



ROSNY FARM

New name, new look, same creative heart of Clarence

CLARENCE'S MUCH-LOVED CULTURAL HUB HAS BEEN GIVEN A FRESH, NEW IDENTITY WITH THE UNVEILING OF 'ROSNY FARM'.

This rebrand marks a new chapter for our arts precinct. One that reflects the unique character and ambition of our venues, programs, and creative energy, and further cements Rosny Farm as the cultural centre of our community.

The inspiration for the new-look branding draws on the rich natural environment, spacious grounds, and layered history and references the neighbouring rivulet, river, and bush.

With heritage-listed sandstone structures dating back to the early 1800s, Rosny Farm has long been recognised as the unique and picturesque cultural heart of the city with hundreds of exhibitions, workshops, live gigs, residencies, and community events hosted each year across the Barn, Schoolhouse Gallery, and Cottage. This new brand combines all of the elements of a place that the community knows and loves, and replaces Clarence Arts and Events as our culture and events arm.

Alongside the new branding is the launch of a new 'Rosny Farm' website that showcases

the variety of experiences at the Farm and across Clarence.

As the central hub for festivals, performances and community events, Rosny Farm hosts the long-running Clarence Jazz Festival, as well as collaborative projects with MONA, Beaker Street, Ten Days on the Island and Dark Mofo.

Now, with its refreshed identity, Rosny Farm asserts itself as *the* destination for art, music, community, and creativity.

Jump online and see what's coming up at rosnyfarm.com.au.



Photo (above): Manager of City Culture at Rosny Farm, Steve Harris, with City of Clarence Mayor Brendan Blomeley.



Cambridge Oval Dog Park now under construction.

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FROM YOUR MAYOR

Mayor's message

AS SPRING ARRIVES, THERE'S A RENEWED ENERGY ACROSS CLARENCE, AND IT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO STEP OUTSIDE AND ENJOY ALL OUR CITY HAS TO OFFER.

With over 190 kilometres of coastline, beautiful parklands, and scenic trails, there are so many ways to connect with nature, whether it's a quiet bushwalk, a picnic with family, a game of disc golf or a weekend bike ride.

I'm particularly excited about the upcoming opening of the Cambridge Dog Park in early January. This fantastic new space will offer a safe and welcoming off-lead park for dogs and their families to play and connect.

We also have a wonderful season of events ahead that brings people together to enjoy the spirit of our community.

In October, we'll come together for our Mental Health Week Walk, a powerful way to raise awareness during Mental Health Week (5-13 October) and show support for our community's overall wellbeing.

November sees the return of Dogs' Day Out, a much-loved event celebrating our furry companions with plenty of fun activities, competitions and stalls to keep everyone entertained.

December's Swinging Christmas will bring music and festive cheer back to the heart of Clarence, and in January, we'll kick off summer with a vibrant, family-friendly Beach Party.

Looking further ahead, February marks the 30th anniversary of the Clarence Jazz Festival – a proud celebration of music, culture, and community.



Photo: City of Clarence Mayor Brendan Blomeley with Oliver Mundy-Castle from Disc Golf Tasmania at Seven Mile Beach.

We've also had plenty to celebrate in recent months. In July we launched the new Clarence Birdlife Walks brochure to help residents and visitors discover our rich bird habitats. The brochure, produced in partnership with Birdlife Tasmania, is available on our website or at Council Chambers.

During August, we lit up Chambers and Richmond Bridge in purple for Homelessness Week and hosted the "Off the Couch" youth event at Rosny Skate Park to raise awareness around couch surfing and support for young people facing homelessness.

“Community feedback continues to play a key role in shaping Clarence's future.”

Our recent consultations for projects like the Droughty Peninsula Structure Plan and the Open Space Strategy, are long-term initiatives that reflect our community's needs and aspirations for the next 20 years and beyond.

As the days grow longer and warmer, I encourage you to get out and enjoy everything our beautiful city has to offer. Whether it's discovering a new trail, attending a local event, or spending time with loved ones, Spring is the perfect time to reconnect with nature, community, and what matters most.

Stay safe, stay connected, and enjoy the sunshine.

Brendan Blomeley
City of Clarence Mayor

Keeping on top of new growth this spring

Weeds and bush care

In Clarence, we're fortunate to enjoy hundreds of hectares of natural bushland and spring is when these areas really come to life.

