

Break O'Day



Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

Break O'Day Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Inc Meeting
4 July 2023
Committee Room, Bayside Hotel, St Helens

Present: Peter Paulsen, Paulsen Enterprises, and President
Stuart Muir, Beaumaris Beach Guest House, and Secretary
Judy Muir, Beaumaris Beach Guest House, and Executive Member
Garry Pannan, Executive member
Tim Gowans, Gowans Contracting, and Executive member
Grace Keath, East Coast Tourism, and Executive member
Julie Llewellyn, Priory Ridge Wines, and Executive Member
Dick Le Fevre, Tas4X4Tours, and Executive member
Kristi Chapple, Break O'Day Council
Melissa Deniker, East Coast Tourism, and Executive member
Lindsay Dawe, Friends of Eddystone Point Lighthouse
Margi Dawe, Friends of Eddystone Point Lighthouse
Vonda Nash, Friends of Eddystone Point Lighthouse

Apologies were received from:
Marcia Guy, Treasurer

Also present: Sheridan Van Asch

The meeting opened at 6:05pm with a welcome to all by Peter Paulsen.

Peter specifically welcomed Sheridan Van Asch to the meeting. Sheridan has been engaged as a consultant by Break O'Day Council to gather community responses on a proposal to amalgamate local government areas across Tasmania. Peter passed the meeting to Sheridan.

Sheridan distributed early copies of flyers (attached to these Minutes) which will be distributed in the locality promoting conversations around the proposal, including three proposed scenarios for local Council boundaries. These are contained within the options papers provided by the Local Government Board as part of the Review of the Future of Local Government, available under the heading 'Reports' at <https://www.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/publications/>.

Break O'Day Council has developed a survey seeking community responses to these options, available at <https://www.bodc.tas.gov.au/community/community-consultation/>. Responses to this survey will be included by Council in their response to the Local Government Board. Sheridan would welcome individual conversations or responses, particularly from business or other organisations, and these can be forwarded to her at haveyoursay@bodc.tas.gov.au.

Following a consideration of the options and related matters by the meeting, Sheridan was thanked for her attendance and readiness to provide and respond to the information linked to this proposal, and left the meeting.

Stuart Muir provided a summary of the financial reports forwarded by Marcia Guy, with the current balance shown as \$3,792. It was noted that the invoices for renewal of membership have been distributed, and that membership is from July to June in the following year.

Peter Paulsen presented the President's Report. This included an outline of the presentation given to Council by Dr Bob Noakes containing an updated consideration of the economic impact of sealing Ansons Bay Road. Reference was also made to the acknowledgement from Council of the receipt of the letter from the Chamber seeking advice on the approach Council intended to take to that matter.

Fuel reduction burns in Mount Pearson remain an issue that has yet to be resolved, and the need to attend to this matter as the El Niño weather pattern firms.

The Bay of Fires Master Plan awaits a further funding round for completion.

The meeting thanked Peter for his report.

The letter of acknowledgement received from Council was read to the meeting and discussed. Additional comments on the value of sealing this road included the use of the road by tourists, and by emergency services accessing residents of the area. It was agreed to contact Dr Noakes again to seek responses to the matters raised in the letter, and to then seek further meetings with Council to further pursue the matter and to provide any additional information.

In relation to the reduction of fuel loads, it was agreed to write to Roger Jaensch as Tasmanian Minister for Parks, and also to Jason Jacobi as Secretary, Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania. These letters would seek specific advice on the current plans and timeline for the reduction of the fuel load on Mount Pearson prior to the introduction of fire restrictions in 2023; on the operational guidelines and methodologies for planned burning for the purpose of fuel management in Tasmania, which were listed for reassessed in 2019; and on plans for the reduction of the fuel load for other areas across the Break O'Day catchment.

Noted the opening of Easy Tiger Cinema in St Helens was noted by the meeting; as was the report of a change of ownership for IGA Express in St Helens and St Marys.

The DAP group was thanked for the ongoing work linked to the Off the Trail sculpture walk, including the recent installation of a granite sculpture at Beauty Bay.

Melissa Deniker reported on the continued meetings of the group aiming to enliven St Helens over the Christmas holiday period.

The Great Eastern Wine Week, planned for September; together with the Festival of George, and the separate Bay of Fires Arts Market, planned for October, were noted as coming events in 2023. Discussion on insurance for public events followed.

It was agreed to write congratulating Mick Tucker as Mayor on being elected to the role of President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) in June 2023 for a two-year term.

Also agreed to write thanking Bob McQuatie for his contribution to the community.

Kristi Chapple summarised her experience and observations from the recent Local Government Conference. It was also noted Council had adopted the resolution to increase General Residential rates by 5.95%.

Grace Keith outlined the on-line Tourism Ambassador program provided by the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania (TICT). This includes a module focussed on the north-east corner of Tasmania. This can be completed by any member of the community, through registration at <https://tassietourismambassador.com.au/about/>. TICT can also provide training targeted at specific skills, such as those required by a barista.

Appreciation was expressed to Council thanking them for the recent work on the roadway, footpaths and gardens along the southern end of Cecilia Street, St Helens.

The meeting also discussed a general call for interest in undertaking the role of President and other executive roles, which are to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

The next meeting is planned to commence at 6pm on Tuesday 5 September, 2023, in the Committee Room, Bayside Hotel, St Helens. This meeting will include the Annual General Meeting.

Peter Paulsen closed the meeting, with thanks to all for their participation, at 7:50pm.

Future meetings of the Chamber are planned for 5 September and 7 November 2023.

Future meetings of the Chamber Executive are planned for 1 August, 3 October, and 5 December 2023.

Chamber Members (2022/2023)

Chamber members are encouraged to support other members where possible

Accommodation

Anchor Wheel Motel
Beaumaris Beach Guest House
BIG4 St Helens Holiday Park
Destination Bay of Fires
Kellrairie Holiday Units
Scamander Sanctuary Holiday Park
St Helens Waterfront Holiday Park
Surfside Motel
Sweetwater Villas
White Sands Estate

Attractions

Serpentarium Wildlife Park
TAS Camels

Arts and Crafts

Annie Cottage Crafts

Building and Construction

Gowans Contracting
Woolcott Surveys

Business Support

Break O'Day Business Enterprise
Centre
Break O'Day Employment Connect

Cafés, Catering and Restaurants

Parkside Bar and Kitchen
Pyengana Diary Farmgate Café
Running on Empty
St Helens Bookshop Café
The Wharf Bar and Kitchen

Club

St Helens RSL

Community Group

Friends of Eddystone Light Inc.

Courier Service

QuickFR8

Fitness

BBFit

Food and Beverage Services

EC Village Providore
Hilly's IGA
Salty Seas

Furnishings

Kaandoo Furnishings

Government

Break O'Day Council
Rebecca White, Labor Member for
Lyons

Primary Producers

Eureka Farm
Priory Ridge Wines

Recreation Activities

Bay of Fires Dive
Bay of Fires Eco Tours
East Coast Scuba

Retailers

The Shop in the Bush
St Helens Newsagency

Tours and Transport Services

Assist Travel
Calows Coaches
Tas4x4Tours

Veterinary

East Coast Veterinary Clinic

Life Members

Andrew MacGregor
Kathie Davies
Jan Johnson
Glenn McGuinness

Tom Bassett
Christine Dewer
Colin Lester