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# FUTURE IN FOCUS FOR CLARENCE'S FASTEST GROWING AREA



*An aerial view of the Clarence Plains area.*

Tasmania's population growth outstripped the State Government's growth strategy by almost 10,000 people last year, with the Clarence Plains area identified as one of the fastest growing areas in Southern Tasmania.

Clarence City Council is planning for the growth of this region through the creation of a Clarence Plains Master Plan which will provide a dynamic long-term framework to guide future growth and development.

Some of the key objectives of the Clarence Plains Master Plan project include strategies for community development, identifying opportunities for improving and expanding housing stock, strategic direction for public open space and connectivity, infrastructure,

and partnership opportunities.

Developed in partnership with MODE and C Change Sustainable Solutions (C Change), the Master Plan will build on the 2014 Master Plan for Rokeby and Clarendon Vale, commissioned by Mission Australia, however, will encompass the larger study area of Clarendon Vale, Glebe Hill, Rokeby and Oakdowns.

Community consultation has begun with key stakeholders including community groups, State Government bodies, education providers and Landcare groups, with the broader public engagement to begin later this year.

Clarence City Council Mayor Alderman Doug Chipman said public engagement was one of the most important parts of

this project, and we would be bringing the community along with us on this journey.

"Through this engagement process we want to understand the local community's hopes and aspirations for the area, as this will form the foundation of the Master Plan," he said.

"The secret to successful planning is to focus on directing growth rather than simply reacting to it.

"It's important that we recognise that we are not just making plans for the current day, but rather putting into place plans that will serve future generations.

"By putting the needs of people and communities at the heart of the urban planning process, our communities will be healthier in the long term."



# DERWENT FERRY SERVICE SETS SAIL

The highly anticipated maiden voyage of the trial Derwent Ferry service set sail under clear skies on Monday 9 August.

The ferry service, one of the key goals of the Hobart City Deal, aims to provide an active transport solution and make it easier for commuters to walk, run, or cycle to work.

Clarence City Council Mayor Alderman Doug Chipman said he was thrilled that the ferry service was finally underway.

“We’re excited to be offering our community the option of a picturesque and enjoyable commute across the beautiful river Derwent,” he said.

“With our existing network of tracks and trails, this service provides a vital missing link for our commuter network, encouraging active transport and helping to get cars off the road.

“It is important to remember this is a trial and will be crucial in identifying the demand for the service so that we can plan accordingly and deliver better solutions for the long term.

“Feedback from passengers so far has been excellent and we encourage as many people as possible to take advantage of this fabulous opportunity to enjoy our city in a brand new way

and have their say on what a permanent ferry service may look like.”

Passenger numbers have been fantastic in the initial weeks of operation with scores of locals taking in the scenic views of our harbour city while enjoying a coffee purchased on board the vessel.

Signs with foot/bike travel times to the departure point have also been installed along the Clarence Foreshore Trail.

The service is free if you bring your Metro Greencard, bike, or scooter.

The full timetable is available at [www.derwentferries.com.au](http://www.derwentferries.com.au).



The new Derwent Ferry docked in Bellerive. Photo courtesy of Derwent Ferries.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PLANNING SCHEME CHANGES

During November 2020 the Clarence draft Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) was the subject of several Tasmanian Planning Commission (the Commission) hearings.

On Wednesday 1 September, the Commission intends to publish its decision on the representations made on the Clarence draft LPS and issue a notice that will trigger the introduction of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme in Clarence from Wednesday 8 September 2021, seven days after the Commission’s direction.

### What does this mean for your application?

Under the Act, an application made valid prior to 8 September will be determined under the current Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2015.

Any application submitted and/or made valid after 8 September must be determined in accordance with the LPS and the directed modifications (this will be the new Tasmanian Planning Scheme).

For the majority of applications, especially

those involving residential development, there will be little difference between the current and the incoming planning controls.

The timing of the Commission’s notice is beyond council’s control and once the notice is issued there is no flexibility under the Act as to which scheme will be applicable to the assessment and determination of an application.

More details on changes to the Planning Scheme are available at [www.ccc.tas.gov.au/planning-scheme](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/planning-scheme).



# BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR UPGRADED BELLERIVE SHARED PATH



*The Bellerive Beach Park upgrades.*

The recent works on the Bellerive Beach Park shared path are complete with the Clarence Foreshore Trail now fully connected from Bellerive Bluff/Victoria Esplanade to the Bellerive Beach amenities block.

The Bellerive Beach Park provides a link for pedestrians and cyclists and ties into the upgrade of the Rosny Foreshore Trail – which forms part of the Clarence Foreshore Trail – extending from Geilston Bay to Tranmere.

The permanent works, which began in early April, included the removal of the redundant carpark surface, construction of a new concrete shared cycle path, realignment of footpaths, new irrigated landscaped areas, park furniture and minor alterations to stormwater infrastructure.

The old carpark bitumen was replaced

with dune revegetation and grassed areas to improve both the visual aesthetics and useability of the area.

Clarence City Council invested more than \$600,000 into the works which have been designed in accordance with the current Bellerive Beach Park Master Plan, including the promenade. This includes the support of a \$100,000 grant from the Tasmanian Government.

Clarence City Council Alderman Dean Ewington, who is Chair of the Tracks and Trails Committee, said the new Bellerive Beach Park shared path upgrade enhanced Clarence's already vast network of tracks and trails.

"While the Bellerive Beach Park Master Plan is undergoing review, it is good sense to continue making considered improvements in the area and we are very pleased to be able to unveil this

great new upgrade," he said.

"The Bellerive Beach Park area is no doubt one of the most loved sites in Clarence. It is busy every day of the week, all year round, and I know these enhancements will be appreciated by the pedestrians, cyclists, families and many other visitors who regularly frequent the area.

"It is a great improvement to the overall safety and amenity of the site. It's great to know that we are laying the foundations for future works on the promenade as part of the master plan in years to come."

While the areas of new grass seeding and turf will remain fenced off for a few more weeks, people of all ages have already been enjoying the upgrades and improved user experience of the foreshore.

Also, a reminder to users of the path to respect other users and keep left.

## YOUR ANNUAL HARD WASTE COLLECTION IS COMING SOON!

**The proposed collection period is October to November 2021. Follow us on Facebook or stay tuned to our website for further updates.**





TasWater Department Manager Fran Smith, Clarence City Council Mayor Alderman Doug Chipman and Derwent Estuary Program Chief Executive Officer Ursula Taylor at Howrah Beach.

# HOWRAH BEACH WATER QUALITY UPDATE

Following the recent 'poor' rating of water quality levels at Howrah Beach as part of the Derwent Estuary Program's Water Quality Annual Report, Clarence City Council has begun intensive investigations into possible causes for the contamination and has implemented several initial recommendations.

Clarence City Council has worked with the Derwent Estuary Program and the Department of Health to develop and install advisory signage indicating which

section of Howrah Beach is affected.

A dedicated Stormwater Investigations Officer commenced work in August and will work closely with the Derwent Estuary Program and TasWater while leading council's Howrah Beach investigation.

Council has also engaged founder of the Derwent Estuary Program Dr Christine Coughanowr as a consultant, who has provided an initial data review and

recommendations for primary focuses for the ongoing investigation.

Council's investigation will continue to progress with an in-depth review of current and historical data, the collection of new data through sand and ground water sampling, and further investigation of possible contaminant sources.

For more information and updates, visit [www.ccc.tas.gov.au/beachwaterquality](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/beachwaterquality).

## THE LATEST ON THE DRAFT DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY

The second stage of the Draft Dog Management Policy consultation closed on Wednesday 28 July.

In total, council received:

- 990 digital survey responses
- 2 handwritten survey submissions
- 41 emails and letters from the public
- 7 letters from organisations
- 1 petition
- 2 in-person meetings

Clarence City Council Mayor Alderman Doug Chipman said he was pleased with the level of participation during the consultation.

"It has been great to have such a high level of community engagement during this process," he said.

A report on the consultation will be presented at a council workshop in September for consideration, and further updates following this will be available via our website and Facebook page.



**Dogs Day Out is back  
on Sunday 3 October at  
Simmons Park in Lindisfarne  
from 11am – 2pm.**

**You can get your FREE tickets  
at the Clarence Arts and  
Events website:**

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





*An example of what is contained in the support packs.*

# PACKS PROVIDE WARMTH DURING WINTER COLD SNAP

As part of National Homelessness Week 2021, Clarence City Council launched its homelessness support packs and critical information cards to help those sleeping rough and braving the elements across Clarence during the cold winter months.

