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POST PANDEMIC: OUR ROAD TO RECOVERY

THE COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging and unprecedented time and Clarence City Council will continue to support the community on the long road to recovery.

Both the council and local community has endured a number of significant changes, but through perseverance, hard work and strong financial planning, the municipality has emerged in a solid position to face the long-term impacts of the pandemic.

In late June, Clarence City Council

approved a balanced operating budget, providing for a zero percent general rate increase and an, on average, 0.3 percent increase in waste and stormwater charges, reflecting the increased costs associated with providing services such as recycling, green waste, hard waste and general refuse collection.

Despite a number of difficult cuts, a record \$22.7 million capital budget was achieved – focusing on recovery and stimulating the local economy – thanks to the assistance of a three-

year \$14.8 million interest free loan from the Tasmanian Government.

Although there will undoubtedly be significant financial challenges ahead, Clarence City Council is in a strong position to face these challenges head on, reducing the impact on the community as we settle into the 'new normal' of post pandemic.

For information on COVID-19 support and assistance, visit the Clarence City Council website at www.ccc.tas.gov.au/covid-19-support.

Tom Wilcox, of Tas Marine Construction, with
City of Clarence Mayor Doug Chipman



PUBLIC PIER DEVELOPMENT TAKES SHAPE

Over the past couple of months local residents and visitors alike may have noticed an exciting new infrastructure project begin to take shape in the Clarence municipality. **Continued on P5**

GRANT FUNDING SUPPORTS COVID-19 RECOVERY

CLARENCE City Council continues to support the community through the COVID-19 recovery with a significant reallocation of funding.

Funds from the Community Grants Program have now been used to support the COVID-19 Community Recovery Package, and a total of \$150,000 in surplus from the 2019/20 budget will be reallocated in this financial year.

The Community Grants Program received an additional \$35,000 to

fund a special Clarence Community Recovery Grant round; \$60,000 will be allocated to homelessness initiatives within Clarence in partnership with relevant not-for-profit organisations; and \$55,000 to fund any additional expenditure required to deliver the Clarence City Council COVID-19 Social Recovery Action Plan.

To find out more about the Clarence City Council Community Recovery Grant, visit www.ccc.tas.gov.au/community/grants-sponsorship/community-grants.

BURN BRIGHTER THIS WINTER

CLARENCE City Council encourages residents to burn brighter this winter by correctly operating their wood heaters to keep our city's air clean.

If you use a wood heater, you can reduce smoke pollution and help your neighbours to breathe easier by burning the fire on high for 20 minutes after adding wood; not letting your fire smoulder; and only burning dry wood and vegetation which is free from paint and chemical residue.

Remember to always keep the air vents open enough to keep a flame, and ensure your flue is clean.

Find out more at the Environmental Protection Agency's website: www.epa.tas.gov.au/burn-brighter.



VOLUNTEERS EMBRACE THEIR PASSION

Volunteers Paul Wales and John Vanharen tend to the garden of a resident in need.

COMMUNITY-MINDED locals across Clarence have answered the call for volunteers, providing a much-needed helping hand to deliver essential support to our city's most vulnerable.

Clarence City Council's Community Volunteer Service program offers a range of support to those with

assisted living requirements, but was unfortunately significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As many of the program's volunteers are older adults and classed as a high-risk category for COVID-19, they were unable to offer their services during the peak of the pandemic.

In addition, the need for support in the community was ramping up with many people unable to safely undertake basic activities like food shopping or filling a prescription at the chemist.

A great example of the work of our volunteers was a garden makeover for a Clarence resident who had an outdoor space in desperate need of some maintenance and care, but was unable to undertake the work due to their declining health.

The work of these dedicated volunteers supported a resident in need, but also created a connection between community members who may have otherwise been isolated.

If you think that you might be able to make a positive impact on others in your community by helping with light gardening, errands or another form of support, contact the Clarence City Council Community Volunteer Service Coordinator Rhianna Airey on 03 6217 9263 or email rairey@ccc.tas.gov.au.

CUTE CREATIONS SHINE A LIGHT ON OUR CARING KIDS

CUTE creations are brightening the Clarence community despite the artworks being inspired by the COVID-19 crisis.

You may have spotted the designs of some budding Clarence artists popping up in parks and being displayed around the municipality.

