

SeaSpeak

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THE LATEST NEWS FROM GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL



A Word From The Mayor

Dear Glamorgan Spring Bay Ratepayers. So much has happened during the 2008/2009 financial year that everyone having anything to do with your Council will have a spinning head.

Let's start from the top with the extraordinary measures taken by Kevin Rudd's Federal Government.

In October 2008 the ACLG (Australian Council for Local Government) was created and as Glamorgan Spring Bay belongs to the smallest Councils (less than 5000 residents) we only received \$100,000 despite my fortunate personal meeting with Prime Minister Rudd (see photo).

In a spirit of fairness, Council decided to carve this amount into five lots of \$20,000 and to press on with five separate community infrastructure projects:

1. In Orford the Federal \$20,000 has been used to extend a popular walking track.
2. In Triabunna, the Federal \$20,000 has been used to purchase new sturdy and long lasting BBQ equipment that will be installed in a brand new BBQ area to be erected next to the new wharf.
3. In Swansea, the Federal \$20,000 has been used to purchase and erect a new BBQ shelter on Jubilee Beach.
4. In Coles-Bay, the Federal \$20,000 has been used to upgrade the toilet facilities at Muir's Beach.
5. In Bicheno, the Federal \$20,000 has been used to beautify and update the pedestrian access through the famous Triangle.

It is to be noted that for all of these projects, the local communities have been extensively consulted and Council diligently fulfilled their respective aspirations.

Then, in late June, Prime Minister Rudd invited local government for the second ACLG in Canberra. In a surprise move more funds were allocated and this time Glamorgan Spring Bay received \$30,000. I was again lucky enough to meet the Prime Minister personally. Council has not decided yet how to spend these miraculous funds.

I would like to thank Prime Minister Rudd and his government for their level-headedness vis-a-vis the worse for wear economic state in most Australian Councils nationally.

Next is Premier Bartlett's State Government and here, as well, Glamorgan Spring Bay has been very lucky.

Premier Bartlett came to Swansea to have a regular cabinet meeting of his government and Council asked him if we could have \$90,000 to repair and extend the Waterloo Point walk and to our pleasant surprise he offered a resounding yes. Then we took him for a visit to the Swansea Heritage Centre and Museum and he again opened his purse strings and granted us \$250,000 as a down payment to help with refurbishing the building and its contents in order to offer our visitors a very rewarding experience.

Premier Bartlett and his Tasmanian Government should also be commended for their vision in seeing the Freycinet Region as a prime Tasmanian tourist location needing all the nurturing it can get.

While the help offered by both the Federal and the State Governments is highly appreciated, the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council has also been very busy taking its destiny in its own hands and has accomplished a lot:

1. **Buckland:** The toilets in the public hall have been updated and refurbished.
2. **Orford:** The streetscape on the



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Changes to Water & Sewerage Service

From 1 July, provision of your water and sewerage services moved from Council to the new Southern Water.

If you previously paid water and sewerage charges in your rates, you will now receive a separate bill for water and sewerage from Southern Water.

The contact number for Southern Water is 13 6992 or for more information visit their website:

www.southernwatertas.com.au

Esplanade has been completed with excellent results and Walpole Street has been completely reconstructed.

3. **Triabunna:** A new Wharf (as the old one had collapsed) has been constructed. Great value and quality was achieved by using Council staff instead of outside contractors.
4. **Swansea:** The new storage dam and the filtration plant is on track and this summer Swansea residents and visitors alike will have access to potable water with no water restrictions (remembering of course, that we all need to be water wise from now on for the sake of the planet).
5. **Coles Bay:** A state of the art "water reuse" public toilet is being built next to the boat ramp. All the dams are finished and are already 1/3 full. We need now to wait for the heavens to open again to fill them to the brim and ensure ample supply of clean water this summer.
6. **Bicheno:** The new water storage dam is on track to be finished in late October/early November. The Visitor Information Centre has been moved to a much better, commercially central location and will offer a superior service to our ever-increasing number of visitors with high expectations from Tasmanian VIC.
7. We were fortunate enough to have attracted the interest of a large French television network, which came last December to film our region, following me as the French Mayor performing my duties. The originally planned 26 minute documentary became 52 minutes long and has been aired so far in New Caledonia and French Polynesia, with great success. It will be shown in all French speaking countries over the next several years allowing Glamorgan Spring Bay to be on the world map as a top tourist destination and help our local communities to run economically sustainable tourism related businesses. I recently went

