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MEMBER UPDATE



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Merry Christmas

On behalf of the TSIC Board and Staff, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Enjoy some time with your family and friends during the festive break. And please everyone, stay safe.

TSIC Office Christmas Closure

The TSIC Office will be closed from 1200 noon on Friday 24 December 2021 until 900am on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

If you have an urgent issue during this time, please contact the TSIC Chief Executive, Julian Harrington, on 0407 242 933.

COVID-19 Business Safety Plans

As you would be aware, Tasmania's borders reopened yesterday (15 December). This has brought with it increased numbers of people coming into Tasmania.

The reopening of the borders brings with it an increased COVID-19 risk situation for Tasmanian businesses, including seafood businesses. In fact, the media this morning reported that one of the first arrivals into Tasmania from the mainland has tested positive to COVID.

As part of the Government's COVID-19 controls, there is a requirement for businesses to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan. This has been in place for some time. With the reopening of the borders, the Government now require some additional requirements within these Safety Management Plans. All businesses must comply with these new requirements.

To comply you will need to:

1. Review your current COVID Safety Plan to ensure it identifies all risks to workers and the workplace; and
2. Include some additional information in your COVID Safety Plan.

TSIC has developed a "COVID-19 Safety Plan – Additional Requirements" document to support seafood businesses comply with the new additional requirements.

This document can be found here [\[Covid 19 - Safety Plan - Additional Requirements\]](#).

The document also provides links to further information about the COVID-19 Safety Plan additional requirements.

DPIPWE name change!

TSIC has received the following correspondence from the Department Secretary:

From 1st December, we [changed] our name [from DPIPWE] to Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRET), with our clear purpose being: To deliver a sustainable Tasmania.

With that clear purpose in mind, we have developed a new, one-page strategic plan to show in concise terms the Department's priorities. The strategy embraces our role as stewards of the future of Tasmania and links strongly to the United Nations' sustainability goals.

To ensure a co-ordinated and consistent approach to land management and climate change across all natural resources; forest management policy, planning and regulation will transfer from the Department of State Growth into our newly-named department. Administration of The Forest Practices Authority and Private Forests Tasmania will also transfer across.

We are also realigning our organisational structure and reporting lines to ensure the best support in the achievement of our strategic priorities. It was previously announced that from 1 December the Environmental Protection Authority will move out of the Department to become a stand-alone agency. The new departmental structure provides increased clarity on the independence of the authorities the Department administers.

It's important to note that the changes do not involve job losses and our name change does not affect our well-recognised sub-brands such as Parks and Wildlife Service and The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

A message from the Compliance and Licencing Branch

On Friday 24th of December 2021, the Fisheries Compliance and Licensing Branch of Marine Resources will be closed from 12pm for the Christmas/New Year Break.

The Branch will re-open on Tuesday 4th January at 8:30am.

We wish all of our clients a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Survey activity in NW Tasmania

TSIC has received the following correspondence from the Marinus Link team.

I'm emailing you today to provide you with an update about our upcoming

Marine Engineering Geotechnical Site Investigation (MEGSI) surveys we have scheduled in Bass Strait between Heybridge in Tasmania and Waratah Bay in Victoria.

The tender for our MEGSI surveys has been awarded to Australian company MMA. Please refer to the media release [here](#).

The expert crew aboard the survey ship 'TEK Ocean Spirit' will leave from Burnie Port in mid-January 2022 and take between four to six weeks (weather dependent) to survey the 250 kilometres between Heybridge in Tasmania and Waratah Bay in Victoria.

The survey will be conducted on approximately 110 sites across Bass Strait, in sea depths up to 80 metres.

This is the third marine survey Marinus Link has undertaken to determine the most suitable corridor for the project's undersea cables to be sensitively buried.

The types of testing that will be undertaken in the survey include core sampling, cone penetrometer testing and thermal testing. The surveys will have a very localised impact, and will only require sampling up to 5 metres below the seafloor.

To ensure survey activities have a minimal impact on marine operators and waterway users, please check your local marine safety authority for notices.

It should be noted that there will be no seismic testing involved in this survey.

Supporting Women to Succeed Leadership Grant

Women in Seafood Foundations of Directorship & Facilitated Workshop and Networking Event

On the 23rd to the 25th of February 2022 a three-day, Australian Institute of Company Directors, course will be facilitated by the Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council. The Tasmanian Government has provided TSIC with funds to support their Women in Seafood Project through the Supporting Women to

Succeed Grants Program. This is an opportunity for women within the Tasmanian seafood industry to study and engage with educational content without any financial constraints. It is a perfect opportunity for personal and business level development. Further to the three day course, attendees will be given the opportunity to participate in one day grassroots leadership, local networking and mentoring event run by Affectus. Dates to be confirmed.

If you would like to attend please head to <https://www.tsic.org.au/women-in-seafood-foundations-of-directorship.html> or alternatively, email projectofficer@tsic.org.au and include your name, contact number, email address, your employer, your position and in 300 words tell us why you would like to participate in the course.



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mobilised RAW outreach officers into coastal communities (jetties, wharves etc).

Call Chris Claridge, Stay Afloat Outreach Officer, directly on **0477 066 112** (Monday-Friday).

Rural Business Tasmania

[Find more information](#) about Rural Business Tasmania, including how they can provide help and support for your business.



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