



# City of Clarence News

## Winter 2019



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## New Community Engagement Platform Your Say Clarence Launched

We have launched a new community engagement platform called Your Say Clarence.

The online platform offers residents, business owners, and visitors an easy way to contribute to conversations on issues they are passionate about and help shape decisions about the city.

Users of the platform can also receive regular updates on consultations that they have contributed to and be alerted of other public consultations of interest.

The online software is already used by several other local government organisations in Tasmania and interstate.

Mayor of Clarence, Alderman Doug Chipman, believes that the platform will help residents to feel more engaged within the community.

"Your Say Clarence is an innovative, user-friendly platform that will greatly increase the capacity of council to consult with the community," Mayor Chipman said.

"The residents of Clarence, and those that visit and use our many beautiful beaches, parks and trails, are engaged and want to be able to have their say on the issues that matter to them – and we want to listen."

With a number of online tools to gather community input and advanced data integration, we will be able to better understand and engage with our community members who sign up.

To have your say on current and future community consultations, register now at

[www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au)

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## 2019-20 Budget Approved

Council approved its budget for 2019-20 with a focus on delivering and maintaining quality services for its growing community.

The 2019-20 budget provides for a total rating increase of 2.9 per cent, excluding the State Government Fire Levy.

In setting the budget, council was conscious of increasing costs associated with waste management services, and the loss of income from reduced TasWater dividends.

The rate increase is above the March Consumer Price Index for Hobart of 2.1 per cent and below the annual movement in the most recent Local Government of Tasmania (LGAT) Council Cost Index of 3.3 per cent.

The LGAT Council Cost Index is considered to be the better measure of the true cost of providing local government infrastructure and services.

“We have developed a budget that balances affordability with the need to provide the necessary infrastructure and levels of services for our growing city,” Mayor of Clarence, Alderman Doug Chipman said.

“We are committed to investing in services and programs where people of all ages and abilities have the opportunity to improve their

health and quality of life,” said Mayor Chipman.

Significant budget expenditure items included:

- Stormwater works at Blessington Street in South Arm and Elinga/Carella Street in Howrah/Tranmere; Percy Street in Bellerive and Bangalee Street in Lauderdale;
- Footpath, kerb and gutter works on Hadlow Road in Lauderdale;
- Black Spot road improvement program on Sugarloaf Road in Risdon Vale;
- Wellington Street road upgrade in Richmond;
- Irrigation and reserve rejuvenation work at Victoria Esplanade in Bellerive;
- Irrigation upgrade to Lindisfarne Oval No. 1;
- Irrigation, drainage works, goal post replacement and improvement of parking and pedestrian access at Risdon Vale Oval;
- Construction of 3.3km track at Clarence Mountain Bike Park in the Meehan Range, Mornington;
- Development of Barilla Rivulet track in Cambridge;
- Next stage of upgrade to Clarence Foreshore Trail between Simmons

Park and ANZAC Park in Lindisfarne;

- Planning of Bayview Secondary College sporting precinct in Clarendon Vale;
- Lauderdale Oval carpark seal;
- Development of new park at Blossom Court in Cambridge;
- Upgrade of entrance work at Beltana Park in Lindisfarne;
- Site search for a new south east regional play park and a new dog exercise park;
- Upgrade including accessibility facilities of Alma Street Senior Citizen’s Centre in Bellerive; and
- Upgrade including accessibility facilities of public toilets on Jetty Road, South Arm.

We will continue to focus on improvements to road infrastructure with \$5.2m allocated for road reconstruction and resealing and \$1.8m on the renewal of footpaths, kerb and gutter.

Along with other Australian councils, recycling costs have increased due to higher quality control requirements. This, along with high demand for the popular annual hardwaste collection service, has contributed to an additional \$321,000 being required to meet waste collection costs.

## Fresh Valuation Explained

Received a letter about your property value and are unsure of what it’s about? Fresh valuations are a statutory requirement and are conducted by the Valuer - General.

