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# City of Clarence News

## Spring 2022



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■ Council Workers Andrew James and Sam Berry and Clarence City Council Mayor Councillor Doug Chipman at the site of the Alexandra Esplanade tree poisoning.

# VANDALISED TREES

# REPLANTED BUT NEVER REPLACED

Clarence City Council is pleased to announce the replanting of semi-mature eucalyptus trees at the site of last year's callous act of tree vandalism in Bellerive, reinforcing council's commitment to revegetating the area.

Last year, 11 eucalyptus trees along the Bellerive foreshore, 10 of which were threatened species, were poisoned, with council issuing a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the prosecution of the perpetrators.

Clarence City Council Mayor Councillor Doug Chipman said council was proud to continue protecting the city's important flora and fauna habitats.

"Clarence has many significant areas of coastal and bushland reserves, and it has been fantastic to see the outpouring of support since the horrible act of vandalism that occurred here last year," he said.

"Clarence is home to many protected and threatened species of flora and fauna and at council we are fully committed to revegetating and protecting our special natural areas.

"I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the community groups who work so hard and volunteer their time to care for Clarence's precious coastal vegetation, thank you."

Since the vandalism, council has put measures in place to reduce the likelihood of similar offences through the recent adoption of council's Tree Policy and the installation of signage encouraging the public to report information to Crime Stoppers.

Council will continue to remove any unsafe dead limbs from the tree trunks of the original trees, which will remain in place to provide a habitat for native wildlife and perching opportunities for birds that frequent this area.

Council encourages members of the community to continue to report any acts of vandalism to trees on council land through Crime Stoppers.

# CLARENCE GETS DUCKS IN A ROW

The ducks of Clarence have their beaks full of bread from well-meaning community members, however the introduction of man-made food is interrupting the natural food sources for our native ducks and encouraging over-crowding from introduced species.

Tasmania is home to 11 species of native duck, all with unique appearances and highly specialized diets. Native ducks rely on the diets that they have evolved with for thousands of years to get the right nutrients and while bread seems like a delicious option, the best way to help hungry ducks is to simply let them find their own food.

Feeding ducks also supports introduced ducks that aren't as specialised at finding food in the Australian environment and are more tolerant of humans like mallards and muscovy ducks, which makes it harder for smaller native ducks to exist in the same areas.

Instead of feeding ducks, enjoy them by watching them, and trying to find all the different native ducks around our waterways. Find out more at [www.ccc.tas.gov.au/ducks-of-clarence](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/ducks-of-clarence).



## OUT OF SIGHT

## BUT NOT OUT OF MIND

Speakers at the 'Off the Couch' event during National Homelessness Week.

Thirty percent of people experiencing homelessness are staying temporarily at other people's homes or 'couch-surfing', with young people particularly at risk of housing stress and housing precarity, the Australian Bureau of Statistics reports.

This National Homelessness Week, Clarence City Council drew attention to the impact of homelessness through a range of initiatives including a free event, 'Off the Couch'.

Held at the Rosny Skate Park, the event had a strong focus on young people, with figures revealing a shocking

25 percent of people experiencing homelessness in Tasmania are aged between 12-24 according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The event's aim was to build education, empathy and awareness in the community. Council is continuing to support those sleeping rough in the city through a range of activities including developing arrangements for the use of shower facilities at Clarence on the Bay for people sleeping rough in Kangaroo Bay, as well as collaborating with existing homelessness services.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR DRONE

Hobart Airport is calling for all drone operators to make sure that they are aware of the important rules and regulations that apply to drones around Hobart Airport.

If your drone weighs more than 250 grams, you must fly at least 5.5kms away from a controlled airport. For more information visit [www.casa.gov.au/knowyourdrone](http://www.casa.gov.au/knowyourdrone).

### Upcoming consultations

Sustainability Strategy 2022-32

Culture and Creative Strategy 2022-32

Digital Strategy 2022-32

Clarence Plains Master Plan

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



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# REFUNDS IN RATES FOR MISSING WASTE



At its meeting on 25 July, council voted in favour of crediting all ratepayers for the missed recycling and green waste services that were caused by COVID-19 staffing constraints and transition to a new service provider.

