



TEN DAYS ON THE ISLAND + CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL PRESENT

Te Wheke-a-Muturangi – The Adversary

THE WATERS OF KANGAROO BAY WILL BE BROUGHT TO LIFE BY AN ENORMOUS OCEAN CREATURE THIS MONTH WITH A SHOW-STOPPING INSTALLATION THAT WILL BE ALL ARMS WHEN IT TAKES RESIDENCE AS PART OF A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL AND TEN DAYS ON THE ISLAND FESTIVAL.

The work, titled *Te Wheke-a-Muturangi* features a giant, brightly coloured octopus which is the creation of the multi-disciplinary Māori artist Lisa Reihana.

The goal of the partnership between council and Ten Days on the Island is to further evolve and boost the arts and cultural opportunities in the region.

"Bringing world-class festivals like Ten Days on the Island to the City of Clarence has so many benefits," said City of Clarence Mayor Brendan Blomeley.

"Culturally the people of Clarence can easily access incredible events and artworks, but it also benefits the community economically by giving visitors another reason to visit as well as getting locals out and about.

"I'm so proud that our sponsorship of Ten Days on the Island has brought this incredible artwork – literally – to our shores, as one of the key features of the festival this year."

In Māori mythology, Te Wheke-a-Muturangi is the giant octopus chased by Kupe, the legendary Polynesian navigator who discovered Aotearoa New Zealand.

During their epic chase, Kupe dealt many fatal blows to Te Wheke which eventually killed her.



Now, the giant octopus of that story has travelled across the Tasman Sea from New Zealand to share her tale here in Clarence, and will be on display from 8–19 March.

Throughout the length of the installation festival goers are invited to bring a picnic rug, sit and enjoy the ambiance brought to Kangaroo Bay by the work.

An interactive exhibition will also take place nearby Kangaroo Bay at the Rosny Barn providing space for the community to further engage and learn about the work with the artist.

For more information go to www.clarenceartsandevents.net.

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FROM YOUR MAYOR

Balance the key to a responsible budget

THE 2023-2024 BUDGET IS CURRENTLY A KEY FOCUS FOR COUNCIL AND WILL BE FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

Each year, many factors are taken into consideration as we shape a contemporary budget that defines how council will operate and our priorities for the new financial year.

Council's budget must always have an eye to the future, ensuring we invest to support our long-term capital infrastructure program.

This year the current cost-of-living pressures, which are impacting everyone in our community, are at the forefront of our deliberations.

We have all experienced significant hikes in our weekly grocery bills, electricity and other bills, as well as every time we visit the petrol station.

For many, it is becoming more of a challenge to manage household budgets and as we head toward the colder months this is likely to become even more difficult.

Every budget is a delicate balancing act for council to manage the growth of our city, infrastructure investment requirements, and meeting the expectations of our community, all while trying to ensure our community realises value in the rates you pay.

In recent years, the effects of COVID-19 played a significant role in what council needed to prioritise.

This year will once again be a fine line between delivering positive growth and adequate support for our residents and ratepayers – but also being mindful of the challenges many people face on a daily basis to meet their own household budgets.

Please be assured, your council is dedicated to delivering both short and long-term strategic outcomes for our community and that means balancing the challenge of 'now' with the opportunity and needs of the 'future.'

Simply put, we can't stop investing in generational assets that will be enjoyed by our community for decades to come.

Throughout the budget process, I will be working closely with my fellow councillors and staff to ensure the best long-term interests of our community are served, whilst being ever mindful of the financial pressures many in our community are experiencing.



As we work towards finalising the new budget- which does affect all areas of our community whether individuals are aware of it or not - I encourage you to share any concerns you may have.

Our council is the most diverse Clarence has ever seen - no matter what your background and lifestyle there is almost certainly someone whom you will feel comfortable communicating with.

I'm delighted that all councillors are very active in the community and can be spotted at many local events, but they are also contactable via phone or email and welcome any and all feedback or ideas.

