

MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

New tracks offering fun for everyone at Clarence Mountain Bike Park

NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACKS AT THE CLARENCE MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK IN THE MEEHAN RANGE ARE PROVING TO BE A MONSTER AMOUNT OF FUN, WITH RIDERS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES FLOCKING TO THE PARK WITH ONE MISSION: CONQUER THE NEW TRACKS.

The upgrades include two new descending tracks, a new jumps line, the realignment of the XC Climb, and a dedicated coaching and a skill improvement area.

'Flow Monster' was the first of the tracks to open, with the upper section opened at the end of April, and the full track completed in early July.

The new addition to the park has been popular with mountain bike enthusiasts, recording over 20,000 rides in the first few months.

A green-rated trail (easiest), Flow Monster is by its name a super flowy track, offering 1.3km of exhilarating features, big berms, and a pump/rhythm feel to minimise the need for pedalling.

Riders can access Flow Monster via the redeveloped XC Climb which starts next to the new coaching and skills area (at the concrete slab for those who know the park well).

The track design ensures an enjoyable riding experience for all skill levels and age groups, although younger children may prefer riding Wright Way – a shorter and more accessible flow trail that opened in early August.

Wright Way is designed as a mini-Flow Monster and is perfect for riders looking to progress from riding flatter tracks like Hobbit Loop to something with a bit more elevation.



The new jumps line, called 'Jack Jumper', will have two levels of difficulty. Jack Jumper will be aimed at intermediate level riders while an easier beginners jump line will be constructed on the 'Smooth as Butter' Track.

Starting near the old railway abutment, it will see riders reach new heights and offer the chance to improve their jumping skills, all the way back to the carpark.

Jack Jumper offers a combination of advanced wooden ramp jumps running parallel with beginner dirt jumps on Smooth as Butter which launch riders back to the skills park, ending near the wall ride.

Clarence City Council engaged Next Level MTB, a nationally recognised mountain bike design and construction firm, to develop and build the tracks. The work was funded by Clarence City Council with partial funding from the Federal Government's Building Better Regions grant.



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SPRING IS UPON US, AND IT BRINGS A RENEWED SENSE OF OPTIMISM AND GROWTH FOR OUR DIVERSE, WELCOMING CITY.

It is coming up to one year since our new Council was elected, and myself as Mayor.

There have been some crucial decisions made in that time and I am extraordinarily proud of how our new Council has come together and worked effectively from the outset.

I believe there is an overwhelming sense of positivity in Clarence. While of course, like any city, there are some challenges we must face together - there is also confidence in the opportunities we have before us for growth.

I've spoken publicly in the Mercury about the proposed world-class golf course at Five Mile Beach – and how this kind of shared use development is something councils everywhere strive to deliver for members of their community.

With public access and amenities plus a wide range of recreational activities beyond golf, it will be a place that has something for everybody, just like our wonderful City of Clarence.

And that is just one of the exciting new advancements on Clarence's horizon.

Council recently consulted with the community on the draft Cambridge Memorial Oval Master Plan and will soon release updated plans for the Cambridge Dog Park which is expected to commence construction in the first half of 2024.

The park at Blossom Crescent is the first of three new play spaces that Council will open over the next nine months, with the new play space at South Arm Oval almost complete and construction of a long-awaited upgrade to Pindos Park in Pindos Drive, Tranmere set to begin in September.

The total investment in the Blossom, South Arm, and Pindos parks will be approximately \$2.5 million.

Knowing the increasing need for support for many young families, I was thrilled the capital works program in the 2023-24 budget included a new \$2.5 million purpose-built facility for After School and Family Day Care in Alma Street, Bellerive.

This development promises to provide a fantastic facility for all who use it.

We recently announced the recipients for the prestigious Clarence Jazz Festival Scholarship Program positions.



The three recipients were selected out of the largest ever field of candidates for the 14th iteration of the annual Scholarship Program, which is an integral component of the annual Clarence Jazz Festival and represents a significant investment in emerging jazz musicians by the council.

