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Mayor's Report



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Mayor,
Glamorgan-Spring
Bay Council
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the Region"

Dear Residents and Ratepayers of
Glamorgan Spring Bay,

What a great winter of entertainment we are enjoying in Tasmania at the moment. As Dark MoFo comes to an end with those wonderful lights that could be seen beaming into the night sky from as far away as Buckland, we are anticipating another great **Festival of Voices**. This year the East Coast is not missing out with the introduction of **East Coast Unplugged**. As the website explains "Unplugged rips the Festival of Voices out of its city socket and sends it up the East Coast of Tasmania". Unplugged is a weekend singing trail inviting Tasmanians to see and

experience the best the East Coast has to offer. It kicks off with the premiere event at the Tasmanian Bushland Gardens, Buckland on Friday the 18th July and is followed by events at Piermont Retreat, White Sands Estate, Devil's Corner and Freycinet Lodge across the Saturday and Sunday. I am very excited to say that the premiere event at Buckland will celebrate our East Coast French connection. Please visit the www.singingisland.com for full details on each event. All of the East Coast Unplugged **events are free** so please rug up in your best winter woollies and enjoy some great singing voices, whilst savouring our best food, wine and East Coast hospitality.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the East Coast Regional Tourism Organisation on a fantastic **2014 Tourism Forum and Awards Dinner at White Sands Estate**. In particular, congratulations and thanks go to the CEO Ruth Dowty and her assistant Alison Wallace for an extremely well organised and worthwhile event. The Forum saw a great mix of very inspiring and informative speakers and I can see the Forum becoming a must in future years for our local operators to get ideas and inspiration. This was followed by a very successful awards dinner and I could not have been more proud of the achievements our operators on the East Coast are making. Thank you to White Sands for hosting an excellent dinner and my sincere congratulations to the many award winners.

I am in the process of writing you all a personal note of congratulations and thanks for all your hard work and effort in supporting and progressing our tourism industry on the East Coast.

In June we welcomed back the Monash and UTAS architecture students for the final exhibition of ideas to rejuvenate the township of Triabunna. **Triabunna Tomorrow** created quite a buzz around town as people moved from each location to view the ideas, aided by a very well designed map and guide. As I said at the reception to welcome the students back, we are extremely privileged to have such wonderful young minds and talent working on ideas for our town of Triabunna and this is only the beginning. Council is truly looking forward to receiving the final report so that as a community we can start to think about the priorities and ways of making some of these wonderfully innovative ideas happen.

The budget planning process for 2014-15 has now drawn to an end with Council's **Annual Plan and Budget Estimates** being endorsed at the June Council Meeting. The 2014-15 budget is now publicly available to all on the Council website.

Finally, the General Manager and I will be conducting **Community Connect sessions in Coles Bay on the 10th of July** from 2pm onwards at the Iluka Tavern. If you would like to come along and have an informal chat about any Council matter, please contact the Council Offices to make an appointment.