



CIRCULAR HEAD COUNCIL MATTERS

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COUNCIL MEETING

AT ITS JULY MEETING, COUNCIL:

- Approved a new dwelling at 41 Church Street Stanley with associated conditions;
- Nominated Mayor Quilliam as candidate for President of LGAT in By-election;
- Nominated Cr Norman Berechree as Council representative on the Cradle Coast Rail Corridor Working Group;
- Endorsed the draft Gifts and Benefits Policy for public consultation;
- Confirmed Council's commitment of \$35,000 towards the Smithton Recreation Ground Lighting Project Stage Two;
- Noted the minutes of the Circular Head Recreation Advisory Committee, Community Road Safety Partnership, the Northern Area Management Committee and the Stanley Town Hall Committee.

WORKS PLUS JULY WORKS

RURAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Resheeting road pavement** - Brakeys Road, Dallas Road, Newhaven Road, Wrights Road, Dip Falls Road, Redmarsh Road, Robbins Island Road
Grade and rolling - Swan Bay Road, Harcus River Road
Removing shoulder vegetation - Reids Road
Herbicide Spraying Shoulders - Various Unsealed Roads
Pothole Patching - Various Sealed Roads

URBAN WORKS - SMITHTON STREETS

- Repairing Damaged Fence** - Arthurs Lane
Repairing Damaged Pavers - King Street
Footpath Repairs - Various Smithton Streets
Grinding Footpath Trip Hazards - Various Smithton Streets

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cradle Coast Rail Corridor Representative

Following the recent meeting between Circular Head, Burnie City and Waratah-Wynyard Councils, TasRail and State Growth regarding the rail corridor west of Burnie, it was determined that a working party from the Cradle Coast Authority, with a representative from each Council be appointed for the purpose of developing a proposal for the rail corridor for presentation to TasRail and State Growth.

The Reading Bug Egg

The Reading Bug Egg continues its journey around the community and will be in residence at Time Out on Emmett on Saturday 18 and 25 July, 1.30-3.00 pm to listen to entries from a writing competition currently being held.

All will be revealed when the egg 'hatches' at a children's event at the Smithton Christian Fellowship on Thursday 6 August at 3.30 pm. The Minister for Education and Training, the Honourable Jeremy Rockliff will be in attendance.

September - Art about Town

During September Art about Town will incorporate a number of art activities.

Council staff will be partnering with the Circular Head Arts (CHArts) to promote the return of the CHArtsibald portrait competition.

The Circular Head Council in conjunction with the Circular Head Tourism Association will be holding a photography competition this year as part of the Art about Town event. Art about Town – In Focus, the event will have three categories Landscapes, People and Streetscapes with prizes for open, people's choice, high school and primary school entrants.

Finalists in the competition will be displayed during September with winners announced at the Art about Town winners function towards the end of September.

The competition will be running from late July towards the end of August with entries

required to be photos taken within the Circular Head Municipal Area. Other art and culture related activities will be promoted during this month.

Dog Registrations

The discount period for dog registrations concludes on the 31st July 2015. During this period the majority of fees are 50% of the rate outside of this period. Council are preparing to trial an SMS reminder to those owners who have previously registered but not yet renewed the registration. This will be the first time this option has been trialled and will only be effective where people have provided a mobile phone number.

Cat Management

Tasmanian Government has committed to developing a Tasmanian Cat Management Plan. DPIPWE has been tasked with developing the plan and in order to do this a reference group has been established. This will include membership from LGAT and a local government representative.

It is important to note the problems created by feral cats and the concerns about stray cats in general. There are diverse views in the Local Government sector about the amount of involvement for Local Government.

The current legislation provide an opt in arrangement for those Councils who wish to be involved in cat management activities (declaring restricted areas, maintaining a cat management centre, or introducing registration requirements).

There are also requirements for the micro chipping and de-sexing of cats. It is not known the level to which the State Government has put resources towards enforcing this requirement.

Further information on the current situation is found at:

<http://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/cat-management-in-tasmania/information-for-cat-owners>

A draft of the Tasmanian Cat Management Plan is due by the end of the year, and once options being considered are known the Council will have opportunity to provide a response.

Next Council Meeting Dates
20 August 2015, 17 September 2015, 15 October 2015

Your Councillors are: Mayor Daryl Quilliam, Deputy Mayor Jan Bishop, Cr Norman Berechree, Cr Rodney Hardy, Cr Betty Kay, Cr John Oldaker, Cr Ashley Popowski, Cr Nakore Popowski and Cr Trevor Spinks.