Each year as the season begins, our teams head out to every suburb to carry out essential maintenance, such as managing vegetation, reducing fire risks, and removing invasive weeds across bush reserves, fire trails, walking tracks, and roadside areas.

Our annual bushland maintenance program runs from September through summer and includes mowing, slashing, and other fire hazard management activities.

This is in addition to our ongoing upkeep of parks, reserves, and ovals.

Curious when we'll be in your area?
Visit ccc.tas.gov.au/spring-works for a suburb-by-suburb schedule of spring and summer works.



Sportsgrounds

We manage 24 sportsgrounds across Clarence, and the spring maintenance schedule is in full swing to get ready for the summer sports season. Some grounds may be temporarily closed during the preparation works to keep them in top condition for years to come.

Throughout spring, all sportsgrounds are also mowed and line-marked on a weekly basis.

If you spot an issue area near your home, you can report it through our website ccc.tas.gov.au/contact-us.

CLARENCE COMMUNITY

Thanks for your service, Glen

Join the volunteer community bus crew

SOUTH ARM VOLUNTEER GLEN HAY, 69, IS STEPPING OUT OF THE DRIVER'S SEAT AFTER TWO YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF CLARENCE COMMUNITY BUS.

Community groups enjoy weekly catch ups and scheduled outings thanks to the service, but it's a small bunch of lively volunteers keeping the bus on the road.

Glen, a retired telecommunications project manager, enjoys the lifestyle that volunteer driving can bring.

"I've always volunteered at something or other, even when I was working," Glen said.

"I've got a sense of service, and in doing this, hopefully someone will do it for me when I get properly old."

Fellow volunteer Wally Verth, ex-security and air force, recommends the volunteering gig to anyone who likes driving, meeting new people or has time to spare.

"The alternative is to sit at home...this is excellent, it keeps you moving, you know? It keeps your mind active."

Glen, and fellow driver Andrew Ross, are retiring from their roles, opening-up spots for future driving volunteers.

If you think you might want to join the crew find our New Volunteer Community Bus Driver Expression of Interest form at ccc.tas.gov.au/volunteering.



Off the Couch brings action and awareness to Rosny Skate Park

THURSDAY 7 AUGUST SAW ROSNY SKATE PARK TRANSFORMED INTO A HIGH-ENERGY, CELEBRATION FOR OFF THE COUCH – A FREE EVENT COMBINING MUSIC, SKATE, FOOD AND YOUTH SERVICES TO RAISE AWARENESS OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN TASMANIA.

Held during National Homelessness Week (4–10 August 2025), the event was part of a broader campaign to shine a spotlight on the increasing number of young people experiencing housing insecurity across the state.

In a visual show of support, both Council Chambers and the historic Richmond Bridge were lit up in purple throughout the week, to help raise awareness of homelessness in the state and across the nation.

The turnout at Rosny Skate Park was fantastic with many young people showing up to enjoy some music, an open skate comp, and free food and drinks from local vendors. A strong presence from local youth services and community organisations added real value to the day.

But beyond the fun, the event sent a clear message: homelessness is a real and growing issue in Tasmania and it needs our attention.

Events like Off the Couch, alongside symbolic actions like lighting up public landmarks in purple, are vital for raising awareness, breaking stigma, and advocating for real, systemic change.

For more information and a list of resources go to our Community Safety page ccc.tas.gov.au/community-safety



Photo (above): City of Clarence Mayor Brendan Blomeley with Home Base CEO Dianne Underwood.



CLARENCE EVENTS 2025-2026

Upcoming events

Clarence Prize

The \$20,000 Clarence Prize is the nation's richest acquisitive furniture-design prize, attracting entrants from across Australia. The 2025 Clarence Prize official opening and prize announcement event will be held on Saturday, 6 September, 5:00pm at The Barn. All welcome.

When: The exhibition runs from Sunday 7 Sept – Sunday 5 Oct 2025.

Where: The Barn at Rosny Farm



Mental Health Week Walk

City of Clarence is proud to be delivering our second community walk for Mental Health Week. We're embracing the 2025 theme "Appreciate the Little Things" with orange as the official colour, symbolising warmth, welcome, and positivity. Join us for a day of food and fun activities for all ages, proudly supported by Mental Health Council of Tasmania and Lifeline Tasmania.

