



JAZZ FESTIVAL

Clarence set to swing for the 28th annual Jazz Festival

THE 28TH ANNUAL CLARENCE JAZZ FESTIVAL, PROUDLY PRESENTED BY CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL, WILL ONCE AGAIN BE LIGHTING UP NIPALUNA/HOBART'S EASTERN SHORE WITH A DAZZLING DISPLAY OF MUSIC, ART, AND CULINARY DELIGHTS IN 2024.

Spread over five amazing days from Wednesday, 28 February – Sunday, 3 March 2024, the program is jam-packed with live music, art, food, drinks, and activities for the whole family.

Clarence City Council Mayor Brendan Blomeley said that the 2024 Festival is set to be bigger, better, more sustainable, and more accessible than ever before.

"The Clarence Jazz Festival is truly the highlight of our annual events calendar and is an incredibly popular event not just in our Clarence community, but throughout Greater Hobart, as well as interstate visitors," he said.

"The 2024 festival will feature some of Tasmania's finest musical talents and premier artists from across the country and around the world, and, for the first time, the whole event will be based at the Rosny Farm and in the Rosny Parklands."

Rosny Farm and the Parklands are accessible by bus, bike, ferry, foot, or car, and holding the event in an all-in-one location offers festival-goers an unprecedented opportunity to immerse themselves in the full festival experience.

The work of the 2024 Clarence Jazz Festival Artist in Residence, Leigh Rigozzi, will be apparent throughout the Farm and Parklands with his recent transformation of the Rosny Parklands storage shed into a work of art fit for a festival. He'll also be joining the lineup on Friday night for an hour of experimental live drawing and live music fusion, and his piece 'A Walk Around the Block' is the inspiration behind the 2024 Festival's visual styling and logo.



The hugely impressive 2024 Clarence Jazz Festival Ambassador, multi award-winning Australian-born, Germany-based trombonist and composer Shannon Barnett, will also appear throughout the festival both as a headliner and as a guest with local acts, as will the 2024 Clarence Jazz Festival Scholars – Leif Sweeney, Jamie Zieserl, and Otto Kneupfer.

Hardcore jazz fans will also be impressed with the inclusion of Australian legend and jazz heavyweight Vince Jones who will play two sets with his world-class quintet on Saturday evening.

Mayor Blomeley said that this year will be the most delicious to date with a smorgasbord of local food and drink vendors featured throughout.

"We are thrilled to be showcasing so many incredible Clarence producers and businesses this year," he said.

"The cultural impact of the Clarence Jazz Festival, which is Tasmania's longest-running festival, is impossible to overstate, however,

the economic impact is also vast and is now being spread even further to our regions outside the city centre."

Part of this focus on Clarence produce includes the exciting announcement of the newly named Frogmore Jazz Lounge and associated Coal River Valley Wine Tasting Experience, which attendees will be able to enjoy sipping from new, branded, reusable Clarence Jazz Festival cups which can be returned for a refund or taken home as a handy souvenir.

Then there's the music. Comprised of daytime and night-time, free and ticketed, and traditional and experimental gigs and boasting a whopping 48 total acts over the festival, the 2024 Clarence Jazz Festival has something for everyone.

The full program is available on our website at www.ccc.tas.gov.au and be sure to be following us at facebook.com/ClarenceCityCouncil for updates and sneak peeks.



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Mayor's message

THE NEW YEAR IS HERE, AND I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY 2024!

I hope the festive season has treated you well and you are now looking into the year ahead with a sense of optimism.

“Summer is here, but no matter whether the sun is shining or not, the City of Clarence offers so much to see and do over the warmer months.”

It is the busiest season for our Arts and Events calendar, and our teams are busily preparing for our biggest event of the year – The 28th Clarence Jazz Festival – plus a rich summer calendar of other events.

This month we are once again joining with both Mona Foma and the Cygnet Folk Festival to bring incredible works here to the Eastern Shore.

I am delighted by the strong partnerships we have built with these world-class arts festivals allowing us to enrich the lives of the people of Clarence.

