



Photo: (L-R) Daniel Steers and Alex Barber from Cremorne Bowls and Community Club (Event or Organisation of the Year winners), Jan Ross (Local Hero Award), Nauman Rasul from Rotary Club Howrah (Community Harmony Award), Mayor Brendan Blomeley, Nathan Williamson (Young Citizen of the Year), Gayle Smith from Rotary Club Howrah, John Bastick (Senior Citizen of the Year) and Brendan Sullivan (Citizen of the Year).

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2026

Celebrating Clarence community champions

THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE ACROSS CLARENCE WHO GIVE THEIR TIME, LEND A HAND, AND GO THE EXTRA MILE TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE.

Our annual Citizen of the Year Awards are a chance to shine a light on some of these people and celebrate the difference they make.

This year's awards were a wonderful celebration of the people and organisations who help make Clarence such a great place to live.

The 2026 winners were Citizen of the Year **Brendan Sullivan**, Senior Citizen of the Year **John Bastick**, Young Citizen of the Year **Nathan Williamson**, Community Event or Organisation of the Year **Cremorne Bowls and Community Club**, Community Harmony Award winner **Rotary Club Howrah** for "Peace & Social Cohesion Challenges in Tasmania", and Local Hero Award winner **Jan Ross**.

Each winner has their own story, but they all have something in common. They care about their community and are willing to give their time, energy, and skills to help others.

From volunteers supporting local clubs and community groups, to people creating opportunities for others, bringing people together, and making sure everyone feels welcome, their contributions make a real difference.

2026 Citizen of the Year Brendan Sullivan said he felt extremely humbled by his award.

"I am a born and bred Clarence citizen, and it is wonderful to be recognised by your own community. It is an honour."

The awards evening, held on Tuesday, 25 August, provided an opportunity to celebrate all of our winners and finalists.

Adding to the celebratory occasion was a fantastic performance from the Clarence High School Band, who returned for the



Photo: Citizen of the Year 2026 Brendan Sullivan

second-year-running. Their music was a great way to kick-off the evening.

We congratulate all of our 2026 winners, finalists, and nominees, and thank everyone who took the time to nominate someone deserving of recognition.

We are proud to celebrate the people who help make our community stronger, kinder, and more connected.

Read more about our 2026 Citizen of the Year recipients at ccc.tas.gov.au/2026-recipients



Photo: Clarence High School Band



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NEW SPEED LIMITS

Safer Speeds, Safer Roads

NEW SPEED LIMITS ARE NOW BEING INTRODUCED ACROSS COUNCIL-MANAGED LOCAL ROADS AS PART OF CITY OF CLARENCE'S SAFER SPEEDS, SAFER ROADS REVIEW.

Around 30 roads across Clarence will receive updated speed limits as the staged rollout continues over the coming months. Each change is implemented following formal approval from the Commission for Transport.

The first changes were introduced in Otago Bay, with the speed limit on Direction Drive and Sollamer Place reduced from the default 100 km/h rural speed limit to 60 km/h.

The review responds to community concerns about speeding and the need for more consistent speed limits on similar roads across Tasmania. Community feedback also helped identify six additional roads that were included in the review.

At its heart, the Safer Speeds, Safer Roads review is about improving road safety and reducing the severity of crashes. Lower speeds give drivers more time to react and can significantly reduce the risk of death or serious injury in the event of a crash.

As the rollout continues, we will publish notices on our website before each new speed limit change is introduced. Keep an eye on our website and public notices for updates, or learn more about the project and community engagement process at yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/safer-speeds-safer-roads



SPRING HAS SPRUNG

New tracks to explore in Clarence

SPRING IS HERE, MAKING IT THE PERFECT TIME TO GET OUTSIDE AND ENJOY CLARENCE'S PARKS, RESERVES, BEACHES, WALKING TRACKS, AND CYCLEWAYS.

Whether you're heading out for a morning walk, taking the kids to the park, exploring a local reserve, or enjoying a ride along the foreshore, there are plenty of ways to make the most of the warmer weather and longer days.

Clarence is home to a wide range of trails and cycleways, offering opportunities to explore the city, get active, and enjoy the outdoors at your own pace. Many trails also connect with parks, beaches, and other open spaces, making it easy to build an outdoor adventure into your day.

New tracks ready to explore

- Rosny Parklands Circuit Track**
 Located near Rosny Farm, and behind Eastlands, this track provides a scenic loop with mountain views. Walk it three times and you'll clock up 5 kilometres in your step count.
- Lauderdale Saltmarsh**
 A 2.2 kilometre circuit track, with boardwalks to protect the saltmarsh and improved tracks across the reserve.
- Single Hill Track**
 Single Hill Track near Seven Mile Beach has received an upgrade. It's a track to get your heart racing, with uninterrupted views out to Frederick Henry Bay and the Tasman Sea.

