As you may be aware, this week is National Volunteer Week, where we acknowledge the contribution of our wonderful volunteers. The State Emergency Service has chosen this week to take the opportunity to recognise their volunteers by encouraging everyone to wear orange on Wednesday, May 10 for WOW Day (Wear Orange Wednesday). I think this is a great initiative and it’s something I’m pleased to see this Council support. For more information about what you can do to support WOW Day, visit [www.wearorangewednesday.com.au](http://www.wearorangewednesday.com.au/)

It was great to see my fellow councillor Alwyn Friedersdorf given the honour of opening the latest exhibition at the Wonders of Wynyard. ‘Between Here and There’ by local artists Bev McNamara and Judy Taylor opened last Friday night and will be on display for the rest of the month. Their work is described as quirky and exotic and predominantly features our wonderful landscape. If you get the chance, why not make the trip down and see some great artwork from some very talented locals. ‘Between Here and There’ is open daily at the Wonders of Wynyard from 10am to 4pm.

Last week I was very saddened to hear the announcement that Murray Goulburn would be closing the milk processing plant at Edith Creek by the end of the year. While the plant may be outside our municipality, I think this will have an impact on the wider region and the industry as a whole. It’s never good to hear about local job losses and I hope that there is an option for the future use of the site.