



## CLARENCE JAZZ FESTIVAL

# 30 years of sound, soul and Clarence spirit

**FROM 19-22 FEBRUARY 2026 THE CLARENCE JAZZ FESTIVAL WILL HIT A HIGH NOTE AS IT CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF MUSIC, CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY ON THE BEAUTIFUL EASTERN SHORE.**

From its humble beginnings as a small waterfront event in 1996, the festival has evolved into one of Tasmania's most beloved summer traditions.

Now centred at Rosny Farm, the festival brings people into the heart and soul of Clarence's creative community through live music, art and connection.

Each February, audiences enjoy the vibrant atmosphere and world-class performances that make the festival such a highlight of the cultural calendar.

As the festival marks three decades, this milestone year promises to be one of its most memorable yet.

The full program and ticket sales are live, so book now to avoid missing out! Amazing headliners include The Bamboos and Close Counters.

The 2026 Clarence Jazz Festival will honour its roots while looking boldly to the future, with an exciting program that brings together homegrown talent, and acclaimed artists from across the country and overseas.

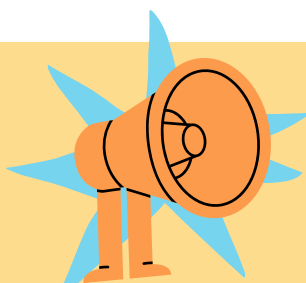
The 30-year anniversary program will celebrate the diversity of jazz in all its forms, from smooth and soulful to bold and experimental, coupled with funk and blues acts, while embracing the relaxed, open-air atmosphere that makes the festival so unique.

Audiences can expect performances in scenic locations, family-friendly twilight sessions, late-night gigs for the jazz diehards and a few special surprises along the way.

See the full program and buy tickets now at [rosnyfarm.com.au/clarence-jazz-festival-30](https://rosnyfarm.com.au/clarence-jazz-festival-30)



**Photos (above and below):** Throwback to the smooth summer vibes at the 2025 Clarence Jazz Festival



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## FROM YOUR MAYOR

# Mayor's message

**AS WE STEP INTO A NEW YEAR, I BELIEVE CLARENCE IS ENTERING A PERIOD OF EXTRAORDINARY RENEWAL, ONE THAT WILL RESHAPE THE HEART OF OUR CITY AND STRENGTHEN THE IDENTITY OF THE EASTERN SHORE.**

This year marks the beginning of major transformation across our community, led by our newly adopted City Heart Plan. This ambitious vision will guide the revitalisation of key precincts including Rosny CBD, Bellerive Village, Art and Culture Precinct, the Council Chambers, Sheoak Point, Kangaroo Bay and Warrane. By creating stronger connections between these areas, the Plan will deliver greener, more welcoming public spaces, safer and more vibrant streets, and destinations that invite people to gather, relax and explore.

As a community, we've dealt with some big issues over recent years – issues which have divided opinions and somewhat divided us as a community. As a state, we are still dealing with some of these issues. I believe one of the greatest opportunities the City Heart Plan presents is to unify the eastern shore through actions that will benefit all and provide economic and wellbeing benefits to generations of residents.

The Plan will begin with a series of early projects designed to set the tone for what's ahead, uplifting public spaces, enhancing pathways and access, and improving the places where people already live, work and spend time. Each initiative is a step toward a more connected city centre, one that reflects the aspirations of our community and celebrates Clarence's unique character.



**Photo:** Mayor Brendan Blomeley at Rosny Farm for the announcement of federal grant funding for the Arts & Culture Precinct.

In a huge boost to achieving the objectives of the Plan, we were successful in securing a \$1.67 million Australian Government grant through the Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program. This funding will allow for the planning, community engagement and design of our Rosny Farm Arts and Culture Precinct – a major step in achieving the Plan's concepts for the Rosny Parklands.

There are other City Heart projects commencing within the Parklands, with the construction of the 1.7km circuit track, and our project to rewild Rosny Parklands which includes the removal of

'woody weeds' – invasive weeds that don't naturally grow in the area – and the development of an ecological restoration plan. These are two important steps in establishing the Wild Park area of the Parklands.

