

## CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL



Clarence welcomed its newest citizens at a ceremony on Australia Day.

## Celebrating our citizens in Clarence

The annual tradition of Australia Day at the Bellerive Boardwalk was an opportunity to welcome new citizens and celebrate the achievements of many in our community.

A hearty breakfast and music from A Capella Bootcamp Choir and Clarence City Band kicked off Australia Day celebrations.

The official ceremony was presided over by the Mayor and this year's Australia Day Ambassador, Mitch McPherson, founder of SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY and our 2015 Citizen of the Year.

The city welcomed 10 new citizens from the United Kingdom, India, Nepal, South Africa and Canada.

"I warmly welcome our newest Australian citizens to our community and hope they are enjoying living in our city," Mayor Doug Chipman said.

"Clarence is an attractive place to live and all the more richer for the diversity our new citizens bring."

Following the citizenship ceremony, the Australia Day Awards were announced.

Rokeby resident, Marie Crick was named the 2018 City of Clarence Citizen of the Year.

Marie has shown commitment to making Clarence Plains a better place to live by improving residents' health and wellbeing,

safety and the environment.

Marie instigated the idea for the 'Brain Box' bike helmet program in Clarence Plains after identifying that a number of kids weren't wearing bike helmets due to the cost of purchase.

Marie approached Mission Australia and Council's Youth Services team and after planning, the program is now in operation. Young riders can give five hours of community service for a free helmet.

Marie was also a member of the organising committee for the inaugural Clarence Plains Spring Clean, and steering committee member for the GROW garden in Clarendon Vale.

Fellow Rokeby resident Demi Smith was awarded Young Citizen of the Year for her advocacy of youth homelessness working with the Clarence Youth Network Advisory Committee. Demi also directed a short film, The 'Off Course Girl' to increase conversations about the issue.

Senior Citizen of the Year was awarded to Howrah resident, Christopher Smith, for his work with National Seniors Australia (NSA), and the Howrah Men's Shed among others.

Christopher served as president and vice president of the NSA Rosny Park Branch for

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# Queen's Baton Relay showcases our people and places

The XXI Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay is a celebration of unity, sport and passion and the City of Clarence was part of the historic event.

The baton was carried from Howrah to Lindisfarne as residents lined the streets to cheer on those who had the honour of being batonbearers.

A highlight of the Relay's tour of Clarence was a brief stop at Kangaroo Bay Parklands, where more than a hundred local primary school students gathered to get a closer look at the baton.

At the end of the journey through Clarence, a community celebration was held at Simmons Park, where local batonbearer and 2017 Clarence Citizen of the year, Melody Towns,

carried the baton onto the stage.

Residents of all ages were entertained with music, circus performances and meeting Borobi, the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) mascot.

Clarence City Council Deputy Mayor, Alderman Jock Campbell who welcomed the relay to Simmons Park, said it had been an honour to have it pass through so many of the municipality's streets.

"This was really a special opportunity, to be a part of something so huge – the relay has taken the baton to the far corners of the globe not to mention all over Australia," said Alderman Campbell.

"It was a great opportunity to showcase our picturesque part of the world to the rest of

Australia and also see members of our community be a part of the event and enjoy the atmosphere together."

The Queen's Baton will arrive on the Gold Coast for the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony on 4 April 2018.



## Celebrating our citizens in Clarence

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**The City of Clarence Australia Day Award recipients: Demi Smith - Young Citizen of the Year, Marie Crick - Citizen of the Year, Christopher Smith - Senior Citizen of the Year and Matt Sharples representing Carols Under the Stars - Community Event of the Year.**

14 years and is described as a pivotal leader of the branch during its infancy.

Carols Under the Stars was awarded Community Event of the Year.

The event, hosted by Abundant Life Church is regarded as Hobart's largest and longest-running free carols event, attracting approximately 5,000 people each year.

The fun and family-friendly event has been running for the past 18 years and includes carols, performances and kids activities.

There were 13 nominations for a City of Clarence Australia Day Award this year.

Council would like to congratulate nominees

Jan Storr, Gill Berriman, David Leaman, Dorothy Batt, Michael Barnett, #Run4Troy, Richmond Athletics Carnival, the Anzac Day Concert and the Southern Tasmania Schools Music Showcase, Music: Count Us In.

