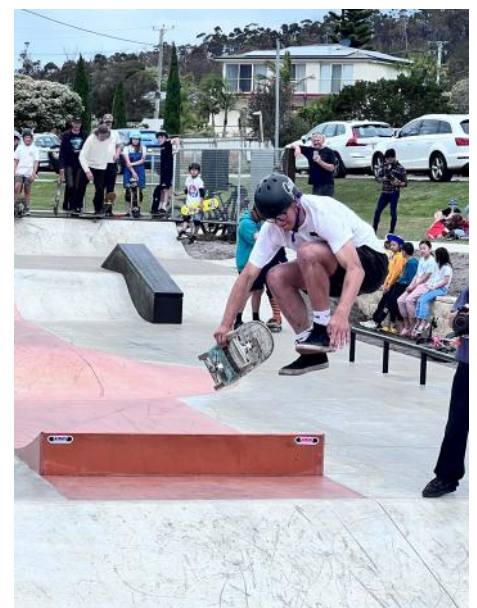
BICHENO SKATE PARK GRAND OPENING

Saturday 16th December 2023 saw the grand opening of the Bicheno Stake Park, a Bicheno Community Development Association project.

The opening ceremony and ribbon cutting included:

- Professional skaters – Jimmy's Skates Hobart performing their skills
- A skateboard safety demonstration for all ages
- Free sausage sizzle with soft drinks provided

This project was a major fundraising effort supported by Tasmanian Community Fund and Glamorgan Spring Bay Council.



Pics supplied by Suzanne Whytcross

SWANSEA COMMUNITY HUB FUNDS BENEFITTING THE COMMUNITY

The Swansea Community Hub, comprising the Community & Men's Shed and the Re-Use Shoppe, is very grateful to all the people who donate their unwanted items which would otherwise go to the waste transfer station (WTS). The Re-Use Shoppe gives them a second chance at a new home. Items which need some TLC make their way to the Community & Men's Shed for refurbishment, and then into the shop for sale.

The Community & Men's Shed members focus on special projects that they have been asked to work on. School students also utilise this space to learn about woodworking. The Community & Men's Shed is a space for men and women to work on projects and to share friendship.

The Swansea Community Hub has a fully equipped kitchen and a 'community room' with meeting room tables and chairs. These spaces are available for hire through the Swansea Community Hub on 0432415516.

We also seek to clarify the arrangement between the Re-Use Shoppe in Arnol Street (run by volunteers) and the waste transfer station (WTS) in Maria Street (run by Council). Furniture and items taken to the shed at the WTS are the responsibility of the Re-Use Shoppe, and recyclable items at the WTS can be purchased through the Re-Use Shoppe. Council employees at the WTS cannot take money for items housed at the WTS. If you are interested in purchasing an item from the shed utilised by the Community & Men's Shed at the WTS, you must first pay for the item at the Re-Use Shoppe and collect a receipt. The receipt must be presented to the Council employee at the WTS to collect your purchase. Ideally, we would like the Re-Use Shoppe to be open to match the hours of the WTS, to simplify the payment and collection process, but we are lacking volunteers. If you would like us to extend the Re-Use Shoppe's opening hours, we would like to hear from you in relation to volunteering.

Funds raised through the above methods are shared in so many ways into our community. Recent donations have been made to May Shaw Emergency Ward for electric beds; to May Shaw Nursing Home for a ride on lawn mower to maintain the grounds; and contribution to the beach wheelchairs. Some other recipients are the Swansea Primary School for the 5/6 class education adventure to Canberra; the Swansea TAS Community Garden group who plan to breathe new life into the garden; and the Swansea Christmas Parade.

We appreciate your membership, donations and patronage of our Community Hub.

Celia Ralston
Secretary/Treasurer
Swansea Community & Men's Shed Inc.



