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## Council – Works and Services

*Circular Head Council's workforce is up for the challenge Council has set to reshape the operations of Council.*

Works Manager Darren Swain is charged with the task of leading the Council Works and Services team as they respond to the challenges ahead. With a team of 26 full time equivalent staff, the Works and Services team are responsible from things as diverse as operating the Port Latta Landfill to maintaining children's playgrounds.

Darren was born and bred in Burnie and moved to Circular Head this year to take up the reins as Works Manager.

"Every day provides a different challenge," says Darren Swain "Circular Head Council has the largest road network in Tasmania. Our rural roads are hard hit during the winter months, which means we have to prioritise service works to ensure we provide safe roads."

Newest team members Tess Bergin – Horticultural Trainee and Brodie Dillon – Parks Maintenance are part of the new generation who will under the Team's leadership develop into highly skilled and hopefully long serving members of the Works and Services team.

Part of Council's continuous improvement strategy is to gather the ideas and knowledge of those on the ground to make decisions which provide best value services for the community. General Manager Scott Riley says "the challenge is for Council adapt and reshape how community needs are met". Council's 2019 community survey will be used to gauge what services are of most importance to the community and which areas for improvement Council can focus on.

Council recently reached a milestone of one-and-a-half years without lost time injury. Doing the job efficiently and safely in all weather conditions is a priority. "Our focus is on providing the essential infrastructure and services that benefit the health and wellbeing of the whole community." says Darren.

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