to New Caledonia (completely at my own expense) to help promote the film. I established some very good contacts, including the Lord Mayor of Nouméa, and other Mayors, with the Australian Consul for the French territories in the South-Pacific, the Premier of New Caledonia and several of his ministers, including the one for Tourism. My hope is that many visitors from New Caledonia will choose the Freycinet area as their holiday destination in the future as a direct result of the documentary.

8. Our 'Motorcycle Friendly' concept (unique to Australia) is working exceptionally well with the number of motorcycles visiting our area on the rise and spending their tourist dollars here. They enjoy visiting our area immensely and we obtain numerous articles in Australian National Motorcycle Magazines classifying our scenic roads and the whole Freycinet area as one of the best motorcycle destinations in the country.

To conclude, I would like to thank my fellow councillors who have all worked with great inspiration, especially when hard decisions had to be made, and the whole council staff, particularly the General Manager, David Metcalf, who has worked exhaustively and with great steadfastness. Times are hard and will stay hard for a while and our staff have shown complete cooperation in wages restraint and fostered the admirable attitude, "we are all in the same ship so let's row together..."

Whilst challenging at times, (and who doesn't love a challenge?) being the Mayor for the last 18 months has been one the most rewarding periods of my life, and if I could I would take the pride I have for our beloved region all the way to the planet Mars!

Dear Ratepayers, we can always achieve more with unity amongst our towns and hamlets, unity with the State Government, unity with the Federal Government, unity amongst our own communities. We have achieved more this year than anyone can remember. We should be (and I

am!) proud of ourselves and I thank you all for helping me to be the Mayor that I am.

Councillor Bertrand Cadart,
Mayor "PASSION 2 LEAD THE REGION"

General Manager's Message

RATES & CHARGES – 2009/2010

This is the year where we see water and sewerage charges disappear from our rates notice.

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council has this year taken the bold step in introducing a fairer rate system. This will eventually, over a period of 3 – 5 years, see non-vacant residential properties throughout the municipal area paying the same rate for each town and property.

Unfortunately in year 1 (this year) of any change there will be winners and losers with some minimum rates increasing by 47% and some higher rating properties decreasing by up to 31%. These large variations will be smoothed out over time.

This new rating system will see 54% of the municipal area's non vacant residential properties rated as equal in each town.

Overall rating income for the municipal area will increase by 3.5% with rates income increasing from \$5.079 million to \$5.257 million.

Large increases in primary production valuations have been ameliorated by reducing the rate in the \$ for this class of property and some decreases in commercial property has been adjusted by increasing the rate in the \$ for this class of property.

Anomalies that were encountered last year with slipways, jetties, etcetera, have also been addressed this rating year.

Council has completely removed the water and sewerage charges from all notices and the rates have been decreased accordingly.

David Metcalf,
General Manager

Redmap

Interactive website for the Tasmanian community.

redmap.org.au

It seems the marine environments of Tasmania are undergoing substantial changes, particularly along the east coast. Temperature monitoring of coastal waters at Maria Island has recorded a warming more than 3 times the global average warming rate, linked to a strengthening of the warm-water East Australia Current.

"The east coast is like the canary in the coal mine: the biological changes seen in Tasmania could give a pattern for the rest of Australia" says Marine Biologist Gretta Pecl.

