It was with extreme sadness that we learnt of the passing of Mr Cyril Dixon last week. Cyril had a lifetime of involvement in several community and business organisations and was a very generous and helpful member of our community. In 1993 when council amalgamations were introduced, he became the first mayor of the Waratah-Wynyard Council. He served as mayor until 1999, but continued to follow the organisation with great interest until the very end. Our condolences go to his family at this sad time. He will be missed by all who knew him in our community.

Sometimes the traditional ‘congratulations and well done’ seems to be an inadequate way to recognise a great achievement. This is definitely the case when it comes to the superhuman efforts of Somerset’s Craig Machen and his circumnavigation of Tasmania in support of his great mate Kirk Dicker. This has made an enormous impact towards the cause for motor neurone disease, with Craig presenting Mr Dicker with cheque for $43,785. Great effort Craig; you truly are an inspiration and you have done us all very proud.

The council is holding an information session on Wednesday afternoon on the concept plans for a new car park and Civic Space in the Goldie Street north precinct. This is a good opportunity to come and have your say and share your views on this development. All the feedback received will be taken on board. The session will be held on Goldie Street (between Frenchsticks Bakery and Noah’s Coffee Lounge) from 4pm to 6pm. In the event of rain, it will be held in the Council chambers at 21 Saunders Street.