



## Key Council Decisions - April

### Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Tasman Amendment AM-TAS-1-2022

Council endorsed the following –

- a. That the representation and this report be provided to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.
- b. That Council recommends that the amendment be modified as detailed in this report.
- c. That Council considers the amendment, subject to modification, to be consistent with the LPS Criteria.

### SA 02/2022 – Subdivision of one lot into four in the Low Density Residential Zone

Council endorsed the following –

That pursuant to Section 57 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Tasman, Council **APPROVED** application SA 02/2022 for a subdivision of one lot into four and ancillary site works at 24 Ferntree Road, Eaglehawk Neck.

### Request to support name change of Eaglehawk Neck Coastal Track

Council **APPROVED** the request from the Eaglehawk Neck Action Community Taskforce Inc. to rename the Eaglehawk Neck Coastal Track to Teralina Track, provided it remains consistent with the requirements of the Parrdarrama Pungenna Aboriginal Corporation and the Nomenclature Board of Tasmania.

### Policy & Strategy Reviews

Council approved the following –

- C 008 - Draft Councillor Model Code of Conduct Policy as amended;
- Revised Asset Management Strategy and C 020 Asset Management Policy
- Revised Tasman Council Financial Management Strategy 2022

### Regional Strategy - Adapting to a changing coastline in Tasmania

Council endorsed the Regional Strategy – Adapting to a Changing Coastline in Tasmania and will advise the Southern Tasmania Councils Authority (STCA) of this decision by 6 May 2022.

### South East Region Jobs Hub - Establishment of Association & Draft Rules

Council endorsed the following-

- a. Endorse the establishment of the South Eastern Regional Jobs Hub Association;
- b. Adopt the Draft Rules (as amended) and the Draft Strategic Plan of the South Eastern Regional Jobs Hub Association; and
- c. Authorise the General Manager (or SERDA delegate) to execute these as necessary.

### 2021-2022 Tasman Annual Plan - Progress Update

Council received the update on the 2021-2022 Tasman Council Annual Plan report.

## Have Your Say on Local Government Reform

The Tasmanian Government has commissioned a review of the role, function and design of local government in Tasmania.

The objective of the review is to create a more robust and capable system of local government in Tasmania.

To find out more about this might work, and to let the Review know what your thoughts on Local Government are, go to <https://www.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/>

This is your chance to have a say in the future of local government in your community!



## Council Works Report - May

During the coming month the Grading Team will work towards completing maintenance grades on Noyes Road and Mary's Road.

Council continues to repair deliberately vandalised toilets and park equipment. Acts of vandalism continue to cost our community and interrupt scheduled works programs. Please be vigilant when at our parks and report vandalism to Tasmania Police. Tasman Council's Stormwater team will continue to clear shape and form drains on Nubeena Road, Stewarts Bay Road, Kruvale Road, Stormlea Road and Radnor Road.

During May, the Parks Team will continue mowing, brush cutting, parks and gardens maintenance, clearing of curb and channel, cemetery maintenance and footpath maintenance around the Tasman Municipality.

The Road Maintenance Team will be continuing pothole repairs, shouldering and roadside spraying throughout the Municipality. Rubbish removal from the public bins was increased over Easter holidays to reduce litter from overflowing bins.

The Department of State Growth continues the road widening works on the Arthur Highway at Eagle Hawk Neck. Enquiries regarding this project should be directed to the project team at Department of State Growth on 1300 135513.

As always, with ongoing works around the area, we ask that all road users, please follow ALL permanent and temporary road signage on our roads, ensuring the safety of not only road workers, but to keep all road users safe as well.



## Tasman Civic Centre Update – Number 8

Tasman Council's contractors have completed the new sewer pipe connecting to TasWater's sewerage system which will immediately increase the capacity to manage large groups of people at the Civic Centre.

Civil works to construct a new wider access road to the Civic Centre and Sports Ground has started. The new access road and carparking will be finished with long lasting asphalt and include line marking to formalise the parking spaces. Concrete walking paths will link the carpark with all the facilities at the site and continue to Clarke Street.

Council is working with the building contractor to ensure the internal building improvements meet the budgeted allocation and provide the best value for money outcome.

Council remind the public that whilst this area is a construction zone, no unauthorised access is permitted.

For further information contact Len Bester, Tasman Council's Infrastructure Manager on 6250 9200.

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# Focus on next generation New ways to engage

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THE new head of Tasmania's peak farming body has set his sights on bringing younger farmers and the next generation into the fold.

Ian Sauer was elected president of the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers' Association at the recent AGM when Marcus McShane took on the acting CEO role.

A farmer with more than 40 years' experience, Mr Sauer has an enthusiasm and passion for the sector that is infectious.

He's excited by the rapidly changing industry and the potential offered by new technology, products and methods.

However, as a farm veteran he also recognises that many next generation farmers have lost touch with the TFGA and for different reasons don't engage or actively participate with the organisation.

