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**GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY
COUNCIL**

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For immediate release -

Yesterday marked the official opening of the new Glamorgan Spring Bay Council offices in Triabunna. The new offices were officially opened by the Honourable Rene Hidding MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Police and Emergency Management and a sitting member for the seat of Lyons. Council was also honoured to have in attendance the Mayor of Clarence City Council, Alderman Doug Chipman and the Mayor of Sorell, Councillor Kerry Vincent.

The Master of Ceremonies Mr Martin Crawford, a former Glamorgan Spring Bay Councillor from Swansea ensured that the official proceedings ran incredibly smoothly.

The Mayor, Councillor Bertrand Cadart conducted the official welcome address and emphasized the importance of the new building in improving the cost effectiveness and efficiency of the Council administration services, as well as providing a work environment and facilities for staff and the community that meet the highest possible building standards, which was certainly not the case for the previous buildings in Triabunna or Swansea.

Mayor Cadart said: *"The existing Council Chambers at Triabunna are of a very poor standard as an operational office building and it has been brought to our attention continually that they are not up to building safety standards, including not having proper wheel chair access, lunch room facilities or adequate meeting room space. All Council office staff will now be comfortably accommodated in this one centralised building and not spread inefficiently across different buildings and locations. Council investigated carefully all of the cost options, including renovating and refurbishing the existing Triabunna Council Chambers in Vicary Street but the option of purchasing such a high quality existing commercial building was by far the most cost effective option."*

The Honourable Rene Hidding MP in his official address complemented the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council on achieving outstanding financial management as evidenced by the Auditor General's reports in recent years and the DPAC Local Government benchmark report. Minister Hidding expressed how fortunate the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council is to have Mr David Metcalf, one of the most talented General Managers in Tasmanian Local Government, and a Council that is clearly pushing hard for future economic growth and development in the municipality.

The official proceedings concluded with the cutting of a celebratory cake by the Mayor before the community and guests were invited to tour the new building and view a series of displays. These included a history display of photographs and items from the beginning of the Glamorgan and Spring Bay Rural Municipalities in 1860 through to the amalgamation of both Councils in 1993, a Natural Resource Management display showcasing the work done by the NRM team, the plans for the Triabunna Marina and future marine infrastructure, and concepts for Spring Bay Mill and the Monash/UTAS Triabunna Urban Project.

Council will be officially operating from the new premises at 9 Melbourne Street, Triabunna from 5th May 2014.

Council will seek expressions of interest for the future use of the existing Council Chambers in Vicary Street, Triabunna and Noyes Street, Swansea. Both of these buildings are in prime locations in their respective towns with regards to future development opportunities and have the potential to deliver much needed added economic stimulus for the communities.

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