

## Mayor on Air – May 2016



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**This is the preferred method.**

By only calling into Mayor on Air Council doesn't obtain contact details and therefore can't follow-up with updates or for more information.

### Response on Caller queries from Mayor on Air 19 May 2016

**1. Do you have any feedback on the Tassielink bus service from Queenstown to Burnie?**

Council's Economic Development, Tourism & Events Coordinator has spoken with Tassielink regarding this service and they have indicated that although the numbers are low they are happy with the response. Generally a new bus service takes a while to get accepted and they have an online survey on all runs and are monitoring that. Tassielink have also advised that Green Cards are only available at Metro outlets (none located on the West Coast) or online as they are a Metro product. Use of a Green Card provides a 20% discount on both Tassielink and Metro services.

**2. The fire breaks around Rosebery – has there been any progress with creating? Previously the Mayor was meeting with the Fire Department – can the outcome be clarified?**

Council staff have been liaising with representatives from TasFire and have been provided the following information regarding bushfire planning for our West Coast communities:

**Rosebery:** A [Community Bushfire Protection Plan](#) & Community Bushfire Response Plan have been completed. The Western Fire Management Area Committee uses the Fire Protection Plan as the primary reference document to guide what mitigation planning is being considered for this area, including any future fire break construction. A wide firebreak was constructed around the perimeter of Rosebery in 2007. This "Weed Management Break" project was funded and managed by MMG and achieved an effective weed management and fire break around Rosebery.

**Zeehan:** A [Community Bushfire Protection Plan](#) & Community Bushfire Response Plan have been completed. Development of a *Community Bushfire Mitigation Plan* in progress.

**Strahan:** A [Community Bushfire Protection Plan](#) & Community Bushfire Response Plan have been completed. Development of a *Community Bushfire Mitigation Plan* is planned for completion 2017/18.



**Tullah:** A [Community Bushfire Protection Plan](#) has been completed. A *Community Bushfire Response Plan* is not planned. The Western Fire Management Area Committee uses the Fire Protection Plan as the primary reference document to guide what mitigation planning is being considered for this area.

**Queenstown:** Development of a *Community Bushfire Protection Plan and Community Bushfire Response Plan* is planned to commence in the 2017/18 fire season. The Western Fire Management Area Committee uses the Fire Protection Plan as the primary reference document to guide what mitigation planning is being considered for this area.

**3. We have a Council house in Dilger Court and have been waiting for a carport for two years at the rear of the property – the property floods badly**

Council's Property & Facilities Officer has spoken to the tenant regarding the carport. Council has over thirty properties that are in need of maintenance (including heating and maintenance) and whilst it would be ideal for all properties to have car ports Council is prioritising the works. Should future funding become available, and when all properties are restored to an appropriate standard, car ports at the new properties in Dilger Court may be considered.

**4. The St. Vinnies bin in RSL carpark is tipped over, what is happening with this? Also there is a wheelie bin full of rubbish there too, has been for three months**

The St. Vinnies bin is not operated by Council and the RSL carpark is private property, therefore not a Council responsibility. The wheelie bin can be emptied by Council if it is placed kerbside by the property owner by 7am as part of Council's weekly kerbside wheelie bin collection service.

**5. Can the WCC have a look at the carpark in front of Mountain View Queenstown – this has become a drop-off point and needs some attention**

Council staff have assessed the hazards in the areas near the car park that are Council's responsibility, however the actual car park is private property therefore the drop-off point and any issues are not a Council responsibility.

**6. Mum skidded on moss and sprained her ankle on footpath in McNamara Street –when will this be fixed?**

Due to the length of this particular footpath Council staff have not been able to ascertain exactly where this incident occurred however Council will assess the footpath for hazardous areas and act accordingly.

**7. What can be done about feral cats in Zeehan – they are everywhere down near the supermarket and around the courts in empty houses and even at the back of the ANZ bank – it's getting out of hand?**

Council is unable to assist in eradication of feral cats from private properties as there is no legislative requirement to trap and euthanize feral cats. Individuals may choose to trap and humanely dispose of feral cats themselves, however Council is unable to supply any traps.



**8. Why is the Queenstown Pioneer Cemetery closed to public access with a WCC sign up?**

This infrastructure is currently undergoing maintenance and an upgrade and has therefore been blocked off for now for safety reasons.

**The money from the economic package from State Government – have there been any results from this?**

Council has consistently asked for detailed updates regarding the projects earmarked for funding under the West Coast Economic Working Group package.

Council believes some trails around Zeehan had works completed using some local labour whilst the construction of a walking track at Horsetail falls project is in progress. The final report from the West Coast Economic Work Group is available on the [Department of State Growth's website.](#)