I was extremely proud when the Clarence City Council was acknowledged for our role in two major planning projects which won at the



Indigenous artists Allan Mansell, Clarence City Council Mayor Brendan Blomeley, and Aboriginal Cultural Practitioner Theresa Sainty on the tarara limuna trail.

prestigious 2023 Awards for Planning Excellence Tasmania.

Council, in partnership with Milangkani Projects, was awarded the 'Planning with Country' title for the takara limuna trail at Bedlam Walls, Geilston Bay.

In partnership with Niche Studio and Entura, council was recognised for the outstanding community engagement in the consultation for the Seven Mile Beach Local Area Plan – winning the 'Stakeholder Engagement' award.

Consulting with our community and reaching out to those who are most connected to our projects is key to our success in so many areas – and these awards have proven that.

Council held its last meeting of the year on 11 December and ended the year with two big

decisions for the city. Council endorsed a proposal for the new AFL High Performance Centre to call Rosny Park its home and also approved the Skylands Masterplan, enabling it to move to the next stage – the development of a Structure Plan.

In the year ahead there will be further work done to complete a key strategic project, the City Heart Plan, and the next and final stage of consultation will be on the draft of this master plan.

I hope everyone is able to get out and about and enjoy our city which really does come alive at this time of year- whether that be on one of our many tracks or trails, beaches, or at a cultural event.

May the year ahead bring you and your loved ones joy and prosperity.



Long Lunch at Uplands

Sunday the 25th of February
174 Richmond Rd Cambridge

Tickets \$150

Shannon Barnett & Friends
intimate performance

Food and Wine experience
with Chef Rhys Hannan

Big Day in Rosny Parklands + Festival Hub

Saturday 2 March
10.30am – 10.30pm
Tickets \$20/\$15 - kids under 15 free
Huge lineup, lots of kids activities

Festival Hub

Rosny Farm, Rosny Hill Rd, Rosny Park
Wednesday 28 Feb – Friday 2 March
4.30pm – 10pm

Tickets FREE

LAWN STAGE | CARAVAN STAGE |
GALLERY STAGE | FROGMORE
JAZZ LOUNGE
(Cheap tix!)

Closing Night Party

Simmonds Park, Lindisfarne
Sunday 3 March
3.30pm – 7pm
Tickets FREE

Full program, more information, tickets and registration:
www.clarenceartsandevents.net

RICHMOND BICENTENARY

'Weekends in the Valley' continue into 2024



RICHMOND IS GEARING UP FOR THE SECOND OF FIVE 'WEEKENDS IN THE VALLEY' AS PART OF THE EXCITING RICHMOND BICENTENARY PROGRAM.

The second weekend, from 18-22 January, focuses on sharing the rich history of Richmond through a range of talks, roadshows, dances, and exhibitions, and marks the 200th anniversary since Richmond was proclaimed a town.

The Richmond Bicentenary was officially launched last month, and the village is still buzzing from a spectacular display of music, costumes, and vintage vehicles in a community street parade along Bridge Street, and of course, Australia's oldest bridge.

The parade exhibited stories through the ages telling the history of Richmond from the traditional owners of the region, the Mumirimina people, right through to the current day.

As people approached the iconic bridge there was a moment of truth-telling where participants were asked to 'think as they walk' in an act of recognition for the Mumirimina people who within 15 years of Richmond's establishment no longer remained on their land.

On each of the five Richmond Bicentenary 'Weekends in the Valley', an exhibition will be on display at Richmond Courthouse titled, *Mumirimina: People and Country*.

The installation features 12 artworks depicting the people and stories of lands stolen and lives ruined, highlighting the striking contrast between Richmond's prosperity and the overwhelming Mumirimina loss.



Richmond Village was consistently highly regarded for its incredibly rich and diverse history.

Clarence City Council Mayor Brendan Blomeley

"So much has taken place here in Richmond, there are many stories to be told, and this has been a truly memorable event to recognise those who have lived here before us," Mayor Blomeley said.