"The City of Clarence is a vibrant place, thanks to many people - but especially those in the community who give to others without expecting anything in return," Mayor Chipman said.

"I congratulate our recipients and nominees on their achievements."

More information on the Australia Day Award winners and nominees can be found on the website at [www.ccc.tas.gov.au](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au).

**The Queen's Baton Relay brought some colour to our city as we celebrated the achievements of local batonbearers.**



# Bayfield Streetscape transformation



*Works are progressing at Bayfield Street in Rosny Park to improve safety and accessibility.*

The beautifying, modernising and overall transformation of Bayfield Street in Rosny is getting closer to completion.

The \$2 million project is the largest of its type to be undertaken in the area in over a decade, with many of the works being completed underground.

The streetscape will be completely transformed making it a safer and more enjoyable area for all, with more than 40 new deciduous *Acer Fremanii* trees being planted. This species of trees have been selected for their suitability to urban areas, and will provide shade in summer, colour in autumn and allow light to filter through in winter.

Some of the main issues which existed in the area that will be solved as a result of this project include the reduction of trip hazards, meeting disability access requirements and improved traffic safety and flow at the

Winkleigh Street intersection which is the access to the carpark.

The project, stretching along Bayfield Street from Bligh Street to Cambridge Road, includes a new intersection to be built on the corner of Bayfield Street and Winkleigh Place. This will include traffic lights and will greatly aid traffic flow in the area.

The project has been a long time coming to fruition, with several consultations prior to works commencing. There have been some unexpected and unavoidable delays; however the project is expected to be completed by the end of the financial year.

A highlight of the completed project will be that the area is future-proofed, as provision is being made for world-class technology to be installed underground. This is a big step towards being a 'Smart City' and will allow the use of electronic data collection to manage assets and resources efficiently.

## Help to Health

Good access to health services is a common problem for some residents in Clarence and the *Help to Health* project aims to address this issue.

There are many free health services available, such as the 24-hour HealthDirect line, (1800 022 222) which allows callers to speak to a registered nurse and get professional advice without needing to go to a doctor or call an ambulance.

Through research it has been discovered that many residents aren't aware services such as this exist or aren't sure of how to use them. By increasing community awareness the project hopes to change this by empowering residents so that they can take more control of their health-related needs.

An important part of the project will be the training of 'Health Champions' – everyday people in the Clarence community who would like to volunteer their time to the benefit of others. Health Champions will receive training and education in how to assist other people to confidently get the help they need for their health.

The Help to Health champions could be of any age, a worker or volunteer from any walk of life - all that is needed is a desire to help others in the community and have the ability to learn about available health services via information training and support sessions.

There is no experience required, only some commitment of time to learn the required information.

"The role of a Health Champion is very informal, it's about casually talking with those around you in your community, whether it be your family, friends, neighbours or colleagues- allowing them to better help themselves," said Mayor Doug Chipman.

"We've all heard of stories where an ambulance was called for non-life threatening cases- often because the patient simply didn't know that their local chemist could help them or that they could make a free call to get advice.

There will be ongoing information sessions over the next several months as a part of the project and with other supporting organisations. The project will also partner with local health and community organisations to work with them to provide 'The Right Place' and 'It's OK to Ask' training sessions.

To find out more information, visit [www.liveclarence.com.au/about/healthy/help-to-health-project/](http://www.liveclarence.com.au/about/healthy/help-to-health-project/) or call 6282 0397.

## Skating on show in the city

Almost two years on, Council's investment in the Kangaroo Bay Skate Park has seen it thrive as a place for people of all ages to connect, develop skills, build confidence and showcase their talents.

Kangaroo Bay Skate Park has played host to a number of competitions such as the YMCA Skate Park League competition for scooters, skaters and BMX riders, and a national qualifier. Council has again partnered with the YMCA to assist with these events.

Earlier this year, Renton Millar, a former world champion returned to the skate park for the 'King of Concrete' where the big bowl was put to the test by a number of skaters. A highlight of the event was the all girl crew She Shreds who put on a spectacular performance.