The year ahead offers us an exciting opportunity to reimagine our city, to create places that inspire connection and celebrate the natural beauty and lifestyle that make this side of the river so special. I look forward to sharing this journey with you as we begin bringing this vision to life.

Here's to a year of renewal, confidence and momentum for our city.

**Brendan Blomeley**  
City of Clarence Mayor

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## Shaping the future of Clarence

We're updating our **Strategic Plan 2021–2031**, and we want your help to shape the future of Clarence.

The Plan sets out our shared vision and guides how we plan, invest and deliver services across Clarence. It helps ensure that decisions are made with purpose, resources are used wisely and outcomes are meaningful for our community.

The revised plan has four focus areas. Each has practical steps that put the community's priorities into action and guide our work and budget. Working together, these areas help build a city that is thriving, fair and sustainable:

- **Strategy and Delivery** – planning well and getting things done for our community.
- **Sustainable Growth** – encouraging smart development and protecting what makes Clarence special.
- **Culture and Place** – celebrating our people, stories and beautiful environment.
- **Wellbeing and Belonging** – helping everyone feel connected, supported and proud to live here.

We are inviting you to review the revised Strategic Plan and tell us: have we got it right, and does the plan reflect your values, aspirations and expectations for Clarence?



Your responses will tell us if the strategic pillars, outcome statements, and our environment values reflect community priorities. Your input is essential to ensure the plan is community-informed, inclusive and future-focused.

Jump online and complete the survey at **[yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/creating-tomorrow-today](https://yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/creating-tomorrow-today)** by 30 January 2026.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

# Mastering our master plans

## What is a master plan?

The approval of a master plan is an important step to progress projects for a place, space, park or sporting venue. It will often bring to life an idea which has been shaped through talking with the community, and gets people excited about what's to come. But sometimes, from the community's perspective, after they've been completed, master plans sit there, and nothing seems to happen quickly. So, what is a master plan, what do they do, and what are they for?

A master plan is a vision for how an area could look in the future. It is not the detailed design you need to start building, instead, it sets the direction for how the area should be developed.

A master plan is created because we want these ideas to come to life one day, but there are many steps to work through before a project can be delivered.

To give an example, last November, the Little Howrah Beach Master Plan was finalised. For Little Howrah Beach to look like the pictures in the Plan several steps must first be taken.

Surveys and site assessments need to be completed, detailed landscape plans and building designs drawn up, development applications approved, and hiring a contractor, to name a few. However, the biggest hurdle to complete a project is money and staff resourcing.

Our approximate yearly capital budget for 'passive recreation' projects like Little Howrah Beach sits at around \$2.4 million. That sounds like a lot, but this budget also must cover the renewal of existing play grounds, walking paths, and open spaces right across Clarence,

as well as the development of any new projects. To give that budget a bit of context, the construction of the Bellerive Beach Park cost around \$5 million.

## Why create a master plan without the money?

Sometimes developing a master plan can feel like putting the cart before the horse. Even without funding, we need a master plan to guide what happens in an area to avoid development in an uncoordinated way. However, in order to get the funding required, we need to put together a master plan.

When putting in budget requests each year, or seeking funding from Tasmanian or Australian Government, the question is always asked 'what will the money be used for?'. Having a master plan provides a clear explanation of the project and gives us a much better chance to secure funding.

When we create a master plan, we also speak with the community to get feedback, which raises awareness and expectations about the project. The time between developing a master plan and getting the money to build can be several years, and during this time, it can seem as though not much is happening. However, in the background we are working on detailed designs and seeking various approvals required to deliver elements of the master plan.

A master planning process is a very important step to make sure an area is well planned, properly funded and built in a coordinated

way, but they take time. Importantly, master plans are a key consultation tool to ensure our community is engaged with each project and has input into the final outcome.