One clear change and a sign of warming waters is that many species are beginning to shift their usual habitat ranges south and are being seen more often in places they are not usually found. It is usually very difficult to capture this information as time-frames for many studies are often relatively short and there is a scarcity of marine monitoring programs. In order to address this issue the Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute (TAFI) have obtained a grant under the Tasmanian Community Fund to develop a community based ecological monitoring program using a website known as REDMAP (Coastal Climate Change Range Extension Database & Mapping Project).

REDMAP aims to capture this information on their interactive website, using the help of people in the community. Recreational and commercial fishers, scuba divers and marine naturalists that see or catch species from the 'REDMAP list', or other species that they know to be unusual in a given area, can log on to REDMAP and report their sighting. The site, redmap.org.au, expected to be up later this year, will also provide educational resources on local Tasmanian marine environments and species and climate change information.



Schools, clubs, groups and community members interested in participating in the REDMAP project or reporting a recent sighting of a marine species on the move are encouraged to contact the REDMAP communications officer Rebecca Brown at TAFI on 6227 7257.

Emergency Training in Bicheno

Train to help when an emergency strikes

Red Cross is running a free session on **Friday, 14 August, 2009** to train Glamorgan Spring Bay people to help in an emergency.

The training session will be held at the Bicheno Health & Resource Centre, Foster Street, Bicheno 9.00am – 4.00pm (lunch included).

In emergencies like Floods, Bushfires or Tsunamis, Red Cross volunteers support people who have been affected by providing practical information, being there to listen, by reconnecting people to their family, friends and community.

People who complete the training could be called upon to help in emergencies around the East Coast and may have the opportunity to travel to other emergency-affected areas in Australia.

Emergencies can strike at any time and it's important for Red Cross to have trained volunteers on hand to support the community.

If you are interested in undertaking this training, an Information Session will be held at the Bicheno Health & Resource Centre on **Friday, 31 July, 2009 from 2.00pm – 3.00pm.**

For more information, please contact Lona Turvey on (03) 6257 4778 at Glamorgan Spring Bay Council or Chris Court at Red Cross on 6235 6015 or e-mail tas_emergency_services@hotmail.com.

Dog Registrations 2009/2010

The following dog registration fees are payable by 31st August, 2009 to avoid incurring the penalty fees.

Type	Fees
Dog – irrespective of sex (before 31/8/09)	\$20
Dog – irrespective of sex (after 31/8/09)	\$40
Desexed dog (before 31/8/09)	\$10
Desexed dog (after 31/8/09)	\$20
Working dogs (before 31/8/09)	\$10
Working dogs (after 31/8/09)	\$20
Drought Declared Years working dogs	No Charge
Dog owned by a pensioner (one dog only) (before 31/8/09)	\$5
Dog owned by a pensioner (one dog only) (after 31/8/09)	\$10
Declared dangerous dog	\$200
Guide dog	Free
Replacement disk	\$2.50
First seizure of a dog	\$20
2 nd Seizure of a dog	\$50
Subsequent seizure of a dog	\$100
Daily maintenance charge whilst impounded	\$20 per day
Kennel Licence – New >2 dogs	\$50
Kennel Licence – Renewal	\$20

Random property checks may be undertaken and owners of unregistered dogs found after 31st August, 2009 will be subject to a fine and penalty fees.

Please notify Council in the event of the death or change of ownership of your dog.

Glamorgan Spring Bay Dog Management Policy

– DOG EXERCISE AREAS

The Glamorgan Spring Bay Council adopted the Dog Management Policy in March 2008 after two extensive community consultation periods. This policy meets the requirements of the Dog Control Act 2000. A copy of the policy and the Declared Areas is available from the website www.gsbc.tas.gov.au under *Policies* (look under FAST FIND on the front page) / *Regulatory Services Policies / 1.7 Dog Management Policy and 1.7 Attachment to Dog Management Policy – Declared Zones.*

Signs will be erected on all Council leased and owned land over the next six months detailing **Declared Areas**. There are **Declared Areas** in each town where dogs can be exercised off lead all year round, although some may depend upon the time of year and time of the day.