Congratulations to Jamie Zieserl from Elizabeth College on Trumpet, Leif Sweeney from Elizabeth College on saxophone, and Otto Knuepfer from Hobart College on guitar. With all this activity and more set to come, I believe Clarence will continue to be a brighter place to live, work and play for many years to come.



Consulting with the community key to council success

CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL HAS A STRONG COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND VALUES FEEDBACK WHEN MAKING DECISIONS.

To ensure the community know when engagement opportunities are available, and how they can provide their feedback, council is always looking to implement innovative practices to improve our consultation processes.

At a recent consultation in Seven Mile Beach, council trialled a new approach and combined three related topics into one consultation. This allowed the local community the opportunity to meaningfully contribute on multiple issues at once. Combining multiple related topics into the one consultation also allowed for a more timely response to the issues raised in the recent Stage One consultation for the Seven Mile Beach Local Area Plan.

Council has also worked to engage with a broader cross-section of the local Seven Mile Beach community.

As part of the recent consultation for Stage 1 of the Little Howrah Beach Master Plan, council engaged local primary school students as key stakeholders, as well as hosting a successful drop-in session, and a survey which was answered by 258 people, with nearly 7 out of 10 living locally.

The great response to the Stage 1 consultation has helped council understand the views of locals and users of the beach to ensure the draft Master Plan is built on understanding what is valued, and what changes are desired by the community.

By far our biggest and most comprehensive consultation process to date has been around City Heart.

Over seven weeks we had a range of engagement opportunities including some tailored activities to reach different audiences who can be less likely to get involved, such as young people, children, and businesses. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback on the approaches and the draft concepts.

Community feedback is vital to the success of council projects and all members of the community are encouraged to take part if or when they have the opportunity.

Consultations open now:

- Naming survey for the new park at 29 Blossom Crescent, Cambridge

Coming soon:

- Richmond Draft Master Plan
- City Heart Plan
- Bayview Secondary College and Community Sports Precinct
- Clarence Mountain Bike Park and Meehan Range consultation
- Proposed designated area change – Bellerive boardwalk from dog exclusion zone to dogs on lead
- Bayview Park Design
- Epping Park Design
- Social Heart Park – design for the upgrade for the Clarendon Park youth precinct
- South Arm community car park upgrade design
- Live Well Live Long Program evaluation
- Community engagement policy review and engagement strategy development consultation

CITY HEART

Clarence community behind the City Heart consultations

HUNDREDS OF CONVERSATIONS WERE HAD WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS RECENTLY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY HEART DURING OUR BIGGEST CONSULTATION TO DATE.

As part of the consultation, draft concept designs were presented to the community. The concepts demonstrated a range of ideas for alternative uses of council's land within the City Heart for the benefit of our community now and into the future, and there was overwhelmingly strong support shown for these ideas.

Collectively, the proposed concepts provide a framework for how we can plan for the growing Clarence community in the future.



The suggestions made in the concepts included ideas to address housing diversity, activating the Rosny Parklands, developing new community, civic and cultural facilities, and improving connectivity throughout the City Heart, as well as making it easier for people to choose a range of transport options.

These concepts were carefully created in response to community feedback received in earlier City Heart consultation stages where council was told the City Heart should be inclusive and liveable, with green spaces that enhance our daily lives and help connect us to country.

Feedback consistently showed that the community wants to see a centre that is more walkable and safer with more activities, attractions, and local jobs.

Clarence City Council Mayor, Brendan Blomeley, said the overwhelmingly positive response to the Concepts consultation showed how important it was for council to engage with the community and stakeholders on these key city shaping projects.

"This project has the potential to shape our city for generations to come and I'm thrilled that so many people in our community have seen and acted on the opportunity to have an influence on what our city could look like into the future," he said.