SWANSEA RSL SUB BRANCH

CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR

OPENING TIMES

24th Dec. 12noon - 6pm (Bistro Closed)

25th Dec. Closed

26th Dec. 2 - 6.30pm

27th Dec. - 30th Dec. (Normal Hours)

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01st Jan. 2 - 6.30pm

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Jane Howlett
 Liberal Member for Prosser
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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The Christmas period is one of my most treasured times of the year.

Christmas is a joyous occasion where we can relax with family and share in quality time while indulging in seasonal produce and festivities.

It is something that I look forward to with great joy. These moments with family are treasured, and I know that is the case for so many Tasmanians across our State.


In our beautiful pocket of the world, it feels extra special. With warm summer days making the beach an irresistible option, and when coupled with some East Coast seafood and wine, it doesn't get any better than that. I encourage everyone on the East Coast to get out and experience the best that your backyard has to offer – with live music, carnivals and summer festivals from Triabunna to Bicheno, community spirit is in the air. Berry picking around Richmond remains a fan favourite and is always popular with the little ones – it's also a great way to have fresh fruit for your Christmas pavlova!

As 2023 draws to a close, I want to pass on my sincerest well wishes to everyone. Please remain safe and vigilant on our roads, ensure that you are aware of your safety on our waterways and have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

By Liberal Member for Prosser, Jane Howlett

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Guy Barnett
 Liberal Member for Lyons MP
 Merry Christmas



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SWANSEA LIBRARY / ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE RENOVATION COMPLETED

The Library & Swansea Access Centre has received formal notification that the renovations are complete and the premise can be utilized.

“Good afternoon all,

I enclose the Certificate of Occupancy issued by Holdfast Building Surveyors earlier this afternoon for the Swansea library refurbishment project. The permit is subject to the attached Form 46 Schedule of Maintenance which details the periodic maintenance requirement for key elements of the building. The two documents are linked and they must be displayed together in a prominent place in or at the main public entry to the building. Melissa Quinn has undertaken to put the documents in place before the facility is re-opened.

The building is now available for use by the school, Libraries Tasmania and the Swansea Online Access Centre. Thank you for your patience pending issue of the required permit.

A 12-month defects Liability Period applies to works under the contract. That period will expire in on 30th November 2024. Please refer any defects to me in the first instance. I will follow up with the builder as necessary.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Regards.....”

The Library is open and can be visited on Tuesdays & Thursdays as per the old timetable. A slot in the outside wall has been installed half way up the access ramp so books etc can be returned during out of Library hours.

The Swansea Online Access Centre (SOAC) will reopen on Monday the 8th January 2024, opening from 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday at this stage. The centre will be printing the first issue of 2024 of the Great Oyster Bay Community News and printer availability may be limited.

SOAC is expecting a few teething problems due to the new shared arrangements with the library but we will endeavour to minimize these and also resolve them as quickly as possible.

As of Friday 15th December, the Online Access Centre is officially closed.



The SOAC area is yet to be fully set up



Beth Rowling, librarian, is all smiles at her new desk.



The refurbished library with a more open plan



The new covered open air reading area

PLEASE NOTE EVEN THOUGH THE LIBRARY PREMISE IS OPEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK AS PER THE ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE, LIBRARY BOOKS ETC CAN NOT BE ACCESSED OUTSIDE THE TUESDAY & THURSDAY NORMAL LIBRARY OPENING TIMES. SOAC STAFF/VOLUNTEERS HAVE NO TRAINING NOR ACCESS TO LIBRARY FACILITIES, AND ARE TO SUPPLY ONLY ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE SERVICES.

Story & pics by Rob Gaspari

MAYORAL MOMENT FOR DECEMBER

Welcome to the last Mayoral Moment for 2023 following our Council meeting on 12th December.

Due to the short timeframe between meetings, there were no planning matters to be considered. Following an extensive review of the budget by staff, Councillors supported a proposed revised budget to provide certainty to some projects and infrastructure work.