Every six to seven years each council is required to have a fresh valuation of properties within the municipality. This year Clarence City Council, along with the Brighton, Break O’ Day, George Town, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands,

Burnie, Central Coast, and Circular Head Councils were revalued.

Each property in Clarence has been individually revalued by a valuation contractor. The Valuer General then mails all property owners a Valuation Notice that advises them of their revised Land Value, Capital Value and Assessed Annual Value.

There is no direct correlation between an increase in valuation and rates. The valuation is used as an

apportionment mechanism only, for example, if property valuation has increased by 30% it does not mean the rates will also increase by 30%.

If you wish to dispute your valuation, information can be found on the Valuer General’s website at <https://dpipwe.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/>. Disputes must be lodged within 60 days of receiving your valuation notice.



## Volunteers to the Front

In May we recognised the work of volunteers across Clarence at a reception at Clarence on the Bay, coinciding with National Volunteer Week.

The event, MC'd by local resident Chris Wisbey, explored the diverse experience of volunteering with 2019 City of Clarence Australia Day Award winners Robin Pulford and Emma-lee Dalglish.

Community members across Clarence volunteer for a huge range of external organisations and causes, in addition to the Clarence Community Volunteer Service and the Clarence City Council Volunteer Bus Drivers.

These services help vulnerable people in their own homes, with volunteers donating many hours of their own time and radically changing the lives of many of Clarence's residents for the better.



*Mayor of Clarence, Alderman Doug Chipman, guest speakers Emma-lee Dalglish and Robin Pulford and MC Chris Wisbey at our Community Volunteers Reception.*

"Volunteers play a crucial role in Clarence and we are immensely grateful for their valuable contribution to our community," Mayor of Clarence, Alderman Doug Chipman said.

"This event was a wonderful

opportunity to be able to do something for those who do so much for our community."

For more details about volunteering in Clarence visit call 03 6217 9500 or visit [www.ccc.tas.gov.au/volunteer](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/volunteer)

## Cambridge Oval Stormwater Project Success

We recently completed a significant stormwater harvesting and re-use project in Cambridge.

The project involves the collection of stormwater runoff from the nearby residential catchment, which is then treated and re-used for the irrigation of adjacent sports grounds.

The stormwater harvesting and re-use system allows us to sustainably manage a resource which would otherwise discharge into local waterways, and reduces our reliance on potable water. The overall quality of water discharging into the local waterways is also significantly improved.

The Cambridge site was identified as ideal for this project due to the location of a dis-used sewerage lagoon on site which could be readily converted to a large in-ground storage facility for holding



*Cambridge Oval*

the treated stormwater.

The next stage of the project was the construction of a gravity stormwater collection system connecting to the residential reticulated stormwater system already in place, and a pump/treatment station to extract water and pump it through treatment filters and UV disinfection.

The treated stormwater is then

blended or 'shandied' with potable water as it joins the existing sports ground irrigation system.

"Clarence City Council prides itself on embracing opportunities to promote sustainable water management practices and will continue to seek future opportunities for similar projects," said Mayor of Clarence, Alderman Doug Chipman.

## Restoration Works for Lindisfarne Cenotaph

We undertook important restoration works of the Lindisfarne Cenotaph, at ANZAC Park, in time for this year's ANZAC Day Service.

"The Lindisfarne Cenotaph and ANZAC Park have a special place in the Clarence community. Indeed, ANZAC Park is widely acknowledged as one of, if not the best, Remembrance Park in Tasmania", said Mayor of Clarence, Alderman Doug Chipman.

"Clarence City Council firmly believes it has a duty of care towards important monuments within our city and was very pleased to work with the Lindisfarne RSL Sub-Branch and the Lindisfarne Historical Society to ensure that the ANZAC Park Cenotaph is protected and preserved into the future," Mayor Chipman concluded.