"Consulting and engaging with our community is a priority for council more than ever - and this City Heart project shows what can be achieved when we all work together to make our city a brighter place."

The largest groups of people who engaged in the 7-week consultation period on the City Heart Concepts were people who lived, visited, owned property, and worked in the City Heart area.

Council hopes to see both those who have already engaged with the development of the City Heart Master Plan, and those providing feedback for the first time to participate in the last stage of consultation of this significant project.

The next stage of consultation will soon be open to allow for feedback on the Draft City Heart Plan.

BLOSSOM PARK

A new park blossoming in Cambridge

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION HAS BEEN AT THE HEART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BRAND-NEW PARK ON BLOSSOM CRESCENT IN CAMBRIDGE.

Consultation was undertaken with the local community, including Cambridge Primary School, in 2019, and community ideas and suggestions for the design, aesthetics, and facilities of the park were gathered and included in the final park master plan.

The park features an inclusive play space, picnic area, outdoor exercise and grassed areas for kick-about activities and is fenced along Blossom Crescent for safety and to prevent dog access.

Trees have been planted to provide shade over time as they grow, while boundary plantings of native species will soften the park edges and provide opportunities for sensory and nature play.

The total area of the park is around 2,600m² and is classified as a 'local' level park. This means it has been designed to provide passive recreation facilities predominantly for the surrounding Cambridge community.

Clarence City Council Mayor, Brendan Blomeley, thanked the Cambridge community

“The priority for council was delivering a high-quality park and playground, and we hope it is now enjoyed by everyone.

Clarence City Council Mayor Brendan Blomeley

for its support and patience while council has worked through delays in delivery, which was impacted by COVID related supply problems. There is still a final opportunity to get involved by helping council name the park!

The play space has informally been referred to as 'Blossom Crescent Park'. A poll is being run to allow the community to vote on what to name this new park in Cambridge – and council would love to see locals have their say on this final decision.

To participate in the poll to name the park, and to give your feedback on the new facilities please go to www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/blossomcrescentpark.

The local community are also invited to the official opening of the new park on Saturday, 16 September from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Come along and enjoy free coffee, ice cream, music, and activities.



Take a colourful adventure in Clarence

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK WILL BE CELEBRATED BRIGHTLY – ALBEIT A LITTLE LATE - WHEN THE CLARENCE COUNCIL YOUTH SERVICES AND CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL'S YOUTH NETWORK ADVISORY GROUP (YNAG) HOST A FREE COLOUR RUN DUBBED 'PAINT, PARTY, RUN'.

The colour-filled event is set to be held on Saturday, 4 November after it was postponed last May due to inclement weather predictions.

Participants in the colour run will be delighted as they are doused from head to toe in different coloured powder paint as they pass through the course.

Held in the Rosny Parklands, runners and their supporters will also be able to enjoy plenty of entertainment, including free music workshops, food vans, live music, free dance workshops, prizes and loads of free interactive activities.

Clarence City Council Mayor, Brendan Blomeley, said the event was shaping up to be unlike any Youth Week event held on the Eastern Shore before.

"I'm so proud of the Clarence City Council Youth Services team for bringing this event to our community," said Mayor Blomeley.

"It was disappointing it had to be postponed earlier this year, but it will be a wonderful opportunity for locals of all ages to get out, play together and just have a bit of fun.

"Young people are under a lot of pressure these days - Youth Week is a great time to reflect on the needs of our young people and how best to support them."

The Paint Party Run will be hosted by local drag artist 'Trey L'Trash' and will also feature interactive music workshops with Ben Segal, and multicultural dance workshops with Rythmz Bollywood.

The run has been designed to be a family-friendly run and is suited for all ages and all abilities and is an opportunity for everyone to participate in the day at their own pace.

Participants who were registered for the earlier event will be notified first to ensure they are able to get their same allocation if desired.