At the meeting we adopted a Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy that is one of the first steps in becoming a child safe organisation in accordance with the newly introduced Tasmanian Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023. Over coming months, Council officers will be reviewing internal policies and procedures to align them with this new policy and ensuring that we embed child and youth safe practices and culture across all aspects of the organisation. It will not be an easy task and one that will require whole of local government sector support through the Local Government Association of Tasmania, but Council is committed to continuing this journey.

Councillors and staff were very pleased to receive the Audit Panel's report on the year. We were delighted to note the positive comments of our Audit Panel on the journey of renewal that we have undertaken so far.

Council positively supported the notice of motion from Clr Neil Edwards to have further water quality testing done in the Coles Bay area.

By the time you read this, the Bicheno Skate and Wheel Park will have been officially opened. This has been a 20-year journey for the Bicheno community that started when a group of young people fronted up to a Council meeting in the Bicheno Hall and requested Council's support for a skatepark. It is wonderful to see it now come to fruition and something for the young, and perhaps not so young, skateboarders and wheel riders to enjoy for years to come.

2024 is shaping up to be another busy year across the local government sector and in Glamorgan Spring Bay. All our staff are committed to doing the very best they can for our communities and as elected members the Councillors will support them in every way we can.

On behalf of the Deputy Mayor, Councillors, General Manager and all staff, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. As the General Manager regularly says, it's onwards and upwards for Glamorgan Spring Bay in 2024!

Cheryl Arnol Mayor

Correspondence in regards to this editorial should be forwarded directly to G-SB Council to facilitate an appropriate response.

The Editorial team




SWANSEA SERVICE STATION PUMPING AGAIN

After 5 weeks of being reduced to only one fuel distribution point the Franklin/Maria street Service station is once again providing fuel to locals and the passing travelling public.

The station had undergone a long overdue fuel tank refurbishment and replacement, and this was completed in what seemed record time. The station as well as supplying fuel has its workshop and repair shop reopened.

The station has been upgraded with new high tech pumps, which allow for 24/7 fuel supply, as well as new signage and overall cosmetic improvements. This brings the station on par with the other fuel supplier which is at the corner of the Franklin/Victoria street which had an upgrade earlier in the year.

By Rob Gaspari



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ROADWORKS REPORT FRIDAY, 15TH - 29TH DEC. 2023

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SWANSEA

We will be doing tree works on the Tasman Highway between Kelvedon Beach and Lake Leake Highway until Friday, 22 December 2023.

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

LAKE ROAD INTERSECTION UPDATED

We will be doing drainage works on the Lake Road intersection on Lake Leake Road until Friday, 22 December 2023.

There will be a reduced speed limit with frequent lane closures during our working hours, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

THE SIDELING

Construction and repairs will continue between the Sideling Lookout and Whish-Wilson Road, Springfield, until March 2024.

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



Visit the [Transport website](#) for a detour map and additional information.

THIS ISSUE IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER FOR 2023. MAY ALL OUR READERS AND ADVERTISERS HAVE A HAPPY TIME DURING THE UPCOMING FESTIVITIES & KEEP SAFE OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD. SEE YOU ALL IN THE NEW YEAR.

Robert j Gaspari publisher

The 6-Day Glamorgan-Spring Bay Weather Forecast

from Bureau of Meteorology

Bicheno

Tue. 19 Dec	Wed. 20 Dec	Thu. 21 Dec	Fri. 22 Dec	Sat. 23 Dec	Sun. 24 Dec
Rain.	Partly cloudy.	Cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Cloudy.	Shower or two.
19 °C	18 °C	18 °C	19 °C	20 °C	21 °C
15 °C	10 °C	12 °C	13 °C	13 °C	13 °C

Swansea

Tue. 19 Dec	Wed. 20 Dec	Thu. 21 Dec	Fri. 22 Dec	Sat. 23 Dec	Sun. 24 Dec
Rain.	Becoming cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Cloudy.	Cloudy.	Shower or two.
19 °C	18 °C	19 °C	20 °C	21 °C	21 °C
13 °C	8 °C	11 °C	13 °C	12 °C	12 °C

