There are whispers about at the moment that the Waratah-Wynyard Council is planning to re-develop the Wynyard Showground. I can tell you that there are no such plans to do so. What I can say is that we are currently developing an Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan (OSSRP), which is examining the usage of Council buildings and facilities with a view to promoting more shared use and multi-use buildings and facilities in the future. This is because we have many facilities which are only used for part of each year by a narrow group of users, yet the community is contributing funding to maintain these facilities year round. All clubs and associations that use the showground have been consulted and any changes would only occur with their full agreement and no one would be forced to move to another location. It is expected that the OSSRP will undergo public consultation in about a month’s time and I am more than happy to discuss the plan with community members during this process.

The Waratah-Wynyard Youth Leaders (WWYL) recruitment drive was officially launched at Wynyard High School as part of Youth Week activities last Wednesday. WWYL is a new group for young people aged between 14-25 working together to improve life for other young people in waratah Wynyard. If you’re interested in joining, or want more information, you can visit waratah Wynyard Youth Leaders facebook page or contact Chantelle French 6443 8320 or cfrench@warwyn.tas.gov.au

Finally, I’d like to wish you all a happy and safe Easter; I hope you enjoy the break.