It was great to be at the Athenaeum Hall in Waratah on Saturday 2 June for the inaugural meeting of the Waratah Community Board. Along with other Councillors and Council staff, we also had a number of members of the Waratah community attend this meeting, which was very pleasing to see. The members of the inaugural board are Kevin Hyland (chair), Rosemary Dick (deputy chair), Anne Dunham, Yvette Ekman, Neil Thorne and Tony Schmidt. They will be working with Council over the next three years to deliver the Waratah Community Plan 2018-2021 and I look forward to seeing this progress. It was clear from attending this meeting that they’ve got lots of great ideas and enthusiasm and I’m sure they will do a great job of representing their community.

The Department of State Growth is inviting the community to have their say on the important issues on the Bass Highway between Cooee and Wynyard. This is part of a planning study to identify areas to improve the highway’s reliability and safety. The study includes assessment of the Cam River Bridge and looking at alternative routes for emergency access if an incident closed the bridge. Further information and an interactive map to provide your feedback is available through the Council’s website and Facebook page. Comments can be made until Tuesday, 31 July 2018, so there’s still plenty of time if you’d like to have your say.

Congratulations to Rebecca Dobson on winning the Bill French Memorial Bursary for 2018. This is a $500 grant awarded by the Council to assist students going onto university. Rebecca is now attending UTAS and I’d like to wish her all the best with her studies.