Coles Bay

Tue. 19 Dec	Wed. 20 Dec	Thu. 21 Dec	Fri. 22 Dec	Sat. 23 Dec	Sun. 24 Dec
Rain.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Cloudy.	Possible shower.
20 °C	19 °C	20 °C	20 °C	21 °C	22 °C
15 °C	10 °C	12 °C	13 °C	13 °C	13 °C

Launceston

Tue. 19 Dec	Wed. 20 Dec	Thu. 21 Dec	Fri. 22 Dec	Sat. 23 Dec	Sun. 24 Dec
Showers.	Mostly sunny.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Possible shower.
21 °C	22 °C	22 °C	23 °C	25 °C	25 °C
15 °C	8 °C	10 °C	11 °C	11 °C	13 °C

Orford/Triabunna

Tue. 19 Dec	Wed. 20 Dec	Thu. 21 Dec	Fri. 22 Dec	Sat. 23 Dec	Sun. 24 Dec
Rain.	Partly cloudy.	Cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Shower or two.
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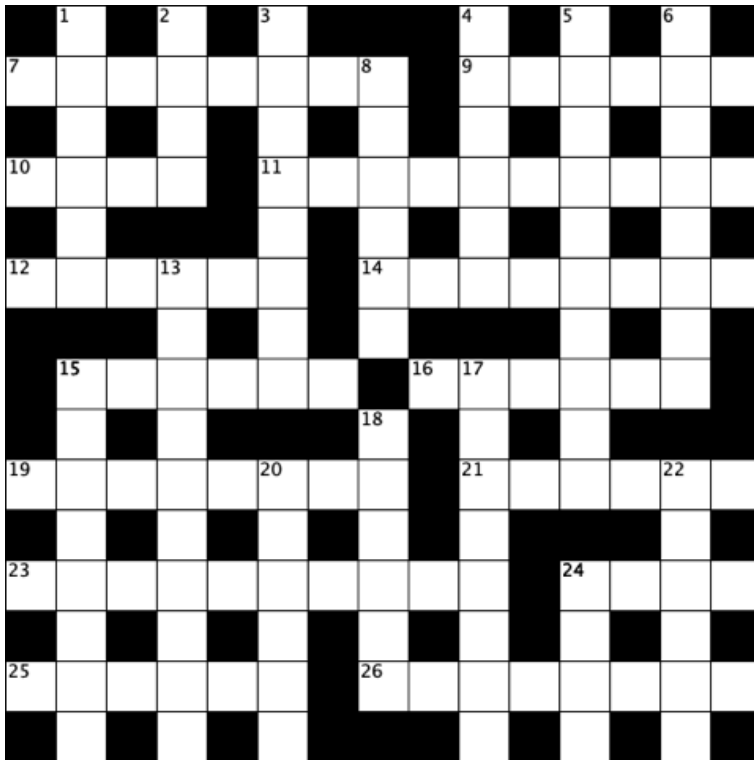
Hobart

Tue. 19 Dec	Wed. 20 Dec	Thu. 21 Dec	Fri. 22 Dec	Sat. 23 Dec	Sun. 24 Dec
Rain.	Possible shower.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Shower or two.
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THE PUZZLED PAGE

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD© No 50.23 By Guest contributor Paul Walker

ALL ANSWERS ON PAGE 10-11



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD CLUES

ACROSS

7. Power source for 12a sounds expensive after report of wet weather (8)
9. A committee in train, for example (6)
10. Festive indulgence to crackle oddly (4)
11. Ransom ends badly - it's unpredictable! (10)
12. Santa's chariot said to cause fatality (6)
14. Cracked mug is sin of wrongdoing (8)
15. Hit off Republican saint in need of water (6)
16. How one should respond to 6d (6)
19. I speak ill of someone from 15d, perhaps (8)
21. Festive thief has a big smile with cloth covering (6)
23. Gas producer for 10a has atrociously bad soaking (6,4)
24. Pre-Christmas temptation - keep back! (4)
25. Soldier insects are huge individuals (6)
26. Agile duo somersault and talk (8)