*Alderman Dean Ewington, Alderman Brendan Blomeley, Lindisfarne RSL Sub-Branch President Chris Parker, Mayor Doug Chipman, Deputy Mayor Heather Chong, Alderman John Peers and Alderman James Walker at the front of Lindisfarne Cenotaph.*

## Trolley Trash Clean Up Push

The major supermarket chains are united in an appeal to the public to help report the location of abandoned shopping trolleys.

The cost of collecting, maintaining and replacing trolleys each year is over \$50 million, with approximately 5% of all trolleys replaced each year either because they go missing, are stolen or damaged beyond repair. The average trolley costs \$150.00 to replace, while trolleys with special features (such as child seats) can cost up to \$600.00.

It is an offence under the *Litter Act* to dump shopping trolleys with fines up to 20 penalty units or \$3,260, however the number of lost or abandoned trolleys continues to rise.

Abandoned trolleys can be reported to Woolworths on its free Trolley Tracker hotline on 1800 641 497, at [www.trolleytracker.com.au](http://www.trolleytracker.com.au) or via the free 'Trolley Tracker' app



*Abandoned trolley in Clarence*

which can be downloaded onto smartphones.

As an incentive every wayward trolley reported enters the applicant into a monthly draw that awards 5 entrants \$1000.00 in each state.

Similarly, Coles has established a hotline 1800 TROLLEY (1800 876553), an email address, 1800Trolley@coles.com.au, and a free app which can be downloaded where members of the public can alert the supermarket about lost trolleys.

## Dark Mofo at Rosny Barn

This June, Dark Mofo once again returned to the Eastern Shore thanks to a partnership with Clarence City Council.

Only the Penitent Shall Pass, by Melbourne-based artist Andrew Hustwaite, turned Rosny Barn into an interactive playground of geometric sculptures, enjoyed by young and old.

Visitors were able to interact with and even climb up some of the sculptures. Ticketed dance performances incorporating the pieces ran alongside the free exhibition.



*Dark Mofo exhibition at Rosny Barn*

## Future Artists Prize

We are pleased to present the inaugural Future Artists Prize, which aims to empower young people to create with purpose.

Students are encouraged to harness their creativity and skills to create change in their lives and communities.

The prize is a showcase of exceptional young artists from Years 11 and 12 in southern Tasmania. With no set theme, the prize seeks to reward excellence in production and vision in any form.

Works of all media are eligible, from sculptures to installations, to paintings and digital media.

The finalists will be displayed in the gallery space of Rosny Barn. The prize will be selected by a panel of Tasmanian industry representatives

Opening 5 September 2019 at 5.30pm.



## 2020 Australia Day Awards Open



*Clarence 2019 Citizen of the Year presentation to Kerry Scambler*

Nominations for the 2020 City of Clarence Australia Day Awards are now open.

The awards celebrate the many and varied achievements and contributions made by residents of Clarence.

Nominations can be made in the categories of Citizen, Young and Senior Citizen of the Year, and Community Event of the Year.

Nomination forms are available at Council Offices or you can complete an online form on our website at [www.ccc.tas.gov.au/australiadayawards](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/australiadayawards)

Nominations close Friday 22 November 2019.

## Community Grants Available

Council invites community groups and organisations to apply for the March round of Community Support Grants. This biannual grant of up to \$1,500 and can be used for one-off events, activities or projects that benefit our community.

For more information, guidelines and application forms, visit [www.ccc.tas.gov.au/grants](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/grants) or email [grants@ccc.tas.gov.au](mailto:grants@ccc.tas.gov.au).

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## Find What's Near You on My Neighbourhood



*Geilston Bay foreshore*

Search for a variety of council facilities and activities by suburb or Clarence-wide on our website.

Find tracks and trails, parks and reserves, barbecues, beaches, community halls and centres, sportsgrounds, and other places of interest that are in your area.

We have recently added a map of dog exercise areas to My Neighbourhood.

Check out My Neighbourhood at [www.ccc.tas.gov.au/myneighbourhood](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/myneighbourhood)

## App Improves Health and Wellbeing

The My Wellbeing Kit app helps users keep their wellbeing on track from their phone or tablet at their convenience.