You can find this information easily at the back of this newsletter, on council's website, or by calling us on **(03) 6217 9500**.

While data and research undertaken by council staff is vital in planning the budget, the most effective way for us to truly meet the genuine wishes of our community is for us to hear from you directly and I do invite you all to engage and work with us.

I have every confidence that this collaboration will deliver a more robust, equitable and balanced budget for the year ahead.

Brendan Blomeley
Mayor, City of Clarence

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Plastic Free Places Tasmania in Clarence

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT A NEW PROGRAM – 'PLASTIC FREE PLACES TASMANIA', WILL BE WORKING WITH OUR LOCAL FOOD RETAILERS AS THEY ADAPT TO A SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FREE FUTURE, ENSURING TASSIE REMAINS CLEAN AND GREEN.

With grant funding from the Commonwealth Government the Plastic Free Places program will offer free assistance to our local businesses as part of a national effort to combat plastic pollution.

Food retailers – like cafes, bars, restaurants, kiosks and vans are eligible for the program. Businesses will receive free tailored support on reducing single-use packaging, including money saving strategies, Instagram promotion, and signage recognising you as a sustainable business.

If you, or anyone you know, own a food or beverage related retail business within Clarence you can register your interest at plasticfreeplaces.org.



You can also show your support by following the efforts on Instagram or Facebook and by encouraging your local cafe or bar etc to join.

SERVICES

Richmond Bridge Parklands

UPGRADES TO THE RICHMOND RIVERBANK PARKLANDS AREA ARE WELL UNDERWAY WITH THE PROJECT SET TO MAKE THE ICONIC TOURISM HOTSPOT MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL.

The works are being undertaken on the west side of the Coal River, just south of the historic Richmond Bridge.

The project includes new stairs down to the river, a larger viewing platform, and upgrades to pathways alongside the river and connecting to the Bathurst Street carpark.



As the area is a drawcard for tourists and locals alike the project is being completed in three stages so it can still be enjoyed during the works and the park can remain open and disruption to visitors will be kept to a minimum.

The new staircase from Bridge Street down to the west side of the Coal River was the first component, with the previous staircase being demolished and the stones repurposed in retaining walls at the site.

The next stage will be a new, larger viewing platform which will be similar in style to the existing platform, made from wood and positioned just above the water, but will be set back further into the riverbank to allow for better access.

The final stage will be improving seating and surface alongside the river with a new concrete pathway between the Bathurst Street carpark and the viewing platform which will make it far



easier for wheelchairs and prams to access. The concrete for this pathway will be coloured in keeping with other infrastructure already in place in Richmond.

Other paths in the area, including the lower pathway which follows the river, are being rebuilt in red gravel consistent with materials already used in the parklands.

Landscaping and a new irrigation system are also being completed as part of this project.

City Heart Concepts

EXCITING PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON ONE OF COUNCIL'S MOST SIGNIFICANT STRATEGIC PROJECTS, THE CITY HEART PLAN, WITH NEW CONCEPTS FOR A RANGE OF STRATEGIC SITES SET TO BE MADE PUBLIC VERY SOON.

Consultation on the concepts is about to begin and council is inviting feedback from all members of the Clarence community and further afield.

Feedback will be considered by consultants as they develop the draft City Heart Plan, with the project on track to be completed by the middle of this year.

This work builds on the analysis and community engagement undertaken last October and November, which informed the Analysis and Key Directions report which was shared on council's website in December.

The Concepts are an important milestone in the development of the City Heart Plan, and council would like as many people as possible to get involved and provide feedback on the ideas.

One of the most exciting outcomes of the Key Directions report was the economic and demographic research that was undertaken to inform the City Heart Plan.

This is a new analysis and provides projections of population and employment, and what future demands we are likely to see for housing and commercial spaces in the city centre.