The credits will apply to each ratepayer account and be deducted from future rate payments. This equates to between approximately \$2-\$7 for most residential properties depending on whether a property missed one or both services over the two-week period, as well as the number of bins each property has.

Clarence City Council Mayor Councillor Doug Chipman said while the amount may be seen as minimal to some, the council was committed to not charging people for a service that wasn't delivered.

"We apologise unreservedly to our residents for the inconvenience caused by the interruptions to waste services in July and August," he said.

"Providing a credit for the missed service is an action we wanted to take at the earliest possible opportunity, and we are pleased that the credit will

be applied automatically to ratepayer accounts this month.

"We wish to sincerely thank all of our residents for their patience and understanding during this unfortunate period."

The break down of refund amounts is as follows:

- » The 140L recycling bin costs \$50.05 per year, divided over 26 collections a missed collection = \$1.93
- » The 240L recycling bin costs \$85.75 per year, divided over 26 collections a missed collection = \$3.30
- » The green waste bin costs \$47.55 per year, divided over 13 collections a missed collection = \$3.66

The above costs are calculated per bin and multiple missed bins will attract a refund for each bin and each missed collection date.

Council has been working through a transition to a new provider for its kerbside collection services over the last few months.

That transition has included the phasing of green waste and recycling collection to the new provider at the start of August and will finish with them taking over general rubbish collection on 29 August 2022.

Council is obligated to go through a rigorous and transparent tender process for the procurement of services, including our waste contracts.

This provider transition is an outcome from a tender process that seeks to deliver the best value and service to Clarence residents over the life of our contract.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS COUNTDOWN

The next local government elections are scheduled to be held in October 2022 with voting now compulsory. Enrolled voters will receive a voting package in the mail with a reply paid envelope.

Elected councillors play a vital leadership role in the local community and are relied upon to work together to create and implement their community's vision, mould strategic direction and guide local values within their community.

The Local Government Association of Tasmania has just launched an online portal, 'A Seat at the Table', for all members of the community interested

in nominating for council. This handy portal has lots of information for prospective candidates and can be found online at [lgat.tas.gov.au/council-elections](http://lgat.tas.gov.au/council-elections).

More information and the election timetable can be found at [www.tec.tas.gov.au/local-government](http://www.tec.tas.gov.au/local-government).

The Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) also has online copies of the Candidate Information Booklet from the TEC which is an important reference for intending candidates.

For more information, as well as nomination forms, visit [www.ccc.tas.gov.au/elections](http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/elections).



■ Council staff with children from Rosny Early Learning.

# CLARENCE CHILDREN THE REAL WINNERS AS ROSNY EARLY LEARNING SCOOPS TOP ASSESSMENT RESULTS

The results from Clarence City Council's Rosny Early Learning Assessment and Ratings accreditation in May have been announced with the service achieving an fantastic 'Exceeding' National Quality Standard outcome.

This outstanding achievement is two whole standard outcomes up from the most recent assessment in 2018 and puts the council-run service in the top 34 percent of Long Day Services state-wide.

Clarence City Council Mayor Councillor Doug Chipman said council was extremely proud to offer such a high standard of care to local families.

"Rosny Early Learning management and staff have worked extremely hard over the past two-and-a-half years to make a number of positive changes in the service," he said.

"Young families make up a huge part of the fabric of our community in Clarence and I am immensely proud of the service that council provides during those busy early years of family life.

"I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the council staff who have worked so hard to provide this wonderful space for our children, especially during the challenges of the last two years due to COVID."

The assessment process is carried out by the industry regulatory authority, The Education and Care Unit, and services around Australia are rated under the National Quality Standard (NQS).

Services are rated against seven quality areas; education program and practice, children's health and safety, physical environment, staffing arrangements, relationships with children, collaborative partnerships with families and communities and governance and leadership.

Families and council staff celebrated the rating with an afternoon tea on Friday 19 August.

# COMMUNITY DIGS DEEP TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

Community members dug deep at a council-run working bee on National Tree Day 2022.