*The YMCA Skate Park League at Kangaroo Bay Skate Park saw a number of locals show their skill.*

Risdon Vale Skate Park has also become a place for competitions with local youths and Youth Services hosting their second scooter and BMX competition – 'MINT'. Sponsored by Know Your Odds, the event was well attended.

# Cultural History Advisory Committee

## Call for nominations



**Council is looking for community members to be part of the Cultural History Advisory Committee.**

Following Council's adoption of the revised Cultural History Plan late last year, Council is calling for nominations for community representation on the Cultural History Advisory Committee.

Membership is open to residents in Clarence with an interest in working with us and other organisations to provide advice on the implementation of identified actions in the plan. We are seeking up to eight community representatives from a diverse range of areas in Clarence.

The Cultural History Advisory Committee was established in 2009 to assist with the implementation, monitoring and review of the strategies and actions within the Cultural History Plan. The role of the committee is to

provide advice and makes recommendations to Council on the plan for 2018-2023.

The plan provides strategic direction for Council in the area of cultural history and associated activities and events, through an emphasis on the stories that are important to the history and development of Clarence.

Through the Cultural History Advisory Committee, Council strives to invoke a sense of identity and place in the community by encouraging the participation of the community in the cultural history of Clarence in meaningful and relevant ways.

Recognition, preservation and promotion of the cultural history of a community encourages a sense of pride and participation in that community's cultural life.

The conservation of cultural history includes not only the preservation of the old but also the need to acknowledge the evolution of the new. It is this balance between old and new that is the hallmark of a rich and productive culture.

Applicants must complete a nomination form. For those wishing to be considered, a copy of the current Cultural History Plan is available from [www.ccc.tas.gov.au/publications](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/publications) or call 6217 9606 or email [schoolhouse@ccc.tas.gov.au](mailto:schoolhouse@ccc.tas.gov.au) for a copy of the plan and form. Applications close 6 April.

## Master plan for South Arm Oval adopted

A revised master plan for South Arm Oval incorporating community and recreational facilities has been adopted by Council.

The master plan includes a skate park, play space, outdoor fitness stations, hitting wall and a community market space.

A key component of the master plan is the construction of a multi-use skate park to provide a safe place for young people to skate, scoot and ride.

Council has committed \$150,000 towards the construction of the skate park with a further \$50,000 received through an infrastructure grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund.

The adoption of the revised master plan follows consultation in 2015 and then again in 2017, after concerns were raised by some residents relating to the skate park.

Council has since addressed many of these concerns with changes to the hours of

operation, mitigation of noise, height and location of the skate park. The bollards and track have also been removed following feedback from the community.

"The adoption of the master plan has been a long process, however Council is committed to providing a centrally located space that enhances liveability and also meets the needs of the community," Mayor Chipman said.

The development of the South Arm Oval will be staged across a number of financial years. The next step will be to obtain a planning permit for the skate park which will allow for progress towards its construction. Funding for the next stage has been allocated for the construction of the play space, basketball half court, landscaping and community market space. Additional funding will be identified in future annual plans.

## Interested in the arts?

Council is currently reviewing its Cultural Arts Plan.

We are inviting the community's input into the arts plan and will be holding a public forum to hear your thoughts.

The community forum will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 27 March at Rosny Barn.

For more information visit [www.clarenceartandevents.net](http://www.clarenceartandevents.net) or email [schoolhouse@ccc.tas.gov.au](mailto:schoolhouse@ccc.tas.gov.au).

## Clarence Plains Harvest Festival

The Clarence Plains Harvest Festival celebrates local produce and local creativity with activities for kids and adults alike. This year the festival is growing to encompass the fruits of local gardens with a made and grown market.

The festival will be held on 7 April from 12-4pm at Neilson Park in Rokeby and will also include a scooter and BMX competition, displays of vintage farm machinery and old-time games. There will also be a combined schools dance performance, plenty of music presenting country jams, big band and blues. Entry is free.

## Voluntary amalgamations update

Council has decided that it will not pursue a voluntary amalgamation with neighbouring councils in the west or east.

The decision follows the review of survey results from the community on options outlined in the two voluntary amalgamation feasibility studies as well as the option of no amalgamation at all.