Many ideas have been shared by the community and key stakeholders, and the concepts expand on some of these ideas and directions and show exciting opportunities for several strategic sites within the City Heart.

Six design principles have been developed in response to community feedback.



The City Heart will be living, vibrant, resilient and sustainable, inclusive, livable, and connected.

These themes provide the framework so that future developments are in line with what is important to the community now, while also responding to changing community needs.

A full description of the principles, and the design directions which have been developed, can be found in the Key Directions Report which is available at www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/cityheart.

Design concepts will be shared for strategic sites including Rosny Parklands, the Rosny Civic and Government precinct, Charles Hand Park, and several council owned car parks.

Community engagement on the concepts will run from 21 March – 7 May.

Visit www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/cityheart to find out how to get involved in this stage of consultation. There will be a survey available throughout the period, and many opportunities to see the concepts and talk to staff face-to-face.



Robust discussion at Future Forums have been important in the development of the City Heart.

NEIGHBOUR DAY

Who will be the Neighbour of the Year for 2023?

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN CLARENCE FOR NEIGHBOUR DAY ON SUNDAY, 26 MARCH WITH NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR NEIGHBOUR OF THE YEAR.

Neighbour Day encourages people to reach out and make sustainable connections with those around them and across the community.

Neighbour Day has been running across Australia for more than twenty years and has been recognised by Clarence City Council since 2017.

Council has done this by organising events, providing connection resources to the community, celebrating community members, and sharing neighbourly stories.

City of Clarence Mayor, Brendan Blomeley said Neighbour Day was a valuable initiative that continued to build in popularity each year.



2022 Neighbour of the Year winners Basil and Helen.

"The Neighbour Day awards are a great way to recognise the people in our communities that go that extra mile for the people around them, and it is always wonderful to see communities coming together and raising each other up."

Don't forget to head to our website to nominate your award worthy neighbour, nominations close 12 March 2023.

CLARENCE PRIZE

The hunt for outstanding Australian furniture design returns

ENTRIES FOR THE CLARENCE PRIZE ARE NOW OPEN, WITH OVER \$20,000 IN PRIZE MONEY TO BE AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE IN FURNITURE DESIGN.



2021 Clarence Prize exhibition.

The Clarence Prize is a biennial exhibition that has found its niche within Australia's art community celebrating innovative and accessible furniture design. Held in the historic Rosny Barn, the prize is open to furniture designers and craftspeople operating within Australia.

The prize aims to demonstrate the breadth and diversity in Australian furniture design and making.

The Clarence Prize celebrates the best in innovative Australian furniture design and creation. The prize recognises furniture design that demonstrates quality of aesthetic, craftsmanship, ingenuity in function and purpose, material considerations and sustainability.

The closing date for entries is **midnight 14 April 2023**. The exhibition opening and prize announcements will be held on 14 September 2023 with the exhibition continuing until 15 October 2023.

Please head to the Clarence Arts and Events website for further details:

www.clarenceartsandevents.net

COMMUNITY

Clarence consults

Check out some of our open and upcoming consultation opportunities.

Check out some of our open and upcoming consultation opportunities, keep an eye on our Your Say page and subscribe to council's Facebook page to stay up-to-date.

All consultations can be found on

www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au

CURRENT AND UPCOMING:

Little Howrah Beach master plan consultation

Clarence City Council is preparing a master plan for Little Howrah Beach. The master plan will set out a vision for the transformation of Little Howrah Beach into a vibrant, accessible and attractive beachfront location.

www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/little-howrah-beach-master-plan-consultation

City Heart Plan

The City Heart Plan Stage 3 consultation, will include new concepts and an opportunity to share ideas for the future of the area. With your help we want to create a thriving and vibrant activity centre.

www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/cityheart

Victoria Esplanade and Queen Street draft master plan

Clarence City Council has prepared a draft master plan for Victoria Esplanade and Queen Street in Bellerive. To provide a welcoming place which celebrates its location and provides for safe and equitable access to the area for everyone.

www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/victoria-esplanade-queen-street-master-plan

Dog Management Policy 2021 fee structure amendment

This consultation will gauge community interest in the reintroduction of categories and reduction of fees for racing greyhounds and working dogs.

www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/dog-management-policy-fee-review-2023

Risdon Vale Precinct Structure Plan

An initial community consultation that will help shape the future of the Risdon Vale area.

www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/risdon-vale-future-urban-area



Mudskamp artwork

Bright new artwork has given the Kangaroo Bay Skate Park a facelift and new life!

