Last week our community gathered in great numbers for ANZAC Day around the municipality. It was great to see the Wynyard RSL was packed with a bumper crowd for the breakfast after the dawn service and also for the luncheon after the morning service. I particularly enjoyed hearing from the school kids and other guest speakers on the day. The high level of representation from our schools is certainly something that is very pleasing to see. It’s good to see that we’re not only maintaining, but actually increasing the numbers of people attending the services. Well done to all those who organised services.

This week we have five University of Tasmania medical students spending time in Waratah-Wynyard as part of a Rural Week experience, which forms part of their education and training to become doctors. During the students will find out what health issues affect people living rurally during clinical placements, while learning from local government and community services about community health needs and priorities. Industry visits will allow students to see the many positive effects industry can have on health and learn how occupational health and safety can reduce health risks.

Last week we saw the first of Metro Tasmania’s 100 new buses roll out at Elphinstone’s Southern Prospect plant in Wynyard. It’s great to see a local business carrying out this work and I’m sure this will be a boost to employment in our area.

You may have noticed there has been some roadside slashing going on as we lead into winter. Just a reminder to motorists that you might see some machines about so please take care on our country roads.