Of the more than 100 backpacks, 40 packs have already been given out through partnerships with The Salvation Army and Housing Connect Tasmania to those doing it tough in the region.

The support packs contain a high-quality 35 litre backpack full of essential items, including warm clothing, personal hygiene products, and a Metro bus card and were co-purchased by council and the Lions Club of Clarence.

The critical information card details where support services can be accessed in Clarence and what services are provided at each location.

Clarence City Council Mayor Alderman Doug Chipman said these support packs come at a crucial time for the homeless community in Clarence.

“During a cold Tasmanian winter and amid the current ongoing housing crisis across Greater Hobart, these packs and their contents will be a welcomed support for people sleeping rough,” he said.

Tyson Montgomery has experienced homelessness himself and is now a board member for the Housing with Dignity Reference Group.

Mr Montgomery said the packs and information cards would be really handy and mean a lot to someone experiencing homelessness.

“For someone like myself, at the time when I was sleeping on the streets, having one of these packs would have meant a few more good days than bad ones. It would have been a load off my mind to have these essentials available,” he said.

“I would like to see packs like these available in more places, all Tasmanian councils should get on board and support the homeless community.”

Following the successful launch, council is continuing to distribute the support packs and information cards to those in need while also looking into other ways of further assisting those experiencing homelessness in Clarence.

There is the possibility of further additions to the support packs including portable phone chargers and clothing vouchers from not-for-profit organisations within the municipality.

## HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE: VOLUNTEER TODAY

The Clarence Community Volunteer Service (CCVS) is seeking volunteers who wish to make a difference to the lives of others in the Clarence community.

The volunteer service provides help and companionship to those with assisted living requirements – due to ageing or disability – through a range of services including transport assistance, shopping assistance, telephone support, dog walking, and light gardening.

The volunteer service takes volunteers from all areas, ages, experience levels and abilities.

Clarence City Council carefully finds the perfect match for each volunteer based on personality, the activity/s they wish to support, as well as their abilities.

If you would like to make a positive impact on others in the Clarence region through volunteering, head to our website and complete the online form which can be found at:

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



*A CCVS volunteer dog walker.*

# ALDERMEN'S ARTICLES



**Alderman  
Beth Warren**

With spring around the corner we'll soon be enjoying our wonderful beaches again.

As Chair of the Disability Access Advisory Committee, I want everyone to be able to access our beaches. We have funds in this year's budget to investigate the best solution to ensure community members with mobility issues can safely reach the water.

The Clifton Surf Life Saving Club and the Tasmanian branch of the Disabled Surfers Association are also doing some great work in this area and I look forward to working with them and our Council Officers to ensure our beaches are accessible to all.



**Alderman  
Brendan Blomeley**

The long-anticipated Derwent Ferry Service between Bellerive and Sullivans Cove began on Monday 9 August, initially as a one-year trial.

This is a fantastic outcome for Eastern Shore residents and in time, the service must be expanded to include Tranmere and Opossum Bay, with supporting community wharf infrastructure.

Ferries have the potential to play a strategic role in addressing our traffic congestion issues and also act as a tourism attraction supporting dispersal of tourists out of Hobart and into Clarence.

To ensure the continuation and expansion of ferry services, we all need to jump onboard and strongly support the ferry.

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



**Alderman  
Luke Edmunds**

Later this year I'm going to move a motion for the council to prepare for a fully accessible playground for children with a disability, to be considered in our next budget.

Tasmania's rate of disability is the highest in the nation yet so many young children are stuck on the sidelines – or don't even leave home – from an early age because the world as designed excludes them.

This has to change and I'm hopeful of council support.

Please get in touch if you have views on this topic or have ideas about the best way to advance this cause.

## YOUR WASTE COLLECTION CALENDARS

### NOW ONLY ONLINE

Did you know that your waste calendars are now online?

Find your collection dates with our new and improved waste search tool at [www.ccc.tas.gov.au/wastedates](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/wastedates).



We know getting online is not possible for everyone so if you need assistance, please call on 03 6217 9500.

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