For more information or a copy of the **Declared Areas** close to you, contact Council on 6257 4777.

Glamorgan Spring Bay Art Prize 2009

The 2009 Glamorgan Spring Bay Art Prize was held in Swansea over the long weekend in June. A total of 140 entries were received under the categories of Painting, Drawing and Sculpture.

The next Glamorgan Spring Bay Art Prize will be held in 2011.



Winner of Youth Award, Prudence Raspin, with the Acting Mayor, Jenifer Crawford

The Award Winners:-

Rocky Hills Award for Drawing: Ryllton Viney – *Mt. William National Park Forest Floor*. (Sponsored by *Avalon Coastal Retreat*) **Highly Commended:** Elaine Rushbrooke – *Kelvedon Beach*.

Glamorgan Spring Bay Youth Award: Prudence Raspin – *Maria Island at Night*. (Sponsored by *Chroma*). **Highly Commended:** Amy Madsen – *Row Row Row your Boat*. **Highly Commended:** Yollande Scott – *Moon Rise over South of Maria Island*.

Open Award for Sculpture: Adrian Stabb – *Floating*. (Sponsored by *Freycinet Lodge*). **Highly Commended:** Chanchal Sue Foxen – *Sea Pod (Macrocystis prifer)*.



Maria Island Residents & Ratepayers Award: Rodger Bartlett – *Kelvedon Beach*. (Sponsored by *The Examiner*) **Highly Commended:** Charles Mace – *Boats Triabunna*.

Freycinet Residents & Ratepayers Award: Colin Campbell – *Old Piermont 1925*. (Sponsored by *Gallery One Nine*) **Highly Commended:** Linden Harris – *Here and There (Coswell Beach Burning Off)*.

Open Award for Painting: Patricia Giles – *The Hazards from Honeymoon Bay, Coles Bay* (Sponsored by *The Federal Group*) **Highly Commended:** Jack James – *Sunset Honeymoon Bay*. **Highly Commended:** Jenny Young – *View of Taylor's Beach, East Coast*.

Commended: Brian Young
Commended: Helen Munro
Commended: Pam Kidd
Commended: Lynne Hutchins

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Acquisitions: Jacki Murphy – *Sand Dunes Bay of Fires*; Brian Young – *East Coast Landscape*; David Lane – *Wool into Wine*.



The three judges, Noel Thurgate, John Vella, Stephen Lees, with Lona Turvey & Dorothy Duncombe Jackson.

Great Oyster Bay Award for People's Choice: Jennifer Bottle – *The Essence Endures*. (Sponsored by *Artery*).

Our other sponsors: Kabuki by the Sea, Meredith House, Tubby & Padman's Boutique B & B, The Banc Licensed Restaurant, Swansea Barkmill Tavern, Spring Bay Regional Arts, Great Oyster Bay Regional Arts and Arts @ Work.

Our judges: Stephen Lees (Winner of the 2005 Glover Award), Noel Thurgate (currently teaching drawing at the Tasmanian School of Art, UTAS) and John Vella (Head of Sculpture at the Tasmanian School of Art, UTAS).

Council wishes to thank all the artists who entered the Art Prize, our judges, our sponsors and everyone who contributed in some way to help make the Art Prize the success that it was.

GSB Photography Competition

Council is again holding a photography competition with winning images to be used in its 2010 calendar.

The theme is: *East Coast Impressions*. The competition closes on Friday, 31 July, 2009.

For more information, or to obtain an entry form, please contact Lona Turvey (Ph: (03) 6257 4778; email: lona@freycinet.tas.gov.au; website: www.gsbc.tas.gov.au)

Little Swanport Catchment Management Plan 03

The Little Swanport Catchment Management Plan 2003 has been reviewed by the Committee with much support from others with an interest and expertise in the catchment.

A public consultation is currently underway until 21st August. A copy of the draft reviewed plan is available from www.gsbc.tas.gov.au or from the Southern Midlands and Glamorgan Spring Bay Council NRM Officers.