DOWN

1. Sales make it real, kind of (6)
2. Christmas comes but this often in a year (4)
3. She cares about hunts (8)
4. Seasonal songs about outer orbital in cars (6)
5. Bad aim into sun at place where commandments given (5,5)
6. Displays gifts (8)
8. To change labels is meaner. Crazy! (6)
13. Knockoffs where I'm up at one with nothing in cans (10)
15. Sat up with hysteria to reach this state (8)
17. Go back with guy in NSW country town celebrating NYE Scottish style (8)
18. Our Mayor has first dibs for Terminator star (6)
20. Excavate East without a collection of articles (6)
22. Guevara to massage Cupid (6)
24. Loop back to swimming hole (4)

CRACKING CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

When I tell people that I've been setting cryptic crosswords for some community magazines, I quite often get a comment like "I don't do cryptics" along with a peculiar look and some awkward foot-shuffling that tells me I should change the subject. I'll say here and now that few satisfactions outshine the delight of cracking a good cryptic clue, even more a whole crossword. Sure, they're something of an acquired taste, but once you even begin to get the idea they're a whole lot more fun and satisfying than the so-called "quick" or "easy" crosswords, many of which are neither quick nor easy. So here's a hopefully quick and easy guide to solving crosswords of the cryptic type.

The thing most people may not realise is that with cryptic clues you get *two* clues for the price of one, which surely has to be good value! As well as the definition or synonym that you get in a 'straight' clue (almost always at the beginning or the end of the cryptic clue), you also get coded instructions for assembling the right answer from its constituent letters. These instructions can be in the form of anagrams (letter jumbles), charades (like the party game), double meanings, homophones (words spoken similarly but spelt differently), hidden words (embedded in other words or phrases), first and/or last letters of words as well as lots of bits and pieces like Roman numerals, compass points, chemical symbols (like AU for gold), abbreviations (like 'L' for left, 'ET' for alien) etc.

Given the limited space available here, I've written up a more detailed version of this guide, accessible via <http://tinyurl.com/CrypticCracking>

Good cryptic clues rely on lateral as well as literal thinking, so if you get stuck think about how else you might interpret the information presented in the clue. Some puzzles have a theme that might help with solving. It is Christmas, after all! So have a go, and enjoy those little moments of insight that a good cryptic puzzle can offer!

By Paul Walker

EXTRA WORD SEARCH

Gases

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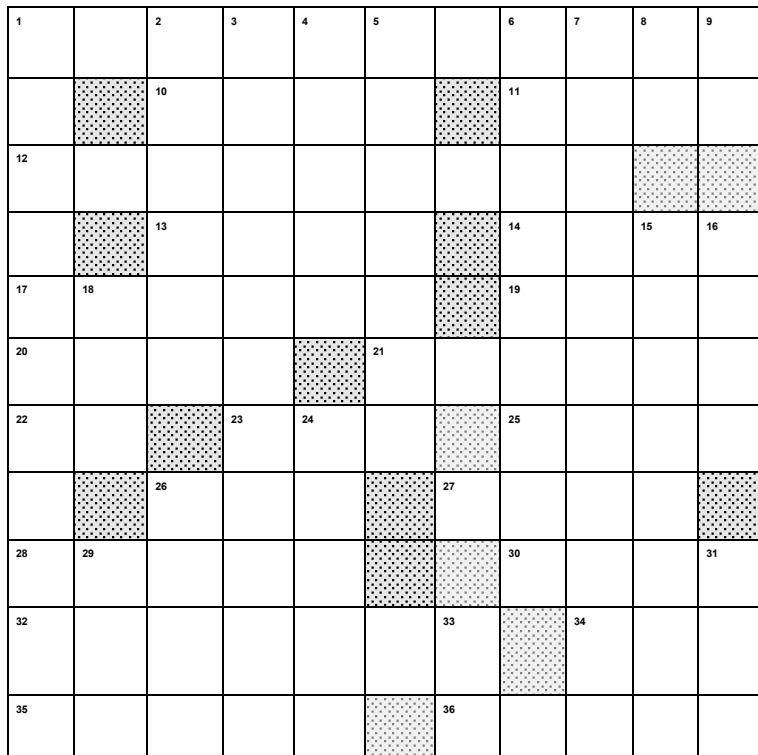
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PROPANE
HELIUM
METHANOL
KRYPTON
ARGON
HYDROGEN
NEON
XENON
OXYGEN
NITROGEN
METHANE
RADON