When: Saturday, 4 November 2023

Where: Rosny Parklands (formally the Rosny Golf Course)

For more information on the event and to register, please head to www.clarenceartsandevents.net

Poochibald

ALL DOGS ARE GOOD DOGS AT CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL POOCHIBALD™ ART PRIZE

Clarence City Council's much-loved annual paw-treasure exhibition, The Poochibald™ Art Prize Exhibition, is back again for its 11th year to shine a spotlight on our beloved furry friends.

This incredibly popular event is an annual opportunity for community members and artists to explore their creativity and submit a painting, drawing, print or small sculpture of their own dog, a dog they know, or even a famous dog.

Works are exhibited in Adult, Childrens', and Junior categories, as well as for the illustrious 'Rangers Prize', and all will be on public display at the Schoolhouse Gallery from Friday, 29 September until Sunday, 22 October.

This year's winner of the prestigious Glover Prize 2023, Jo Chew, will be the special guest judge.

Last year 113 entrants submitted artworks to the exhibition with the youngest artist only six years old.

Clarence City Council Mayor, Brendan Blomeley, said he hopes to see even more entrants this year.

"The Poochibald™ is by far one of the most popular events in Clarence's wonderful calendar of events and holds timeless appeal for young and old," he said.

"It is always fantastic to see such huge turnouts in all of the categories and to see professional artists alongside amateurs, inspired by our collective love of our dogs."

The prize coincides with council's equally-popular Dog's Day Out event which will be held on Sunday, 1 October from 11.00am to 2.00pm.

The Poochibald™ Art Prize Exhibition will be on display at Rosny Farm Arts Centre in the Schoolhouse Gallery Wednesday to Sunday, 11.00am to 5.00pm, from Friday, 29 September to Sunday, 22 October.

For those who've yet to get their pooch to "sit" for their portrait, entries are open until Sunday, 24 September.

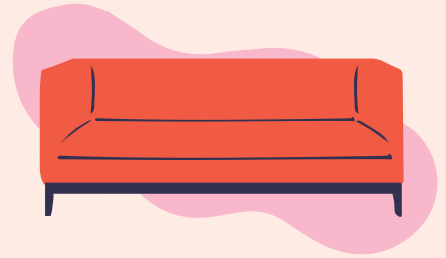
Winners will be announced at the exhibition opening on Thursday, 28 September at 5.30pm.



Artwork top: *Best Mates* by Jan Rodgers.

Artwork above: *Roger* by Rosie McClean.

Clarence Prize 2023: Australia's top furniture design award returns



CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL'S PRESTIGIOUS CLARENCE PRIZE, AUSTRALIA'S RICHEST ACQUISITIVE FURNITURE DESIGN PRIZE, IS SET TO MAKE A TRIUMPHANT RETURN THIS OCTOBER.

Launched in 2007, the biennial prize brings together the nation's finest furniture designers with an acquisitive prize of \$20,000 and two additional non-acquisitive prizes of \$1,500 awarded to a highly commended work and to an emerging designer.

The prize has quickly built a reputation for demonstrating the breadth and diversity in Australian furniture design and making today and attracts approximately fifty applicants per prize including emerging, highly regarded, and established, designers. The winning entry will not only claim a prestigious title but will also be added to the Clarence City Council's esteemed art collection, preserving the designer's work for future generations to admire.

Clarence City Council Mayor, Councillor Brendan Blomeley, said the Clarence Prize is more than just a competition.

"The Clarence Prize is a platform that celebrates and nurtures the best in Australian furniture design, and cements Clarence's position as a key player in the arts industry on a national scale," he said.

"The quality and diversity of entrants that we see each edition is truly awe-inspiring, and I encourage everyone to take some time to view the exhibition this October."

The Clarence Prize 2023 promises to continue the legacy of promoting innovation, sustainability, design ingenuity, and craftsmanship with finalists selected from a strong pool of world class talent from around Australia.

The Prize is judged by a diverse panel of experts which this year includes award winning homewares retailer Lucy Given

from LUC Design, and the Head of Furniture at the Australian National University School of Art and Design and 2021 Clarence Prize winner Ashley Eriksmoen.