You can view the **Little Howrah Master Plan** and other master plans on our website anytime at [ccc.tas.gov.au/master-plans](http://ccc.tas.gov.au/master-plans)



**Photos (above & below):** Concepts from the approved Little Howrah Beach Master Plan.



## CLARENCE EVENTS

# What's happening this summer?

## Bellerive Beach Party

Get ready for Tassie's biggest beach party as Bellerive Beach comes alive on Saturday 10 January.

Bring the whole family and enjoy a free day of classic summer fun, with live music, food vans, creative activities and beachside games for all ages. Join in sandcastle competitions, circus workshops, surf lifesaving displays, and more – plus a packed line-up of local favourites and emerging young bands.

After perfect weather last year, we're hoping for sunny skies again as we celebrate summer by the sea.

**Date:** 10 January

**Time:** 11am – 7pm

**Location:** Bellerive Beach Park

**Learn more:** [rosnyfarm.com.au/event/bellerive-beach-party](https://rosnyfarm.com.au/event/bellerive-beach-party)



## Fitness in the Park

Grab your water bottle, gym mat and get moving this summer with Fitness in the Park, our free community all ages fitness program running every weekday across Clarence. Children are welcome to attend with an adult.

This summer we've expanded to five locations, with new sessions at South Arm Oval and Kangaroo Bay. Each class is led by qualified fitness professionals and caters to all ages, fitness levels and abilities.

Sessions include a mix of aerobic exercise, balance, bodyweight workouts, circuits, core strength and walking, all easily modified to suit individual needs.

**When:** Every week until April 2026

**Learn more:** [ccc.tas.gov.au/fitness](https://ccc.tas.gov.au/fitness)



## Cygnnet Folk Festival Sideshows

Each summer, Rosny Farm and the Cygnnet Folk Festival join forces to bring an extraordinary lineup of folk and world artists to Clarence.

This year's sideshows feature five unmissable performances, from Ghanaian rhythms and Celtic-electronic fusion to some of the best home-grown voices Australia has to offer. This is a rare chance to experience global music up close, in one of Australia's best acoustic venues. Book your tickets early. These tickets will sell fast!

**Date:** 8-15 January 2026

**Location:** Rosny Farm

**Check the event information at:** [rosnyfarm.com.au/cff-sideshows](https://rosnyfarm.com.au/cff-sideshows)



## Clarence Jazz Festival

Celebrate 30 years of the Clarence Jazz Festival, Lutruwita/Tasmania's biggest and boldest jazz celebration. Over four unforgettable days, the festival brings together incredible talent from across the island and beyond for a program packed with music, connection and celebration.

Set along the eastern shore of Timtumi Minanya/the Derwent River, the festival fills the city with a unique energy – from big brass and soulful ballads to Afro-jazz, funk, Latin-jazz and beyond. Expect a mix of free and ticketed gigs, twilight concerts, late-night jams and the iconic Jazz Lounge sessions, all alongside local food, wine and warm summer nights.

Grab a rug, gather your friends and join the party as we mark three decades of jazz made local.

**Date:** 19 – 22 February

**Location:** Rosny Farm

**Learn more:** [rosnyfarm.com.au/clarence-jazz-festival-30](https://rosnyfarm.com.au/clarence-jazz-festival-30)



## Rosny Arvos

Looking for the perfect spot to unwind after school? Rosny Arvos is fast becoming the go-to hangout for young people looking to relax, catch up and connect before heading home.

Centrally located on the council lawns at Rosny, this free after-school chill zone is open to young people aged 12-24 years, Monday to Thursday from 2.30pm-4.30pm.

With comfy beanbags, free snacks, phone charging, games and activities, it's the ideal place to take a breather in a safe, welcoming space.

Hosted by City of Clarence, Youth Services, Mission Australia Youth Beat and Pulse Youth Health Services, Rosny Arvos is all about community, connection and fun.

Trialled and tested in Term 4 2025 it's back again starting in Term 1 February 2026.

Come see why everyone's meeting up at Rosny!