"Not everyone knows the river at Richmond was used by the Mumirimina people for hunting and fishing for thousands of years but

their stories are just as important as the establishment of the village and the Coal Valley which became a rich agricultural area.

"I look forward to the events yet to come to commemorate this very special part of Clarence and encourage everyone to come and learn more about this very significant place."

Upcoming 'Weekends in the Valley' dates:

Weekend Two	18-22 January
Weekend Three	9-12 February
Weekend Four	24-27 February
Weekend Five	8-11 March

To find out more about all the Bicentennial events go to www.richmond200.com

WELLBEING

Fitness in the Park summer program

STAY FIT AND CONNECTED FOR FREE! JOIN THE FITNESS IN THE PARK THIS SUMMER – A FREE GUIDED FITNESS CLASS HELD EACH DAY OF THE WEEK IN RICHMOND, LINDISFARNE AND BELLERIVE. THE PROGRAM RUNS FROM OCTOBER 2023 THROUGH TO MARCH 2024 AND IS OPEN TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.



- Monday: Richmond Village Green – 9.30-10.30am
- Tuesday: Simmons Park, Lindisfarne – 9.30-10.30am
- Wednesday: Bellerive Beach Park – 6-7pm
- Thursday: Bellerive Beach Park – 9.30-10.30am
- Friday: Bellerive Beach Park – 9.30-10.30am

Learn more on our website:
www.ccc.tas.gov.au/fitnessinthepark



Live Well, Live Long Program 2024

LIVE WELL, LIVE LONG IS AN 11 WEEK FREE, INFORMATIVE, INTERACTIVE, AND EDUCATIVE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS (INCLUDES A DELICIOUS FREE LUNCH!)



The council-funded program is held at the Clarence Integrated Care Centre in Rosny and is a partnership with the Tasmanian Health Service, Health Promotion South.

Tuesdays 12.30–2.30 pm

- 9 April – 18 June
- 6 August – 15 October

For more information and bookings please call 03 6166 2300 or head to our website www.ccc.tas.gov.au/agefriendly

COMMUNITY

Clarence consults



Council understands that community feedback is vital to the success of our projects, and we encourage all members of the community to give us your valuable thoughts and ideas.

OPEN CONSULTATIONS

Richmond Village Master Plan Consultation

See what is being proposed over our summer-long extended consultation and let us know what you think.
www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/richmond-village-master-plan

Youth Centre Needs Analysis Consultation

If you are 15-25 and living, learning, working and/or playing in Clarence we want to hear from you.
www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/youth-centre-needs-analysis-consultation

TRIALS

Bellerive Beach Access Mat – summer trial and consultation

Let us know what you think of the beach access mat being trialled this summer at Bellerive Beach
www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/summer-beach-access-mat-trial-bellerive-beach

Disc Golf trial

See the outcomes of our stage one consultation into a Disc Golf trial in Seven Mile Beach and what the next steps are.
www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/disc-golf-trial-consultation

Greyhound Off-leash and Vulnerable Dog Exercise Areas and Declared Area Changes – South Street Reserve, Bellerive

All the updates, outcomes and next steps from our trial consultation held in November 2023.
www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/south-street-reserve-trial-greyhound-off-leash-area

For consultations happening early in 2024 and for all our project updates, please visit Your Say Clarence
www.ccc.tas.gov.au



Tracks and trails put Clarence on the map

RESERVES AND RECREATION ARE THRIVING, AND RECENT ATTENTION IS NOW SOLIDIFYING THESE AS AN ABUNDANT FEATURE IN THE CHARACTER OF CLARENCE.

In the recent 2023 Awards for Planning Excellence Tasmania, the takara limuna trail project at Bedlam Walls Geilston Bay won the 'Planning with Country' award.

The partnership project between Milangkani Projects and Clarence City Council is an immersive truth-telling trail experience, sharing the story of the area's Aboriginal culture and history.

Through track design and creation, locally commissioned artworks and oral recordings, and written words in palawa kani, walkers can learn of the ancient traditions of the Mumirimina people as they trail along the serene headland.