Explore Clarence's trails and cycleways

Find a trail or cycleway near you and discover more of Clarence's great outdoor spaces at ccc.tas.gov.au/trails-and-cycleways



Photo: Views from Single Hill Track

OUR COMMUNITY

Your Say Clarence

YOU SAID. WE LISTENED.

Community engagement helps us understand what matters to the people who live, work, and spend time in Clarence. We don't just ask for feedback. We listen to your ideas, experiences, and concerns to help inform decisions, projects, and plans for the future.

We can't always act on every piece of feedback, but we will consider what you tell us and explain why decisions are made.



Making it easier for everyone to have their say

We're continuing to look at ways to improve your community engagement experiences, and the Your Say Clarence website. We want to make it easier for more people to access and understand information and take part in our community engagements.

We've improved the translation tools available on the site, helping people who speak languages other than English to better understand engagement information and participate.

We've also made the site more accessible for people with vision impairment, learning difficulties, and dyslexia, so more people can find information, understand what's being asked, and have their say in a way that works for them.

We're also committed to giving you the information you need about a project, so you can provide feedback that's genuinely informed.

Everyone should have the opportunity to be heard.

Recent engagements

FOGO - Food Organics Garden Organics Waste and Litter Survey

Residents shared their thoughts on how we can best educate the community about FOGO as we prepare to introduce it in 2027.

Droughty Peninsula Structure Plan

Your feedback is helping to shape the Droughty Peninsula Structure Plan, alongside what we have heard from the landowners, and the needs of the service providers.

Dog Management Policy

We had a fantastic response to the community engagement on the review of our Dog Management Policy. We are now working on a draft policy, which is being informed by our independent Community Submissions Review Panel. This draft policy will go back to the community for further engagement.

What you told us

Safety Matters

Residents told us that safety is an important consideration when planning and improving our roads, neighbourhoods, and public spaces.

Protect what we love

Feedback highlighted the importance of protecting our environment, natural spaces, and the things that make Clarence a great place to live.

How community engagement works

Community engagement helps us understand community views, experiences, and priorities when we're making decisions. Community views are valuable but it's important to understand that your feedback is one of many things we need to consider alongside:

- legal and policy requirements
- technical advice
- environment and heritage impacts
- health and safety
- budget, resources, and timing.

We'll always explain how your voice can influence a project and what the non-negotiables are. Learn more about what community engagement is, how we use your feedback, and how to get involved on Your Say Clarence.

2026 by numbers



1,315
total contributions



1,254
survey responses



22
map contributions



38
written submissions



Have your say on Your Say Clarence

There are plenty of ways to get involved in shaping our city. Visit **Your Say Clarence** at yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au to explore current consultations and opportunities to provide feedback.

Stay informed. Get involved.





Photo: Tranmere and Clarence Plains Landcare and Coastcare members at the official launch of their sign at the saltmarsh.

WORKING TOGETHER

Grants and volunteers in action

EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENS TO STORMWATER AFTER IT LEAVES OUR STREETS?

A new sign at the Clarence Plains Rivulet Saltmarsh in Rokeby is helping the community understand how the saltmarsh and nearby settling ponds work together to keep our waterways and coasts clean.

The sign was installed by the Tranmere and Clarence Plains Landcare and Coastcare (TACPLACI) group, with support from a City of Clarence Environment and Biodiversity Grant.

It's just one of the many ways our grants and our volunteers are conserving the environment across the Clarence we all love.

TACPLACI has been caring for the saltmarsh for more than 30 years, and volunteers continue to roll up each week to weed, mulch, and maintain eight sites in Tranmere and five in Rokeby.

We have several Landcare and Coastcare groups working across Clarence, and we're proud to be supplying grants and helping these groups plan projects and obtain

approvals, supporting our local volunteers making a difference in their own backyard.

We offer various types of grants at ccc.tas.gov.au/grants

Make a difference in your community today and join our wonderful team of volunteers. Register at ccc.tas.gov.au/volunteer



Get ready for the bushfire season

BUSHFIRE HAZARD MANAGEMENT

It's that time of the year when we all need to start preparing for the bushfire risk. Our planned fuel reduction burns help reduce fuel loads and manage risk across our reserves. This season we've logged planned burns near Hobart Archers Club in Lauderdale, Waverley Flora Park, Rokeby Hills Bushland Reserve, and Glebe Hill Bushland Reserve.

We'll continue to update the community with dates and times of planned burns, as weather conditions allow.

In the meantime, for those living close to bushlands and fire prone areas (78% of homes in Clarence), head to the Tasmanian Fire Service for tips on how to start preparing and protecting your homes.

ccc.tas.gov.au/bushfire-management

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Waste, recycling, and FOGO

THERE'S PLENTY HAPPENING IN WASTE AND RECYCLING ACROSS CLARENCE, WITH NEW INITIATIVES ON THE WAY TO HELP REDUCE WASTE, IMPROVE RECYCLING, AND MAKE IT EASIER TO DISPOSE OF UNWANTED ITEMS RESPONSIBLY.

Our Mattress Amnesty has closed, with the final collections now taking place. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped keep unwanted mattresses out of landfill.