**Date:** Starts Term 1 February 2026

**Learn more:** [ccc.tas.gov.au/event/rosny-arvos](https://ccc.tas.gov.au/event/rosny-arvos)







Photo (left to right): Marjorie Luck, Chris Luck, Diane Briggs, Joan Terauds, Gillian Roberts



OUR COMMUNITY

# Bellerive Arts Society celebrate five decades

**THE CREATIVE SPIRIT OF CLARENCE IS ON FULL DISPLAY AS THE BELLERIVE COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE (BCAC) CELEBRATES ITS 50TH BIRTHDAY.**

Housed in a historic 1842 Colonial Gothic building in Bellerive since 1975, BCAC was launched after the Tasman Bridge tragedy, and continues today as a cultural beacon in Clarence.

From quilting and crocheting, pottery and painting, spinning, weaving, basket making, book making, writing and dance – a varied mix of arts and crafts have been offered within its walls.

Joan Terauds and Diane Briggs first walked into BCAC more than 45 years ago to try their hands at many arts and crafts and still attend to this day.



## Tip vouchers

**IT'S A HOT TOPIC AND IN EXCITING NEWS, WE WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCING A NEW TIP VOUCHER SYSTEM.**

While details are still being finalised, the voucher system will allow for easier disposal of large items.

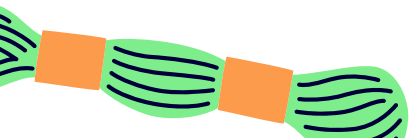
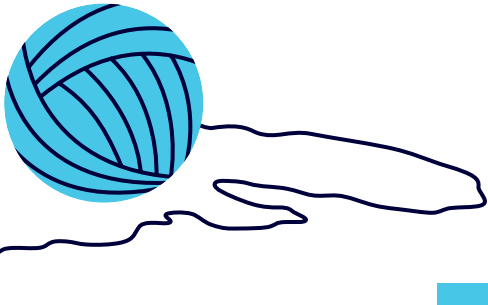
Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for updates and information.



## Community Engagements

**PROJECTS COMING UP FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN 2026!**

- Clarendon Vale Youth Precinct / Social Heart Park
- Fermoy Park, Howrah
- Glebe Hill Park, Glebe Hill
- Lewis Park, Seven Mile Bech
- Clifton Beach Master Plan
- Clarence Sports Facilities Plan 2026 – 2046
- Clarence Open Space Strategy 2026 – 2046
- Tracks and Trails Strategy and Plan
- City Futures Strategy



## COUNCILLOR FOCUS

# From your Councillors


**COUNCILLOR  
WENDY KENNEDY**

A happy 2026 to all, as the festive season continues in our city. As the Chair of the Cultural Creative Advisory Committee, there's many events to look forward to including the iconic Jazz Festival now in its 30th year.

Thank you to our incredible staff for bringing these events to Clarence. Last year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Bellerive Community Arts Centre which is a truly wonderful, community driven organisation that continues to connect people via the work of committed volunteers.

I'm keen to continue my work in our community and spread the kindness message wherever I go.


**COUNCILLOR  
TONY MULDER**

I am Tasmania's representative to the Australian Coastal Council Association (ACCA) management committee. The ACCA is a national body that funds research and lobbies the Federal Government on issues impacting coastal councils. A key issue is the impact of climate change.

With major international economies backing away from emissions reduction and 'net zero', the committee is focused on mitigating the effects of increased flooding, sea level rise and coastal erosion. I believe in net zero, but we are such a bit player that we must not destroy our economies pursuing a goal that will have no impact on this global issue.


**COUNCILLOR  
HEATHER CHONG**

By the time you read this, Christmas and New Year will be over, and everyone will be thinking about returning to work and school. For those changing schools, I hope it will be exciting and enjoyable.

For me, the beginning of the year means the inevitable resolution to exercise more and get fitter (perhaps this year it will actually happen) as well as long summer evenings, and that the Jazz Festival is just around the corner. 2026 also sees Council elections so it's bound to be an interesting year for us all.

Wishing everyone all the best for 2026.

## Your representatives


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