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## BELLERIVE BOARDWALK RECEIVES A NEW LEASE ON LIFE



Clarence City Council work crew Ben Freeman and Rhyann Charlesworth working on the Bellerive deck and beam replacement.

replacement of a short 10-metre section of the boardwalk at the jetty end, west of the Waterfront Hotel," he said.

"While the substructure in this section is different to the bulk of the boardwalk to the east, it gave our works crew valuable experience in using the wood composite materials and provided a good sample of the finished product.

"We are very pleased with how this new section looks and are excited to watch the project take shape across the remaining 140-metres of the boardwalk."

**T**he Bellerive Boardwalk is undergoing an exciting upgrade with works now well underway on stage two of the deck and beam replacement.

The project involves replacement of the decking with a new wood/recycled plastic composite material, which was selected due to its quality, aesthetics, durability and proven performance in other public works projects in the Hobart area.

The works will also include replacement of the timber joists which support the boardwalk decking, as well as concrete

and scouring repairs.

The joists and fenders will be fabricated with the same wood/recycled plastic composite material as the decking.

Clarence City Council Mayor Alderman Doug Chipman said council engaged engineering consultants in 2019 to undertake a condition report on the boardwalk and supporting structure.

He said the report found that there was limited remaining life in the timber joists that supported the decking.

"In late 2019, council undertook

The decking and beam replacement will be undertaken in sections, with work now almost complete on the section located in front of the Waterfront Hotel and Fish Punt.

Mayor Chipman said the Bellerive Boardwalk acted as a main focal point for the Bellerive waterfront.

"This decking and beam replacement will not only improve the appearance of the boardwalk and waterfront area, but will also act as a vital safety upgrade to ensure this valuable community resource can be used and enjoyed for many years to come," he said.

# PEEKING INTO THE PAST OF OUR ROSCOMMON WETLANDS



One of Clarence's most valuable man-made natural resources is now bursting with life thanks to the recent rains and continued dedication and care of council staff and volunteer groups.

The Roscommon Constructed Wetlands is situated at the southern end of the 115-hectare Roscommon Reserve in Lauderdale.

It was purchased by Clarence City Council in 1971 and is now leased to the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre.

Clarence City Council Mayor Alderman Doug Chipman said three decades ago this natural wetland system was a polluted, bare-earthed, shallow depression which produced clouds of wind-born dust which frequently inundated neighbouring houses.

"This dust was so bad that an extensive irrigation system was installed to settle the dust on windy days," he said.

"This irrigation system proved highly

successful in not only reducing the dust, but also allowing the use of direct seeding as part of the wetland's revegetation."

Fast forward to present and the area is now a thriving wetland that boasts six permanent pools and a water channel.

In addition to performing an important flood mitigation function, the constructed wetlands were designed to treat stormwater by maximising the time the water stays in the pools and channels.

This allows the microbes, which are attached to the roots of wetland plants, to absorb pollutants before allowing clean and clear water to flow into Ralph's Bay.

Mayor Chipman said the constructed wetland was an important natural resource for the City of Clarence.

He said it was only possible thanks to the extraordinary contributions of local volunteers, including Clarence

TasTAFE students, Lauderdale Coastcare, Friends of Lauderdale Wetland, Sandford Scouts, Cubs and Guides, and other volunteer groups.

"Under the guidance of Clarence City Council staff, these groups have diligently applied direct seeding and revegetation techniques to transform the site," Mayor Chipman said.

"Today, the wetlands are home to more than 60 native plant species and are a haven for 30 species of birds, bandicoots, potoroos, wallabies, frogs, lizards and snakes, as well as a diverse range of moths, butterflies and other insects."

The Roscommon Constructed Wetlands include a well-formed 800-metre path that offers a pleasant and easy 15-minute walk, as well as several seats situated around the track for visitors to sit down, relax and enjoy the area.

## A PLACE WHERE WE CAN ALL GET ACTIVE

In the City of Clarence there are many fantastic council-owned sporting facilities.

Did you know all council-operated sportsgrounds are available for community use when not being used by sports clubs for games or training sessions?

You can practice your left-foot drop punt at your local footy oval, or take the kids to learn to ride a bike on the grass.

We ask that community members respect the turf so everyone can enjoy the amenities we are so lucky to have here in our city.

For more information, you can contact our Recreation Planner by calling 03 6217 9500.



# SUMMER BEACH RESTRICTIONS FOR DOGS

As the weather starts to warm up we would like to remind people who take their dogs onto council beaches that summer beach restrictions will commence on Sunday 1 December 2020 and remain in place until Sunday 1 March 2021.

