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Air quality this bushfire season

The devastating effects of bushfires are front of mind for many at this time of year, however while not always as obvious, smoke and other airborne particles caused by fires can also present great difficulty for those with asthma or other respiratory conditions.

The BLANKET (Base Line Air Network of EPA Tasmania) system is a valuable tool to assess air quality during fire season, providing real time data which can be easily accessed online by members of the public.



Located at the Bream Creek Showgrounds, the station was installed by Southern Waste Solutions in March 2014 and is one of a network of 34 air quality stations monitored by the EPA.

On New Year's Day the station picked up a spike in smoke particle concentration as a result of the Gell River bushfire burning in south-west Tasmania.

As well as air quality information, the system provides up-to-date and accurate local meteorological data, including current temperature, rainfall and wind speed and direction.

To access data from the Bream Creek BLANKET station visit epa.tas.gov.au

New authority makeup

Sorell Council Mayor Kerry Vincent has been appointed Chair of the Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority, replacing Jock Campbell who has ended his tenure serving Clarence City Council.

The Authority consists of four Members appointed by each of the Clarence City, Kingborough, Sorell and Tasman Councils and is tasked with overseeing the operations of the Copping Refuse Disposal Site.

For more information about the Authority, visit swstas.com.au/governance



Keeping Copping clean

Whether it's welcoming in the New Year at the picturesque Falls Festival or pulling the Blunnies on to take part in some old-fashioned country fun at the historic Bream Creek Show, there's no shortage of excitement around Copping during the warmer months.

While patrons and organisers do a wonderful job in limiting the environmental impact at both iconic Tasmanian events, as with any celebration, there's always some evidence of the merriment left behind.

That's where SWS steps in, providing free waste disposal to both events for the past 15 years. SWS CEO Christine Bell said the organisation was proud to play a part in seeing these important events continue to contribute to the vibrancy of the community.

"The Falls Festival and Bream Creek show are two very different events, but both showcase the magic of the area in their own special way," Ms Bell said.

"The Falls Festival sees 15,000 revellers enjoy international artists while taking in the natural beauty of Marion Bay and while it takes a strong clean-up effort from their team, we're glad we can help return the land back to pristine farming condition only a few days after the final set is played.

"This year the festival had a focus on reducing the amount of waste destined for landfill, with a strong waste-education presence and all food sold at the festival

required to be served in biodegradable packaging.

"As a result, we have seen a significant reduction in the tonnage of landfill waste received and both organisers and festival-goers should be applauded."

Ms Bell said the Bream Creek Show presented a wonderful opportunity for community members to come together and share the best aspects country life had to offer.

"There are not many real country shows left and that's what makes this event so special," she said.

"Whether it's checking out the famous pumpkins, seeing the animals or tasting a proper scone, there really is something for everyone.

"The delightful atmosphere of the show is testament to the close-knit nature of the community and we are extremely proud to continue our support of the event through the provision of free waste disposal services as well as a cash donation."

The 2019 Bream Creek Show will take place on Saturday, 16 March at the Bream Creek Showgrounds.