When: Saturday 11 Oct 2025

Where: Simmons Park, Lindisfarne



For more information about upcoming events head to rosnyfarm.com.au or ccc.tas.gov.au/events

The Poochibald™ Art Prize 2025

Love dogs? Whether yours is a pint-sized rascal or a majestic showstopper, the 13th annual Poochibald™ Art Prize is your chance to turn puppy passion into art.

Open to all ages, abilities, and skill levels, this much-loved community exhibition invites artists to submit dog-themed paintings, drawings, prints, or small sculptures (no photography – sorry!).

Winners will be announced at the official opening and prize announcement event on Friday, 24 October, 5:30pm at the Schoolhouse Gallery. All welcome.

When: The exhibition runs from Saturday 25 Oct – Sunday 16 Nov 2025.

Where: Schoolhouse Gallery, Rosny Farm

Entries are free and close Sunday 12 October. Head to rosnyfarm.com.au to find out more.



CJF presents

We're turning up the heat at The Barn with three of the most exciting names in global jazz – back-to-back over three unmissable nights.

From the cinematic fire-power of Banksia Trio (JPN), to the legendary guitar work of Bill Frisell (USA), and the radical energy of WhoAllGonBeThere (USA), this is a bold new take on what a jazz series can be.

These are Grammy winners, festival headliners, and cult icons – playing right here in Clarence, for three nights only.

When: Monday 27 - Wednesday 29 Oct 2025

Where: The Barn at Rosny Farm

Bellerive Beach Party

There's no better way to ease into the new year than with Tassie's biggest and best beach party. Enjoy a jam-packed program of free, family-friendly activities, including beach games, food and drink vans, and all day live music.

When: Saturday 10 Jan 2026

Where: Bellerive Beach and Park



Dogs' Day Out

From sausage dogs to shepherds, poodles to pugs – all dogs are good dogs at the annual Dogs' Day out.

With competitions (yes, there's a costume contest), agility challenges, and even a best-behaved dog prize (let's see who's been practicing those tricks!), it's always a barking good time.

When: Sunday 9 Nov 2025

Where: Simmons Park, Lindisfarne

Cygnnet Folk Festival Sideshows

It's Cygnnet on the sunny side!

Get ready for another epic line-up of interstate and international folk superstars.

When: Monday 12 - Wednesday 14 Jan 2026

Where: The Barn at Rosny Farm

Clarence Jazz Festival

The Clarence Jazz Festival is turning 30, and we're celebrating in style.

Every year, we bring together the top local, interstate, and international talent for four epic days of music, connection, and celebration.

This is jazz made local: picnics, dancing, unexpected collabs, and a program that invites everyone in – seasoned fans, curious newcomers, and the jazz-sceptical alike.

When: Thursday 19 - Sunday 22 Feb 2026

Where: Rosny Farm

Swinging Christmas

After last year's event was rained out, Swinging Christmas is back for 2025 at Rosny Farm.

Mark your calendars for our biggest Swinging Christmas yet with Santa, the Grinch, and a huge line-up of talented performers.

When: Saturday 6 Dec 2025

Where: Rosny Farm

Have your say

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE ISSUES THAT IMPACT YOU.

We believe the community are key in the decision-making process.

That's why we continue to invite the community to share their thoughts, ideas and feedback on a range of projects.

Whether it's about parks, planning, community services or future developments, Your Say Clarence is your opportunity to share your thoughts and help shape the city you live in.

For more information go to yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au

Rates revaluation

In July 2025, the Office of the Valuer General (OVG) commenced fresh property valuations across the city, as part of a routine process held every six years to ensure property valuations reflect current market conditions.

Authorised valuers, from Westlink Consulting, may visit properties in person to collect data. These valuers carry official identification and are legally allowed to access land for valuation purposes. Residents are encouraged to ask for ID if unsure. Owners of commercial or industrial properties may also be contacted directly for current market information.

It's important to note that a change in your property's valuation does not change the total amount of rates collected by City of Clarence. Instead, fresh property valuations are used to redistribute how rates are shared among property owners across Clarence.