Dogs will not be permitted on the following beaches between the hours of 10am and 6pm daily:

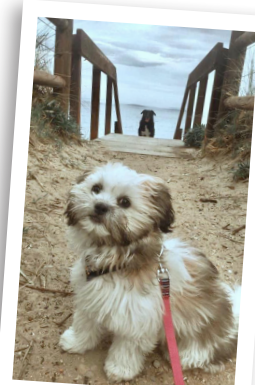
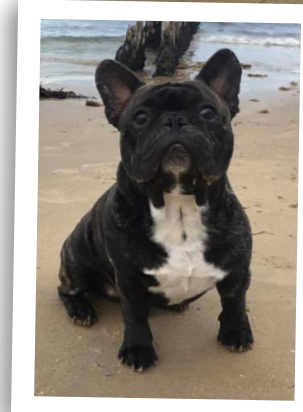
- Bellerive - east of Beach Street access
- Howrah Beach
- Cremorne Beach
- Opossum Bay Beach
- South Arm Beach
- Roches Beach at Lauderdale from Bambra Street south to Mays Point
- Seven Mile Beach - council managed areas west of Day Use Area 2
- Middle Clifton Beach\*

Dogs will be prohibited from these beach areas at all times:

- Bellerive - west of Beach Street access
- Little Howrah Beach
- Seven Mile Beach - 1km either side of Sandy Point\*
- Five Mile Beach\*
- North Clifton Beach\*
- All dune areas, please use formed tracks only

\* These areas are managed by Tasmanian Parks & Wildlife Service.

For more information on dog exercise areas visit [ccc.tas.gov.au/places/dog-exercise-areas/](http://ccc.tas.gov.au/places/dog-exercise-areas/)



## DOGS OF CLARENCE

We recently ran a competition on the Clarence City Council Facebook page in search of Clarence's cutest pooch. More than 60 people submitted photos and competition was tough! The overall winner was Odin (top left), with Chief (bottom left) close on his tail. Honourable mentions go to the two Millies pictured below middle and right. To see all the pups be sure to follow us at [facebook.com/ClarenceCityCouncil](https://facebook.com/ClarenceCityCouncil)

## EVERYONE LOVES THE POOCHIBALD

The seventh annual Poochibald Art Prize featured an impressive array of canine-inspired artwork in the medium of painting, drawing, print, mixed media, textiles, and for the first time sculpture.

A tongue in cheek reference to the prestigious Archibald Prize, the Poochibald is an opportunity for artists to unleash their creativity and submit a 'pawtrait' of their pooch.

The prize began as part of the ever-popular Dog's Day Out event but it has since turned into a hugely popular attraction in itself.

This year drew 110 entries across the junior, senior and adult sections with judges impressed by the quality of artwork in all categories.

The winner of the adult category was Lulu by Eve Cowley (pictured left).

Twelve-year-old Georgia Thurling won the senior child category with her work Dalmation, and Otto by 11 year old Rosie McLean took the prize for the junior child category.

The Ranger's Prizes went to What are you looking at? by Samantha Hernan and "Luna" by Rosie Hentschel.

The Poochibald Award for a participant in The School of Creative Arts and Media Pet Project in partnership with Clarence City Council went to Melanie Hawthorne for her painting Coco.



Winning artwork 'Lulu' by Eve Crowley



# CREMORNE DUNES GET A BIT FISHY

What was once a barren, eroding sand dune is now a focal point of a new pathway at the popular Cremorne Beach on the South Arm Peninsula.

Thanks to the helping hands of the Pipe Clay Coastcare Group, council support, and through a Tasmanian Community Fund Grant a pathway has been extended to nearly 250 metres over the dunes.

The new gravel pathway will prevent erosion and provide safe pedestrian access - away from traffic heading to the jetty.

With the help of legendary track builder John "Snapper" Hughes and his team, the coastcare group was able to complete the work on the track earlier this year.

The new facility instantly became a popular spot for walkers in the area during COVID-19 restrictions.



*Thanks to the dedication of the Pipe Clay Coastcare Group a track has been established and adorned with new sculpture "A fish called Wonder".*

The track had a weedy barren stretch in the middle but thanks to an impressive group of 76 volunteers willing to help out at the September working bee, the group has transformed this patch.

The area has been reinvigorated with the use of mulch, plants, gravel and rock as well as local sculpture artist Peter Hodoniczky's piece 'A fish called Wonder'. It is now a beautiful space to be enjoyed by all passing by.

Clarence City Council Mayor Alderman Doug Chipman said he was proud of the 36 young people who worked hard on the day of the working bee.