The following finalists will be on display at Rosny Barn contending for the 2023 Clarence Prize:

Patrick Adeney, Elliot Bastianon, Simon Colabufalo, Ben Grieve-Johnson, Brandon Harrison, Jessica Humpston, Mark Jones and Ellis Moseley, Melvin Josy, Adam Markowitz and Ruth Allen, Geoffrey Marshall, Duncan Meerding, Kevin Perkins and Belinda Winkler, Ivana Taylor and Darren Fry, Liam Starcevich, Tanya Singer and Trent Jansen.

Visit [clarenceartsandevents.net](https://www.clarenceartsandevents.net) for more information on the Prize, past winners, and upcoming events.

The Richmond Bicentenary for Clarence News



CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE RICHMOND BICENTENARY, WHICH WILL FEATURE EXHIBITIONS, ART, MUSIC, FOOD, AND ENTERTAINMENT WITH FIVE CELEBRATIONS OVER FIVE WEEKENDS IN THE COAL RIVER VALLEY.

From December 2023 to April 2024, Richmond Village and the surrounding agricultural area will commemorate the bicentenary with five weekends of festivals.

These events are being planned to celebrate and acknowledge the Mimirina people as the traditional owners of the country now known as the Coal River Valley, and the district's development since the town was proclaimed in 1824.

Richmond Bicentenary will be launched in early December, with the first weekend of events to commemorate the 200th anniversary since the laying of the foundation stone of Australia's oldest bridge and the proclamation of the colonial township.

You can visit the Richmond Bicentenary website at www.richmond200.com for more information.

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Warrane community garden's award winning Springfest on soon

The 2023 Community Event of the Year is returning and all are welcome for a fun family morning at the garden. Enjoy plants and produce stalls, fresh flowers, community and market stalls, a scarecrow exhibition, coffee, live music, workshops, line dancing, children's activities, mobile sharpener, BBQ, and much, much more!

Sparking Conversations

Sparking Conversations, Igniting Action is a project working with communities across Clarence, Hobart, Glenorchy and Kingborough Councils to help residents prepare for and build resilience to bushfire.

The Sparking Conversations project is working with Red Cross and Tasmania Fire Service to host a community event in Risdon Vale for Emergency Ready Week.

When: Saturday, 23 September, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Where: Risdon Vale Neighbourhood Centre, 28 Sugarloaf Road, Risdon Vale

There'll be a free sausage sizzle and giveaways!

With bushfire season fast approaching, come along and learn about how to prepare yourself and your family for bushfires and other emergencies. It will also be a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and get to know others in your community!

For more information about the project or to get in touch, visit www.sparkingconversations.com.au

COUNCILLOR FOCUS

From your Councillors



COUNCILLOR RICHARD JAMES

Many positive outcomes in Clarence since council elections in October 2022.

I am proud to be involved in council decisions to initiate the buyback of land at Kangaroo Bay and Skylands proposal at Droughty Point.

In my experience it's a 'first for Clarence' with many women elected to council in recent council elections.

Council adopted the Councillor Statement of Expectations that applies to conduct and behaviour of elected members, other council employees and community members.

Unreasonable behaviour includes rude, loud, or insensitive remarks, personal attacks.

Inappropriate conduct and unreasonable behaviour are issues addressed in Councillor Issues Resolution Procedure.



COUNCILLOR EMMA GOYNE

After being thrown in the deep end of local government with Kangaroo Bay, then Skylands in the initial stages of our term, I believe the new, fresh council you elected to represent your wishes has indeed swum!

Add in a miracle pregnancy and birth of my son, it has been a steep learning curve in my professional and personal lives - both I am enjoying immensely.

I remain steadfast in my personal values of common-sense grassroots local government, despite not always being popular opinion.

Deepest thanks to you all for entrusting me to serve you as Your Voice in Clarence.

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