And there's more to come. We are continuing to develop strategic waste initiatives that will support a more sustainable approach to waste and resource recovery across our city.

Keep an eye out for more information as these initiatives roll out.

One of the biggest changes ahead is Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO). Planning is progressing well and the service remains on track to roll out from 2027, making it easier for households to divert food scraps and garden waste from landfill.

In the meantime, there are plenty of ways you can help reduce waste at home, from recycling correctly to reusing, repairing, and donating items wherever possible.

Find out more about waste, recycling, FOGO and upcoming initiatives at ccc.tas.gov.au/waste-recycling



Local government elections

ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD ACROSS TASMANIA'S 29 COUNCILS. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A SAY IN WHO REPRESENTS YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY IN CLARENCE.

Remember, voting is compulsory. Keep an eye out for your ballot pack in the mail, follow the instructions, and cast your vote. The Tasmanian Electoral Commission closes the poll at 2pm on 27 October.



Photos: Wildlife caught on camera.

Enviro corner

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS TO EXPLORE, LEARN ABOUT AND CONNECT WITH OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT?

Our Environment and Biodiversity team are out and about in our natural environments, working to protect our bushland, coastline, and the wildlife that calls Clarence home.

From managing invasive weeds, pests, and other threats in our bushland reserves, to supporting citizen science, there's plenty happening behind the scenes.

More recently, the team has started monitoring the wildlife in our bushland reserves to better understand and document the critters that we share this land with.

Our cameras and acoustic recorders have already led to some amazing finds, including Tasmanian Devils at Pilchers Hill Bushland Reserve.

If we spot anything interesting or unique, we'll keep you updated on our socials. Or take a look at our City of Clarence - Environment and Biodiversity page to discover how you can get involved, and learn what's next in this space.

ccc.tas.gov.au/environment

Clarence events



THERE'S PLENTY HAPPENING ACROSS CLARENCE THIS SPRING, WITH EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS LEADING INTO A FANTASTIC SUMMER OF FUN.

Plan ahead to find more events at
ccc.tas.gov.au/events or
rosnyfarm.com.au/events



Seniors Month

Celebrate Seniors Month this October, with events and activities planned throughout the month across Clarence. Find out more about what's happening in your local area like the Lindisfarne Walk, Talk and Play at Simmons Park on Wednesday 14 October.

When: 1-31 October 2026

Where: Events throughout Clarence

For more information go to our events webpage **ccc.tas.gov.au/events** or call **03 6217 9500**.



The Poochibald™ Art Prize 2026

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

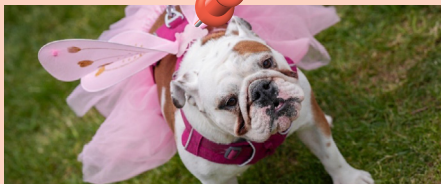
Open to all ages and skill levels, this much-loved community exhibition invites artists to submit dog-themed paintings, drawings, prints, or small sculptures.

When: The exhibition runs from 30 October – 22 November 2026.

Winners will be announced at the official opening and prize announcement event on Thursday 29 October, 5:30pm at The Schoolhouse. All welcome.

Where: The Schoolhouse, Rosny Farm

Submit a free entry until Sunday, 18 October. Head to rosnyfarm.com.au for more details.



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: 7 November 2026

Where: 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, beach games, food and drink vans, sand sculptures, and live music all day long.

When: Saturday, 10 January 2027

Where: Bellerive Beach and Park

Swinging Christmas

Swinging Christmas is back at Rosny Farm for 2026! Mark your calendars for our biggest Swinging Christmas yet, with Santa, the Grinch and a huge line-up of talented performers ready to get you into the festive spirit.

When: Saturday, 5 December 2026

Where: Rosny Farm

CJF Presents

Four nights. Four international acts. One unmissable series.

We're turning up the heat at The Barn with four internationally acclaimed artists, bringing bold, boundary-pushing music to Rosny Farm across one unforgettable week.

From the genre-defying sound of LIIT, to the powerful spoken word and poetry of Aja Monet, the explosive funk of Nik West, and the genre-crossing contemporary music of BIGYUKI, CJF Presents brings some of the most exciting names in global music to Clarence.

These are artists who have performed on major stages around the world, coming together for a series of intimate performances you'll only experience at Rosny Farm.

Tickets are selling fast!

When: 22 – 26 October 2026

Where: The Barn, at Rosny Farm

Find out more and book your tickets at **rosnyfarm.com.au**



Clarence Jazz Festival

The Clarence Jazz Festival returns in 2027 for another round of sunny days, electric nights, connection, and celebration.

Each year, we bring together outstanding local, interstate, and international talent for a program packed with live music, food and wine, dancing, unexpected collaborations, and plenty of good times.

Whether you're a seasoned festival-fan or a curious newcomer there's something for everyone at the Clarence Jazz Festival.

When: 18 - 20 February 2027

Where: Rosny Farm