He said the key was finding new ways of engaging with the younger farmers.

"I mean, it's not rocket science. If we keep on engaging with the people that we've predominantly engaged with before, in 10, 20 years they will be dead or retired," he said.

"I think in the past life was



much simpler and much easier and people could contribute more to any organisation, the value proposition was a lot easier for an organisation like the TFGA to spell out, now

with the younger generation, I mean, I think it's harder to get that value proposition out there.

"We are in the process of developing a communications' plan and part of that is what do

the next generation or farmers want and how do they want it delivered.

"Agriculture has changed. It's fairly dynamic and high tech now.

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Looking to the future ... Ian Sauer, the newly elected President of the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers' Association.

"The younger farmers are not scared of new technology, they are not scared to try new things, their change management skills are just extraordinary, they just do it at a blink, where 50 years ago you had to see, taste, smell it then you'd look at someone else doing it, then you'd think about it for two years and then you might do something but

now it's just snap bang do it and they have a quick go."

Mr Sauer said roles on the farm had also changed with increasing numbers of women driving agricultural businesses, which presented additional challenges for participation in the peak body.

"The women are the mainstay of those businesses, they are making decisions about that farm, they are working outside, they are doing the books, they are doing just as much if not more than the male.

"So when we communicate with those guys, that's a challenge. Maybe we have to provide childcare to get women to meetings. In all seriousness, we need to look at these things."

Mr Sauer said while the TFGA's member base remained steady, it was not unreasonable to suggest that for some primary producers its relevance had waned.

He said this could partly be attributed to a growing workload that resulted in a reactionary rather than proactive and strategic approach.

"If you are going to tackle something head on, you've got to do it properly, professionally, you've got to get outside advice in to help."

## Tourist operators bouncing back

LOCAL tourism operators have largely bounced back following the devastation caused by the pandemic.

Easter and the April school holidays saw locals and visitors flock to popular destinations.

Premier and Tourism Minister Jeremy Rockliff said an industry-wide business sentiment survey found that since our borders reopened in December, 70 per cent of tourism operators were doing better than expected, with some back to pre-pandemic levels.

"The survey also found that more than 70 per cent of tourism operators have a positive or very positive outlook for the future – a clear sign of confidence in the future of this important industry," he said.

"Importantly, we want to keep the momentum going this winter, with Tourism Tasmania's \$5.32 million off-season winter marketing campaign now underway and showcasing the fantastic experiences we have to offer in the quieter winter months.

"Our tourism industry is one of our most important sectors, employing nearly 40,000 Tasmanians and contributes some \$3 billion every year to our economy."

East Coast Tasmania Tourism CEO Rhonda Taylor said it had been a bumper Easter and

to 2019 visitor numbers with only 46 per cent of the International market.

"Generally speaking, most businesses on the East Coast have seen a strong return to pre-Covid levels and some are seeing a notable increase on 2019.

"The other important note is that there is also an increase in spend. As many visitors have not travelled for two years, they are keen to spend on unique experiences and indulge in the food and drink of the East Coast.

"Capacity and capability presents challenges for the future on the East Coast. Staffing and affordable staff housing remains the greatest frustration for our businesses."

Local venues - accommodation, attractions and restaurants – have also been booked solidly on the Tasman Peninsula. Tourism Industry Council Tasmania CEO Luke Martin said the survey results vindicated the support invested in keeping the tourism industry afloat through Covid.



Enjoying Easter at Bicheno are Sam Brodribb, left, Peter, Sarah, Theodore and Harry Bradman and Florence, Edward and Romany Brodribb.

April school holidays.

"International travellers have returned by 46 per cent April 2019 to April 2022 with Singapore showing the greatest increase on 2019 levels of 207 per cent," Ms Taylor said.

"In respect to our international travellers, it is interesting to note that we have returned



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### Free, Fun, Engaging and Useful Governance Training for Community Groups

Nubeena (Koonya Community Hall)  
Friday, 3 June 2022 - 9.00 am to 3.30 pm

Have you recently joined a community Board or Committee?  
Are you keen to make a difference?

Do you worry about who will take your place when you want to step down?  
Are you wondering what the law needs you do to as a director or committee member?  
Do you puzzle over the financial reports?

The Grassroots Community Governance program has been designed for you.

#### Workshop Topics:

- governance frameworks,
- effective board meetings and decision making,
- succession planning,
- the roles of directors and office bearers,
- leadership,
- community engagement,
- essential policies and procedures,
- finances, budgeting and
- strategic planning.

Limit of 2 people from each organisation unless there are spaces. Three experienced presenters in the governance of not for profit and community organisations will facilitate the workshops – Steve Allen, Ella Dixon and Donna Bain. Their profiles are on the web site. The Grassroots Community Governance program is a fully funded initiative of the Tasmanian Community Fund.

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