The innovative technological project, adapted from the successful card version launched two years ago, features a series of beautiful images that are matched with different ways to keep your health and wellbeing on track when times are tough.

The app was developed in partnership with the University of Tasmania with students from Information Technology building the app.

Download the app now on iPhone or android.

## Add Your Community Event to Our Website

Community groups and not-for-profit organisations can add their community events to the events calendar on our website. Submit your community event at [www.ccc.tas.gov.au/communityevent](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/communityevent)

## Events in Clarence

### Dance Hall Days

Put on your dancing shoes, find a spring in your step, and help us celebrate the traditional dance hall evenings of yesteryear with a thoroughly modern twist.

- Saturday 7 September  
Richmond Hall
- Saturday 5 October  
Cambridge Hall

Each event is open to all ages and abilities, and entry is free. A licensed bar is provided and supper for \$5.00. Doors open at 6.30pm, dancing starts at 7.00pm.

### Dog's Day Out

Sunday 6 October 2019  
11.00am - 3.00pm, Rosny Farm  
Join us for our 14th annual Dog's Day Out. There will be free entertainment, demonstrations and activities for the entire family. Dog's Day Out would not be complete without the annual Poochibald Art Competition that will be exhibited at Rosny Farm.

### Seafarer's Festival

Sunday 27 October 2019  
10.30am - 4.00pm, Bellerive Boardwalk  
Don your finest nautical attire and get ready for the 2019 Seafarer's Festival. This family fun event is free and will host an array of activities, entertainment, food and wine on both land and water.

Visit our website for more events [www.clarenceartsandevents.net](http://www.clarenceartsandevents.net)

## Aldermen's Articles

Council policy provides an opportunity for Aldermen, in turn, to place an article in Rates News.



**Alderman  
Richard James**



**Alderman  
Heather Chong**

### Clarence Kayak Trail Wins Award of Excellence

In early July our innovative Clarence Kayak Trail won the Award of Excellence for Parks and Open Space Projects in the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) (Tasmania) Awards.

Launched in late 2018, the Clarence Kayak Trail details eight coastal paddle trails around Clarence suitable for beginners through to advanced kayakers in a waterproof, tear-proof brochure.

The project now moves on to the AILA National Awards which will be announced in October 2019.

The brochure can be purchased from Council Offices and The Tasmanian Map Centre for \$9.60. An electronic copy of the brochure and maps of the trails can be found on our website at [www.ccc.tas.gov.au](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au).

By the time you read this, the many hours Aldermen and staff spend working on the 2019-20 budget will have been concluded. The services Council delivers are all considered and the staff are to be commended in the detailed work that goes into the preparation.

For those in the Cambridge area, great news that State Growth are starting to work on the Cambridge by-pass – in the roughly 4 years since I proposed the Cambridge Master Plan, there's been lots of background work but it's great to see it actually starting to happen.

Stay warm and safe over the winter.

### Upcoming Council Meetings

19 August, 9 and 30 September at 7.30pm at the Council Chambers, 38 Bligh Street, Rosny Park. See what's on the agenda at [www.ccc.tas.gov.au](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au)

### Upcoming Works

- Road reconstruction works on Sycamore Road, Risdon Vale; Banawarra Road and Melita Court, Geilston Bay; Diosma Street and Morrisby Street, Rokeby.
- Safety improvements on Clarence Street.
- Stormwater works on South Arm Road, South Arm; Granary Place, Sandford; Waverley Street, Bellerive, and Bilney Street, Richmond.
- Irrigation works at Tanundal Park, Howrah; Bellerive Beach Park, Bellerive; and Simmons Park, Lindisfarne.
- Track works on Fort Direction Road, South Arm; and Lindhill Reserve, Geilston Bay.
- Installation of shelter and concrete paths in Beltana Park, Lindisfarne.
- Construction of South Arm Skate Park.
- Installation of a drinking fountain on Silwood Avenue, Howrah.
- Maintenance and management of natural areas as per the various natural area management plans.

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