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THE PUZZLED PAGE

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ALL ANSWERS ON PAGE 10-11



CLUE

ACROSS

- 1. In a direction opposite to the sun's course. Anticlockwise. (11)
- 10. To ail (4)
- 11. Soon; shortly (4)
- 12. Go through (a place) stealing things and causing damage (9)
- 13. A channel for water: watercourse. (4)
- 14. A tube made of fur or other warm material into which the hands are placed for warmth (4)
- 17. A country in Southeast Asia, situated on the northern coast of the island of Borneo (6)
- 19. The capital and largest city of Norway (4)
- 20. Sight organs (4)
- 21. Hand gun (6)
- 22. Element Neon (2)
- 23. The total sum of the bets made on a round in poker, brag, etc. (3)
- 25. Walk in a specified way. (4)
- 26. Used to express satisfaction, triumph, or surprise. (3)
- 27. A female domestic servant. (4)
- 28. Diacritical marks (an inverted circumflex) placed above certain letters (such as the letter c) to indicate pronunciation (5)
- 30. The push-handle of a carpenter's plane (4)
- 32. Tallest mountain (7)
- 34. An exclamation of disgust, annoyance, or dislike (3)
- 35. Having sides of a specified number or type (5)
- 36. Walk or move in a leisurely manner. (5)

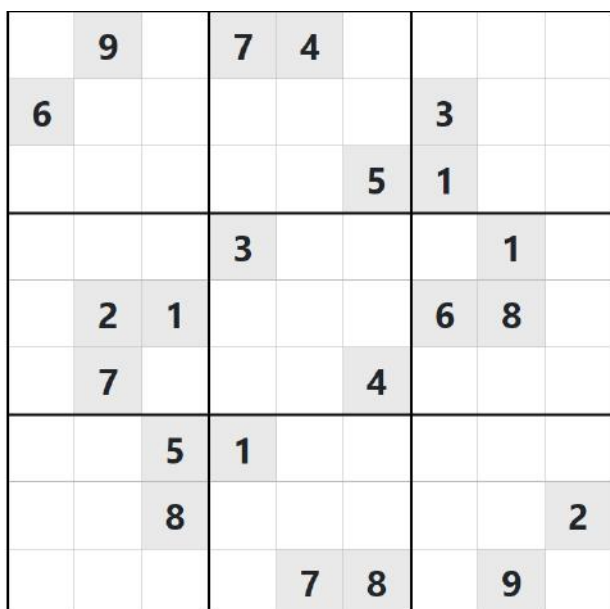
DOWN

- 1. Strong worktables for a carpenter or mechanic (4,7)
- 2. A viral infection that spreads from mosquitoes to people (6)
- 3. A hypothetical megastructure that encompasses a star and captures a large percentage of its solar power output. (5,6)
- 4. Make (someone) ecstatically happy. (5)