During the peak of the COVID-19 isolation period, the City of Clarence Arts and Events team opened a unique kids poster competition to get young minds thinking about some positive aspects of what was no doubt

a challenging situation for both children and their parents alike.

The theme for the poster was “Caring Kids – what are you doing to take care of yourself, your family or your neighbourhood?”

The submissions of bright images were heart-warming, displaying a great range of ways young people were supporting their communities.

Winning artworks have been printed and put in new community signage boxes around Clarence.



Hazel, left, and little sister Spencer, right, pictured with Hazel's artwork.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS GET CREATIVE

CLARENCE City Council's community development team have been busy working on programs and activities to engage the community differently as we progress through the COVID-19 road to recovery.

Fitness in the Park face-to-face sessions resumed last month and welcomed both old and new faces.

Classes run Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.30-10.30am at the Bellerive Beach Park

and are suitable for any level of fitness.

Clarence City Council has also collaborated with partners to continue to offer the Live Well, Live Long program by transitioning to community radio.

The Clarence City Council community development team, in partnership with Glenorchy City Council and Tasmanian Health Service – Health Promotion, are keeping the older community involved in their regular program of activities through new ways.

Tune into 96.1FM Community Radio at 10.30am each Tuesday for a 10-minute program focused on key topics including mental health and self-care.

Chair of the Clarence Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Alderman Sharyn von Bertouch said the older community was experiencing more vulnerability during these unprecedented times, so



these initiatives were more important than ever.

“This is a creative way to continue to offer the invaluable program for our residents and broader community members,” she said.

“Partnerships and programs like this increase the health and wellbeing of residents, have a positive impact on people's lives and encourage those who may not have been aware of the programs available to sign-up.”



COLLABORATION SHINES BRIGHT

A COMBINATION of hard work, collaboration and community-mindedness is seeing an exciting new project take shape in Clarendon Vale.

The Pedestrian Lighting Project, which is a collaboration between Clarence City Council and One Community Together (OCT), will see the installation of lights on the shared pathway of the Clarendon Vale Community Park.

The project follows on the back of a survey undertaken by the OCT Community Spaces group, which highlighted several safety concerns held by the local community surrounding insufficient lighting in the park at night.

In addition to illuminating the main thoroughfare of the park for the



Deputy Mayor Heather Chong with OCT steering committee Chair Linda Nicholson.

benefit of walkers and cyclists, the new lights are hoped to reduce crime and create a more inviting space overall.

Council thanks the One Community Together Community Spaces team for its hard work in gathering the

community's feedback, aiding in the creation of a more inclusive and welcoming space for everyone to enjoy.

The design of the lights has now been finalised.

'WHAT MATTERS TO YOU?' CAMPAIGN CREATES CONNECTIONS

A RECENT social media campaign run by Clarence Youth Services had a fantastic response, inspiring new plans for more localised online initiatives geared towards young people.

Five high profile Tasmanians were



Riley Meredith of the Tasmanian Tigers and Hobart Hurricanes.

approached to feature in a Facebook video project to draw attention to 'What matters to you?' Day.

'What matters to you?' Day is focused on encouraging and supporting more meaningful conversations between people, specifically between people who provide health and social care and those who receive it.

The five prominent locals were Tyler Richardson (frontman for Tasmanian based band 'Luca Brasi'); Riley Meredith (Australian cricketer for the Tasmanian Tigers and Hobart Hurricanes); Macey Stewart (professional racing cyclist); Sean Brown (local singer, songwriter, and radio host for Hobart's Hit100.9); and Curtis Knox (Youth Services Coordinator for Clarence City Council).

The campaign gained valuable insight into what matters to people, and highlighted their personal experiences and how they were motivated and influenced as individuals.

It established relatable connections between young people and inspiring Tasmanians and identified how taking care of our health and well-being is important for everyone.

The campaign encouraged meaningful conversations to occur on the topic of 'What matters to you?', and strengthened the importance of reaching out for help, surrounding yourself with people who support professional health care services.



WORKS RAMP UP ACROSS CLARENCE

From left, Tracks and Trails committee member Barry Ford, Clarence City Council Alderman and Chair of the Tracks and Trails Committee Alderman Dean Ewington, City of Clarence Mayor Alderman Doug Chipman, local resident Jenny Ford and Clarence City Council Recreational Planning Officer Mary McParland on the new Cremorne to Lauderdale track.

It has been an industrious few months for development across the City of Clarence.