“The final stage of development at the Clarence Mountain Bike Park and Meehan Range has been completed with over \$300,000 injected into the construction of new high-quality tracks.”

A new jumps line, aptly named 'Jack Jumper', is the newest addition to the trail network and was officially opened on 12 December.

'Flow Monster', opened in April 2023, has already recorded over 47,000 riders and is now surveyed as the most popular track in the park.

Other upgrades include a specialised coaching and skills area, and a green-rated climb called the 'Elevator Climb' which has opened more options for more people riding the back country trails of the Meehan Range.



Council has contributed over \$170,000 to date on recent works at the Clarence Mountain Bike Park and Meehan Range and \$169,110 in funding has been received through the Australian Government's Building Better Regions grant.

The completion of the new track and dedicated coaching and skills area makes the Clarence Mountain Bike Park one of, if not the most family-friendly bike park in Tasmania.

Clarence City Council also recently won a substantive government grant to upgrade foreshore trails at Montagu Bay and Anzac Park as part of the Better Active Transport in Tasmania Grant Program.

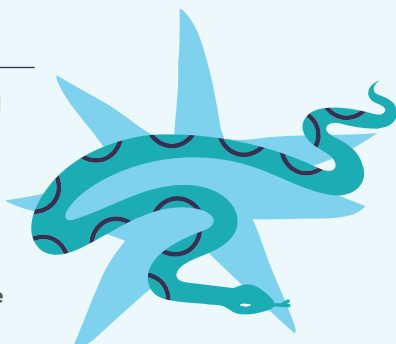
The trail upgrades will come in addition to current trail upgrades at Sheoak Point Rosny, helping to better connect the Clarence and Hobart, as well as provide residents more alternatives for transport.

Snakes love summer too

A reminder we are now in the heart of summer and while this is a favourite time of year for many of us, it is also a popular time for our local snakes.

Please remember, in the event of a snakebite, call 000 and follow the advice of the operator.

For snake relocations or information on reptiles in Tasmania please call Reptile Rescue Incorporated on 0499 116 690.



SUMMER BEACH RESTRICTIONS REMINDER

Remember, if you like to take your furry friends to council beaches, summer beach restrictions commenced on Thursday, 1 December 2023 and remain in place until Wednesday, 1 March 2024.

All council beaches are signposted with the applicable restrictions, but you can also check details online ahead of your visit on our website: www.ccc.tas.gov.au/myneighbourhood.



COUNCILLOR FOCUS

From your Councillors


COUNCILLOR WENDY KENNEDY

I hope you've enjoyed the festive season. As Chair of Council's Cultural Creative Advisory Committee, it's great to see our events being well supported – our iconic Jazz Festival is not far away!

As another busy year in Council unfolds, it's time for us to start looking at budgets. With the cost of living continuing to rise, this will be a challenging time.

A highlight of 2023, which I hope continues, has been the way our community has engaged in consultation. Your feedback remains extremely important and helps to shape our decision making. Wishing you a safe and healthy 2024.


COUNCILLOR TONY MULDER

Clarence should conduct an Elector's Poll on merging with councils to the east. Because Clarence is financially sustainable, we were not included in the proposed South-eastern Council. Financial sustainability is a product of the size of the ratepayer base, especially the commercial rate, to support council services. Including Clarence would enhance the economies of scale.

The sustainability of small rural councils is hampered by a disproportionate infrastructure requirement, e.g. more roads, compounded by fewer rate payers and a virtually non-existent commercial rate income.

Savings through fewer councillors and senior executives, should employ more workers, not enlarge the administrative empire.


COUNCILLOR HEATHER CHONG

As we start the new year, I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season.

2024 promises to be an interesting and busy year again, I am starting the year continuing to work on the Richmond Bicentenary with a series of four more weekends between mid-January and early March. I hope you can get along and enjoy them.

With major decisions in front of Council, it promises to be interesting and challenging as always. With homelessness rising and cost of living pressures on all of us, we will be looking carefully at the budget in the coming months.

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