This year council partnered with Seven Mile Beach Coastcare and Hobart Airport to create a habitat of native plants on the Seven Mile Beach foreshore.

Community members gathered on Seven Mile Beach esplanade and planted more than 400 native trees and shrubs which will grow over time to create a wonderful habitat for native bird and animal life.

Clarence City Council Mayor Councillor Doug Chipman said council was proud to continue supporting schools and community groups in protecting the city's important flora and fauna habitats.

"Clarence has significant areas of coastal and bushland reserves and it's so great to see the community dig in to help protect and restore our native habitats, enhancing the work council is already doing in these spaces," he said.

"I highly commend everyone who turned up on National Tree Day to do their part in protecting the environment."

Held across the nation on Sunday 31 July, National Tree Day is Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event.

For more information on National Tree Day, visit [treeday.planetark.org](http://treeday.planetark.org).



## BREATHE EASY IN OUR BUS MALL

Clarence City Council Mayor Councillor Doug Chipman at the Rosny Bus Mall.

Clarence City Council is leading the way across the state by continuing to create and expand healthy and welcoming spaces for the community through the 'Breathe Easy Clarence – Smoke Free Area' campaign.

Due to strong and ongoing public demand council's environmental health unit is building on previous successes, such as establishing the greater smoke-free area around Blundstone Arena which is patrolled by council officers during BBL and AFL games, and is turning its attention to the Rosny Bus Mall.

While the Rosny Bus Mall has been a declared smoke-free area for many decades under the Public Health Act 1997, a new smoke-free plan for the area is identifying where appropriate smoke-free signage can be erected to more clearly communicate the

environmental guidelines.

In addition to helping the smoking public make the right decision when lighting up, having clear and visible signage also assists officers to enforce regulations as well as identifying safe breathing spaces for the wider community free from second-hand smoke including vapour from e-cigarettes.

The new signage has been erected at appropriate intervals throughout Rosny Bus Mall and will comprise of the well-known smoke-free decals that have been used around Blundstone Arena with the public health message 'Breathe Easy – You are in a SMOKE FREE area'.

With the signage in place, council Environmental Health Officers will perform regular visits to the mall to monitor compliance.

# THANK YOU FOR THE HONOUR



## By Mayor Doug Chipman

As my tenure as the Mayor of Clarence draws to an end, I have been taking pause to ponder the many years spent working with the community, and the change I've witnessed in our great city and beyond.

Firstly, I want to thank those who entrusted me to represent them, and to those who I have worked with.

Without the trust and support placed in us by our community, my fellow Councillors and council staff would not have achieved what we have.

We have seen amazing growth and prosperity, which would never have happened had it not been for those with the grit and tenacity to stand in the face of adversity and make the bold decisions needed.

Never has this been more evident than over the last two years as our world was turned upside down by COVID-19.

We may not have always seen eye to eye, but we always had the same goal: making Clarence a brighter place. But there is much more to do. The success we now enjoy did not come easily, nor did it happen in one day.

A lot of hard work, dedication, debate and difficult decisions went into everything you see in Clarence. The

positive opportunities in Clarence are, in my opinion, endless.

To capitalise on these opportunities our future leaders need to represent our community to effect positive, long-term change, and have the courage to do so in the face of difficult challenges.

Our leaders will face many challenges in the future, including building resilience for our community against the impacts of climate change like sea level rise and bushfire threat, as well as improving the amenity of our city in the face of a growing population and increased costs due to inflation. I'm sure they will meet them head on.

When I first threw my hat in the ring for Clarence City Council more than two decades ago, I never imagined the journey it would take me on, the lessons I would learn, the friendships I would make or the skills I would develop.

I'm proud of the achievements we've been able to make during this time including leading Clarence through a sustained period of population growth, providing agricultural opportunities in the Coal River Valley through redirecting recycled waste water, and the establishment of the Greater Hobart Act to ensure a combined vision and leadership approach for Greater Hobart, to name just a few.

As I close this chapter of my life, I will fondly remember all I have worked with during my time on council. I thank you all for allowing me to be your Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor and over time, friend.

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