The Boat Harbour Craft Group is inviting women in the municipality to celebrate International Women's Day with a morning tea on Wednesday, March 8. The event will be held from 10.30am at St Stephens Church Hall in Wynyard. Entry is by $10 donation with all funds raised going to the Care for Africa Foundation. Those wanting to attend can RSVP to Catherine Fernon by Friday March 3 at cafernon@gmail.com

In recent weeks I’ve had quite a lot of positive feedback of how nice the floral gardens look in the Wynyard and Somerset area. This is a credit to the parks and reserves team for the effort they have put in to keep them maintained. Great work to the team and thank you to the public for the recognition.

While we’re on the subject of gardens, the vegetable gardens are thriving at the Wynyard Community Garden area off Austin Street. I’ve also noticed a wonderful new addition to the garden area in the form of a landscape mural created on the side of their storage container. This really adds to the feel of the gardens and it’s great to see that all the hard work of the community members has paid off.

I would like to remind everyone that it is illegal to dump rubbish in the bush. It has been really disappointing lately when I’ve visited our local plantation and native forest areas and noticed a large amount of rubbish being dumped, along with other things including white goods, household items and burnt out cars. This all seriously detracts from the natural vegetation and spoils what is a beautiful environment.