It was great to see such a good turnout for the Council’s Australia Day celebrations in Gutteridge Gardens. Congratulations to all of our award recipients – Citizen of the Year – Catherine Fernon, Junior Citizen of the Year – Shaun Hutchinson and Community Event of the Year – Project O Colourathon and also to all of those who were nominated; we’ve got lots of great people in this community. It was a pleasure to be able to welcome nine new Australian citizens, which was the most we have ever had. I would also like to thank the Council staff and volunteers for the time and effort they put in to making it another great day.

Council has noticed an infestation of English Broom and Foxgloves in the Waratah area and will be addressing this issue. With most infestations being on private or Crown land, Council’s NRM officer will be contacting property owners and alerting them of the need to control the weeds within their boundaries. I believe it is in the interest of the broader community to control these weeds and Council wants to work with all stakeholders, including the State Government to give momentum to the process. For more information you can contact Council’s NRM Officer on 6443 8351.

We have had lots of interstate tourists visiting our municipality lately, which is great to see. I’ve enjoyed getting to meet lots of different people and having conversations with them at the Wonders of Wynyard and at the Showground. More people have been using the information centre and I think that’s been an obvious benefit following its recent Tasmanian Tourism Awards win for being the best tourist information centre in the state.