"This and other landcare and bushcare groups achieve so much in Clarence for the betterment of the environment and us all," he said.

Go to [www.ccc.tas.gov.au](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au) to find out more about land or coastcare groups.

## COMMUNITY RECOVERY GRANT WINNERS ANNOUNCED



*Clifton Beach Surf Club nippers ready for board training last summer.*

Council recently endorsed 18 organisations to receive funding to support their COVID-19 pandemic

recovery initiatives and projects.

Support for community groups was approved in June 2020 as part of the council's Budget Estimates and its COVID-19 Social Recovery Action Plan.

A total of \$55,916.59 was approved for Community Recovery Grants which will be awarded to a number of community groups, not-for-profits and sporting teams for projects that build a resilient community.

An extensive list of projects will commence shortly with funds being distributed this month for programs and activities such as the purchase of event equipment, upgrades to sporting equipment to increase participation, educational events with emergency services and growth of new sporting teams.

For further information on the successful grant recipients and their projects head over to our website. Here you will also find information on our quick response grant program [www.ccc.tas.gov.au](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au).



# THE CLARENCE MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK TURNS 11



## DID YOU KNOW?

Clarence Mountain Bike Park was officially opened in 2009 and is managed by Clarence City Council.

In 2018, council built a Skills Park that offers a pump track and a variety of jumps and features including a whale tail, drop offs and wall ride.

The Clarence Mountain Bike Park in the Meehan Range is one of council's most popular natural assets and our teams are working year-round to bring new improvements to the area.

Tasmania is fast becoming world-renowned for mountain biking and is growing in popularity with locals at an equal rate.

While an exact figure is hard to calculate it is estimated the Clarence Mountain Bike Park was used more than 30,000 times in the last financial year.

A Meehan Range Strategic Mountain Bike Plan to guide the future development of trails within the Clarence Mountain Bike Park and throughout the Meehan has been drafted by council.

The plan needs input and approval

from the State Government before it can be released for public consultation but there are many projects happening in the meantime.

This October, the long-awaited toilets begin construction and are planned to be completed by the end of the month.

As there are no services in the area (electricity, drinkable water or sewerage lines) the toilets will have an on-site waste water system.

A development application has been lodged to construct a new internal carpark by the pump tracks, along with a bi-directional access road, with work by council's Depot crew expected to begin early in 2021.

As the current access track from the external carpark will be closed off to the public during the carpark construction, prior to that a new

walking and biking access track will be constructed.

In addition, a new track on Flagstaff Hill, to bypass a section of steep and rocky fire trail, is also being built.

Council is planning some new tracks to close gaps in the trail network and will be constructing a new green climbing track, named 'The Elevator', from Stringy Bark Gully to the Skyline Fire Trail, thanks to funding from the State Government's Cycle Tourism Fund.

Other projects being planned include connecting the cross country loop to the Highline Track, a green climbing track from the railway abutment hub to the Skyline Fire Trail, plus a few other smaller projects in the Clarence Mountain Bike Park.

Council will continue to consult with the community as the projects progress.

# ALDERMEN'S ARTICLES



**Alderman  
Brendan Blomeley**

In response to the daily traffic congestion battle being fought out across greater Hobart, it is timely to reflect on practical, sustainable and deliverable solutions.

The State Government has a key role to play and they deserve to be congratulated for the introduction of a trial peak-hour passenger ferry service between Bellerive and Sullivans Cove.

Another solution is subsidised express peak-hour bus services from Dodges Ferry to the City, which has the potential to remove hundreds of cars off the Tasman Highway.

If we are truly serious about sustainable solutions, we must support strategic bus and ferry services.



**Alderman  
Luke Edmunds**

A majority of Aldermen recently supported my motion to livestream council meetings via YouTube.

Until recently meetings were recorded live but only uploaded days later. This change makes meetings more accessible to anyone who wants to tune in for the whole meeting or one topic.

With COVID-19 restrictions it is difficult to predict when the public will be able to physically attend meetings. Now at least people can tune in from the comfort of their homes.

None of this would be possible without the hard work of our valued workers, particularly those on the IT desk. Well done all.

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



**Alderman  
Beth Warren**

I was pleased that council unanimously endorsed a "No Spray Register" at the 21 September meeting, following a motion I proposed in October 2019.

Residents raised this issue with me, concerned about the use of glyphosate-based products to control weeds on their nature strips.

You can now contact the council to have your property added to the register – on the condition that you take responsibility for managing the weeds.

Congratulations to those small businesses adapting their business models to thrive and survive during this difficult year, keeping jobs and profits local. This is how we build resilience.



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