If your property's value increases more than the average, you may pay a greater share of rates. If it increases less than the average or decreases, your share of rates may go down. The annual amount of rates raised across the city only changes if adjusted in the Council's annual budget. For details, visit

nre.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/
office-of-the-valuer-general

CAMBRIDGE OVAL

A master plan in motion

WE'RE BRINGING NEW LIFE TO CAMBRIDGE OVAL, WITH CONSTRUCTION NOW UNDERWAY ON THE FIRST MAJOR PROJECT IN THE CAMBRIDGE OVAL MASTER PLAN – A STATE-OF-THE-ART OFF-LEAD DOG PARK.

This master plan represents a community-focused, multi-purpose precinct, blending sport, nature, education, and recreation in one dynamic location.

What's in the master plan?

Key features include:

- two full-sized soccer pitches to support local grassroots sport.
- a modern sports pavilion with changerooms and amenities.
- improved internal roads, car parking and walking trails for easier access.
- shared-use facilities with Cambridge Primary School, including a new indoor gymnasium to be built in stage 2 of the school's major redevelopment.
- new open spaces that serve as both active and passive recreation areas for all ages.
- a dog park set across 1.5 hectares, which will include two fenced areas, training area, nature play zones, seating, walking paths and water refill stations.

A site with history – from wastewater treatment to sustainability

The area now being transformed has a unique past. From 1985 to 2008, the site was used to treat sewage through a series of wastewater treatment lagoons, which were formally decommissioned in 2013.

As part of its transformation, between 2017 and 2019, new infrastructure was installed to manage stormwater on-site. This system now collects and treats stormwater for reuse, helping irrigate the grass and gardens of the dog park – a sustainable use of resources that supports both the park's function and the environment.

Initial work includes reshaping the land for accessibility and reusing existing dams, setting the foundation for a thoughtfully designed space that serves both people and pets.



LEGEND

- (A) New gravel parking area to service visitors to dog park.
- (B) Three main entry points to the park with air-lock style gate systems. Providing park rules and signage at each entry point. Concrete pavement to be used at air locks and immediate surrounds for all weather access.
- (C) Informal gravel access road with vehicle entry gates for maintenance vehicles.
- (D) 1.8m wide main circulation loop track to encourage users to walk and maintain connection with their dog.
- (E) Fenced quiet dog zone provides the opportunity for quieter dogs to safely roam around boulders and logs at various heights for dog climbing and balancing with a woodchip mulch surface.
- (F) Rain garden to manage site stormwater, will temporarily hold water after rain events. Provide opportunities for exploring texture and materials.
- (G) Open grass for play broken up by tree plantings and mounds. Grassing to be maintained to a quality level equivalent to a public park or reserve.
- (H) Central meeting point with seats, and gravel area with log and rocks.
- (I) Open grass for play broken up by tree plantings and mounds. Grassing to be maintained to a quality level equivalent to a public park or reserve.

COUNCILLOR FOCUS

From your Councillors

**COUNCILLOR EMMA GOYNE**

I feel deeply privileged to have been elected to represent our incredible community and its diverse views.

The experience has however been a source of constant frustration due to the bureaucratic hurdles and glacial pace of progress in Government. Nevertheless, after three years of effort, I'm heartened to see some positive developments, such as the inclusion of Cat Management and Herbicide use signage in the current budget. I remain committed to upholding the values of transparency, accountability, and integrity in my role as a councillor. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any issues or concerns you may have.

**COUNCILLOR RICHARD JAMES**

Following the unsuccessful High Performance Centre bid for Rosny Parklands, and Council's decision not to approve affordable housing in Charles Hand Park, now is a good time for Council to deliver on the recommendations in the final draft of the City Heart Plan.

Council's Annual Budget 25/26 approved \$160,000 in funding to construct a Rosny Parklands Circuit Track. Furthermore, Council is investigating the provision of affording housing within the City Heart urban precinct.

Council's recent purchase of the buildings at 30 Gordons Hill Road may be the catalyst for access into the natural open spaces within the Rosny Parklands area.

Spotlight on customer experience

You may have noticed new posters at Council Chambers highlighting our Customer Service Charter. This is part of our ongoing commitment to deliver exceptional service to our community.

Adopted alongside the Customer Experience Strategy last year, the Charter sets out the values and promises we make to our residents. It's our pledge to provide a positive, consistent experience every time you interact with us.

These guidelines are a whole-of-organisation approach to our services. Whether you contact us online, by phone, or in person, we're committed to making every interaction count.



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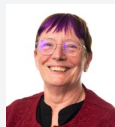
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