From 31,000 surveys posted to residents in September, a total of 5,593 surveys were received – a response rate of 18 per cent. The results reveal that 52 per cent or residents were not supportive of an amalgamation in the south east and 64 per cent not supportive of an amalgamation in greater Hobart.

Council has advised the Minister for Local Government that Clarence does not wish to pursue a voluntary amalgamation in the south east or as part of a Greater Hobart. Council has instead reaffirmed their previous decision to further pursue a strategic alliance.

A strategic alliance aims to deliver a more integrated approach to strategic planning within a regulated framework under a Greater Hobart Capital City Act.



# Exhibitions at Rosny Farm

## **Drawing: The landscape of Memory by Stephen Mallick:** – Stephen Mallick.

An exploration of the link between drawing and painting. Schoolhouse Gallery, 9-29 March.

## **Lost Rocks: Petrified Wood. Fossil. Shale. Petrified Wood. Mary Scott, James Newitt, Therese Keogh.**

A collaborative artwork that explores the lives of four lost minerals in relation to body, duration and event. Rosny Barn, 9-29 March.

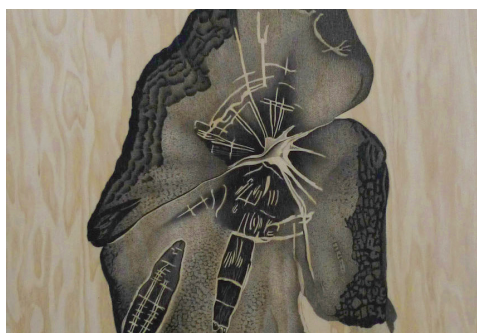
## **Architecture: Man's response to nature by Brendan Cooper.**

The exhibition explores the idea that architecture is another means by which man attempts to replicate nature. Schoolhouse Gallery, 9-29 March.

## **Correspondence: Janelle Mendham, Christl Berg and Marinelle Basson.**

Drawings, constructed objects, projections and texts are employed to allude to and evoke existential experiences and concealed memories. Schoolhouse Gallery, 6-29 April.

## **Bonsai Society of Southern Tasmania 2018 Autumn Exhibition 21-22 April, Rosny Barn**



*'Untitled (Petrified Wood)' by Mary Scott, 2018, mixed media (detail).*

## **Penumbra: exploring light and shade through design – designed; made inc.**

Rosny Barn, 27 April – 27 May.

## **Margaret Brown Studio Painters**

Schoolhouse Gallery, 4-27 May.

## **Residue: Tess Mehonoshen and Ally McKay**

Schoolhouse Gallery, 1-24 June.

Rosny Farm is open Wednesday to Sunday from 11am-5pm.

More information can be found at [www.clarenceartsandevents.net](http://www.clarenceartsandevents.net).

## Friends of Rosny Farm

The Friends of Rosny Farm is a group of people interested in cultural activities who come together to enjoy and support the programs at the Rosny Farm Arts Centre.

Through its social events, Friends of Rosny Farm promotes a greater knowledge of and interest in visual arts, craft and design, music and performing arts.

Providing practical support to the Rosny Farm cultural program and meeting like-minded people, the group receives invitations to exhibitions, exclusive friends events, opportunities and excursions as well as discounted tickets to a range of concerts across the year.

Friends also receive a discount on purchase from the exhibitions program.

Everyone is invited to become a member of the Friends of Rosny Farm Arts Centre.

An application form is on the Arts and Events website at [www.clarenceartsandevents.net](http://www.clarenceartsandevents.net) or phone Rosny Farm on 6217 9606.

Membership is \$30 annually or \$50 for a family membership with corporate rates available.