RECENTLY COUNCIL TEAMED UP WITH VIBRANCE AND TWO INDEPENDENT ARTISTS TO BRING A NEW PUBLIC ART MURAL TO THE POPULAR KANGAROO BAY SKATE PARK. THE PUBLIC ARTWORK WAS OFFICIALLY UNVEILED IN EARLY JANUARY AND WAS MET WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM FROM ALL!

Council engaged local artists Mudskamp and Freekshow to liven up the area with fresh public artwork painted on non-skate surfaces and upright walls within the skate park.

To further enhance this facility a new skate feature is in the works for 2023, and our recent clean-up effort and the awesome artwork installation are big steps to improving the space.

Council facilitated a vigorous clean-up of the Rosny Skate Park over the last few months, including deep cleaning, graffiti removal and a complete repair and reseal of all skate surfaces. In addition to the revamp, council has been engaging with youth and skate organisations and programs to better activate the space with regular youth focused activities and competitions.



Freekshow artwork



Artists Freekshow and Mudskamp with skaters at Kangaroo Bay Skate Park.



Dogs it's time to get back to the beach!

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN THE RESTRICTIONS AROUND DOGS ON BEACHES ON OUR WONDERFUL CLARENCE COASTLINES ARE RELAXED.

Summer dog restrictions ended as of 1 March 2023, however, please remember dogs are not permitted on Bellerive Beach (west of Beach Street access) and Little Howrah Beach at any time.

It's also important to remember dogs are prohibited from the dune area of council beaches and must only enter on-lead and by signed access points. When exercised off lead, they must be kept under effective control, meaning in close proximity, within line of sight and immediately responsive to an owner's command.



COUNCILLOR FOCUS

From your Councillors

**COUNCILLOR JADE DARKO**

Thank you for placing your trust in me as one of your new councillors.

I put my hand up to represent the people of Clarence because I believe in everything the Eastern Shore can be.

As the city grows, we can be real leaders in supporting community-led development, greening our city, and making sure it's the most welcoming place possible for everyone.

I'm here to listen carefully to every idea and concern you have, and to do everything in my power to help turn your thoughts into action. Reach out at any time for any reason, I'm here to help.

**COUNCILLOR JAMES WALKER**

Council is working on next financial year's budget. A high inflationary environment coupled with strong demand for infrastructure delivery is challenging all local governments. Council must be mindful that households also face increased financial pressures.

To ensure value for your rates I've suggested council use performance-based budgeting principles when developing the budget. This includes:

- measuring our performance with previous years and similar councils
- being open and accountable about our performance and costs whilst learning from others
- using this data to better control expenditure and improve efficiency.

A responsible council should take this approach, ratepayers deserve nothing less.

**DEPUTY MAYOR, COUNCILLOR ALLISON RITCHIE**

Kangaroo Bay remains a high priority with Chambroad's request for an extension of time to the buy-back option being rejected at council's January meeting.

Pleasingly, council passed my motion to authorise the CEO to initiate the buy-back process in accordance with the terms of the Sale and Development Agreement, while providing Chambroad with the opportunity to publicly consult on its Modified Development proposal prior to council's March meeting.

Council is also undertaking community consultation on Kangaroo Bay via council's 'Your Say' platform.

Also, our iconic Jazz Festival was held from 1-5 February and was a spectacular success across the city.

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