- 5. Mark (a bill) as paid (7)
- 6. A surgical instrument that stops bleeding by clamping the blood vessel (9)
- 7. Characterized by hard work and perseverance (11)
- 8. In the negative (2)
- 9. Element Tin (2)
- 15. Flooded state: inundation. (8)
- 16. a slight hill or hollow in the ground. (4)
- 18. A cereal plant that tolerates poor soils and

- low temperatures(3)
- 24. Wine that is stored for a time in oak barrels prior to bottling (5)
- 26. Achieve high marks in (a test or exam) (4)
- 29. An icon or figure representing a particular person in a social media service, video game, etc. (3)
- 31. Archaic or dialect form of your. (3)
- 33. Element Thulium (2)

THIS WEEKS SUDOKU



WORD SEARCH

Human Bones



- MANDIBLE
- RADIUS
- METATARSAL
- FEMUR
- SCAPHOID
- TALUS
- STAPES
- HAMATE
- TRAPEZIUM
- TIBIA
- PATELLA
- TEMPORAL
- ULNA
- CLAVICLE
- COCCYX
- STERNUM
- MALLEUS
- HUMERUS
- FIBULA

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LOCAL SPORTS



SWANSEA GOLF CLUB RESULTS

SATURDAY - 16TH SEPTEMBER 2023

FOUR PERSON AMBROSE

Winners: Karen Moran, Ricky Wright, +
Peter Thomas, Derek Ring - **49.625**

Runners-up: Chris Whelan, Rick Dance, +
Len Evans, John Franklin - **50.75**

Nearest the Pins: **2nd /11th** - John Franklin
8th/17th - Ricky Wright

Super Pins: **4th /13th** - Keith Gillies **7th/16th** - Steve Dart

NEXT WEEK IS A FOURSOMES EVENT SPONSORED BY BARK MILL TAVERN

WOMEN'S MID-WEEK - NO COMPETITION HELD.
NEXT WEEK'S EVENT IS A CLUB DAY - STABLEFORD

CHICKEN RUNS

WEDNESDAY - 13TH DECEMBER 2023

Winners: Alby Halaifonua - **29** Peter Lea - **30** Terry Griggs - **31**

Putts: Rick Dance - **13**

FRIDAY - 15TH DECEMBER 2023

Winners: Kathy Dance - **28** Chris Weeding - **32**
Keith Gillies - **32**

Putts: Steve Mortimer - **12 C/b**

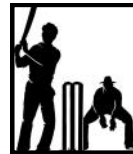


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LADDER:

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	POINTS
SCAMANDER	9	8	0	1	105
SWANSEA	9	3	5	1	52
BICHENO	9	4	4	1	63
ST. MARYS	9	1	7	1	32

**NEXT GAME IS AGAINST BICHENO, AT BICHENO,
ON SAT. 13TH JANUARY 2024.**



LOCAL CLUB CRICKET

RESULTS

Nugent 4/233 40 overs lost
to Swansea 9/234 38.4 overs

R Snell 129 (74 balls)

G Subash 31

I Melling 21 no

S Gregson 1/12 2 overs and a run out

T Bryan 1/31 8 overs

Congratulations to Rhys Snell scoring his first century.

No game next week.

Our next game is at Triabunna on 6th January and will be a pink
stumps day fundraising event. Hope to see you all there.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and we wish
you all a safe and happy Christmas.



SWANSEA BOWLS CLUB

PENNANT RESULTS

The ninth game of the 2023/24 East Coast Pennant season was
played on Sat, 16 th December, with a home game against St
Marys. A consistent game by Swansea resulted in a win to
Swansea.

Round 9 – Sat, 16 th Dec v St Marys
Swansea defeated St Marys: 109-69
Points: Swansea – 12 : St Marys – 2

Barry Hill def Bobby Harwood 24-15
John Greening def Sue Bean 32-15
Shane Pollington It Ian Johnston 22-27
Dean Pyke def Garry Laycock 31-12



Results & pic supplied by Beth Rowlings. Match pics by Rob Gaspari