## WHAT'S ON IN CLARENCE

**Sunday 25 March, from 9.00am**  
**Round the River Fun Runs & Walks**  
**Risdon Brook Dam**  
[easternsuburbsac@bigpond.com](mailto:easternsuburbsac@bigpond.com)

**Saturday 7 April, 12-4.00pm**  
**Clarence Plains Harvest Festival**  
**Neilson Park, Rokeby**

**Sunday 15 April, 9.30am-3pm**  
**Richmond Village Fair**  
**Richmond Village Green**

**ANZAC Day services - 25 April:**  
**Rosny Park, 6.00am - 7.30am,**  
**Clarence RSL**

**Lindisfarne, 7.30am - 9.00am,**  
**Lindisfarne RSL, ANZAC Park**

**Richmond, 9.00am - 10.30am,**  
**Richmond War Memorial**

**South Arm, 11.00am - 12.30pm,**  
**South Arm RSL**

[www.clarenceartsandevents.net](http://www.clarenceartsandevents.net)

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# Aldermen's articles

Council policy provides an opportunity for Aldermen, in turn, to place an article in the Council Newsletter.



**Alderman  
Peter Cusick**

With 2017 now behind us, projects to hopefully proceed in 2018 are the South Arm Skate Park, the reopening of trailer boat access to Frederick Henry Bay at Lauderdale, and the Seven Mile Beach Sporting complex.

The next few months Council will be focussing on the 2018-19 budget, a time of some stress whereby programs and projects have to be prioritised.

There are still some concerns around what might happen at Rosny Hill but when I wrote this, there has not been any current development proposal on which Council can consult.

I wish all a safe and rewarding 2018.



**Alderman  
James Walker**

"In all that people can do for themselves, the government ought not to interfere."  
Abraham Lincoln

That quote should be front of mind as aldermen consider 2018-2019 budget priorities.

In order to achieve value for ratepayers it's not good enough to merely use previous budgets as the basis for this year's budget.

If a similar council delivers the same service for less cost then we should find out how and then do likewise.

I will continue to push for a council comparison website similar to Victoria's [www.knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au](http://www.knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au). Ratepayers can then determine how their council is performing compared to others.



**Alderman  
John Peers**

The Bellerive Play Park has been a massive success.

The rapid increase in female participation in all levels of sport has been fantastic and will continue to grow. However with this comes the pressure on Council to deliver adequate facilities to meet demand.

Council is preparing a masterplan for ANZAC Park. I will seek to ensure that the wishes of sporting clubs are reflected in the masterplan.

The planning scheme has become more complex for people to undertake basic development and more expensive for everyone involved. The scheme should be reviewed to be fairer, especially for neighbours wishing to object.



**Alderman  
Richard James**

Notwithstanding some positive dialogue seemed ongoing from Council mergers, Clarence Council recently resolved not to participate in any voluntary amalgamation options and is now considering a Masterplan for building upgrade including new Council Chambers, administrative office space and "civic" building. Consultants estimated cost of Council Chambers/buildings, Community Building is \$10.7M and \$5.6M respectively.

Also substantial changes to the process of assessing major projects that may result in significant impact on communities must be addressed so that community participation/involvement occurs prior to the commencement of the statutory Development Application process.

This may overcome many problems that exist with the current system.



**Alderman  
Heather Chong**

As Chair of Councils Health and Wellbeing committee, I would like to give an update.

The Wellbeing Kit continues to be very successful and an app is planned.

The Christmas Brunch, which we organised with the Salvation Army, had over 130 people attending and was enjoyed by all.

We were awarded a grant for "Help to Health" following the GP Access project.

This year we are working on Oral Health and food promotion videos.

We are also working on what defines a community hub and walkability/cyclability.

The committees and partners are doing an incredible amount of work, thank you all.

## Upcoming works

### Roads:

- Pothole repairs in Cremorne, Clifton Beach and South Arm.
- Construction of rural footpath in Acton Road, Acton Park.
- Preparation of roads ready for the reseal program.
- Ongoing footpath replacement program.
- Gravel road grading as required based on inspections.

### Drainage:

- Faggs Gully Geilston Creek erosion control implementation.
- Ongoing cleaning of open drains.
- Minor drainage works as required.

### Parks and reserves:

- Elevated work platform tree work.
- Fungicide treatment, vertidrain maintenance program and broadleaf weed control program for ovals.

## Council meetings

Monday 19 March 2018  
Monday 16 April 2018  
Monday 7 May 2018  
Monday 28 May 2018  
Monday 18 June 2018

Monday 9 July 2018  
Monday 30 July 2018  
Monday 20 August 2018  
Monday 10 September 2018  
Monday 1 October 2018