In early May, the first sod was turned on a new public toilet and changeroom facility at Risdon Vale Oval. This project was delivered with the assistance of a \$200,000 grant from Sport Australia through the Community Sport Infrastructure Program and

\$80,000 through the Department of Communities Sport and Recreation Major Grant Program.

The project includes the demolition of the existing facility and construction of a new public toilet and changeroom, as well as the addition of a spectator viewing area, accessible vehicle parking and pedestrian constructions to Sugarloaf Road and surrounds.

In June, a vital new link was added to the Clarence Coastal Trail with the opening of the new Cremorne to Lauderdale track.

The 3.8-kilometre new section of track traverses the coast between Cremorne Beach and Mays Beach, offering spectacular views across Frederick Henry Bay to Primrose Sands and the Tasman Peninsula.

Planning work is now underway for a future track around Mays Point which, once constructed, will provide a continuous coastal trail between Seven Mile Beach and Cremorne.

And finally, Clarence City Council is taking further steps to become more energy efficient with the installation of 2,400 new LED streetlights, which are currently being rolled out across the municipality.

The installation forms part of the Great Southern Lights project – a collaboration between six councils, the Local Government Association of Tasmania and TasNetworks that will see streetlights changed to 14 Watt LEDs.

BELLERIVE PUBLIC PIER DEVELOPMENT TAKES SHAPE

IN recent months a big local project which will be enjoyed by people of all ages, backgrounds, and physical abilities has begun to take shape - and is set to be ready sooner than you might think.

The \$2.8 million Bellerive Public Pier will feature a 2.5-metre-wide walkway with seating, lighting and a navigation beacon at the end.

The development will act as a breakwater to provide protection

from waves to Kangaroo Bay and provide protection for public moorings, the public boat ramp, the Bellerive Yacht Club marina and the existing boardwalk infrastructure.

Construction began in May and it is estimated that work will be complete by the end of September.

The existing wharf on the Boardwalk will continue to be available for ferry operation.

This financial year the council will deliver a record capital works program and major budget items will include:

- Road reseal program (\$2.7 million)
- Major road reconstruction (\$3.5 million)
- Footpath/kerb and gutter renewal (\$1.3 million)
- Pass Road – pavement reconstruction (\$1.5 million)
- Backhouse Lane upgrade – stage two (\$1.65 million)
- Torrens Street – stormwater improvement (\$300,000)
- Kangaroo Bay Oval – replacement of irrigation (\$200,000)
- Clarence Aquatic Centre – replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning (\$650,000)
- Alma Street – senior citizens upgrade (\$500,000)

ALDERMEN'S ARTICLES

Council policy provides an opportunity for Aldermen to rotationally place an article in the City of Clarence Quarterly.



**Deputy Mayor
Alderman
Heather Chong**

As we begin to see what a new normal might look like, I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. If things have become difficult, please contact council if you, or an organisation you are involved with, are worried about paying rates and fees. We have a hardship policy in place for those in need.

On a brighter note, the Rosny Farm team are collecting 'Letters from Lockdown'. Send them your experiences in lockdown (by voice, email or snail mail) and council's historian will be collating them for an exhibition later in the year. Check it out on www.clarenceartsandevents.net.



**Alderman
Richard James**

While researching good governance practices applicable to Launceston Corporation and Hobart Corporation, known by that at the turn of 19th century, selection criteria for the office of Alderman was a mix of 'business acumen' and 'social responsibility'.

Over the years, Clarence City Council has maintained its debt-free status and built up substantial cash reserves to plan ahead and see it through difficult times.

In these challenging times, Clarence City Council's best use of these resources is to pass on no increase in the general rate.

HAVING AN ISSUE WITH YOUR BIN?



Council will fix or replace (if damaged beyond repair) any damaged bins free of charge. Call us 03 6217 9500.

Repairs can be made to wheels, as well as lids that are broken or missing.

Replacement bins can be provided if they are damaged beyond repair.

All repairs are completed weekly on a Wednesday and must be booked in beforehand.

TAKE THE SURVEY & TELL US WHAT YOU'RE MAKING!

Are you a maker, creator, designer, musician, artist, arts organisation or arts worker living or working in the Clarence

area? We're keen to find out who our creative community is and what it is doing. Take the survey to let us know who you are and what you're making! Visit: www.clarenceartsandevents.net/events/creative-clarence-survey.

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