Council has recently endorsed a draft masterplan for the East Wynyard Foreshore, which is part of the larger Open Space Sport and Recreation Plan. The first steps of the process will be the removal of the five remaining Cyprus Macrocarpa trees on the foreshore. Council had a third party arborist assess these trees two years ago and they were deemed to be at or near the end of their life. We’ve been carefully monitoring and maintaining to extend their life as far as possible. Regrettably it has now come time where we can no longer reasonably provide a safe public space with the trees in place. Removal works are due to start on April 23, with Council looking at suitable options for replanting in the future. Watch this space for further updates and community consultation for this project.

At this stage ten clubs have expressed their intention to take part in this years’ Try Skill program in the April school holidays. Confirmed activities are badminton, golf, jiu jitsu, lawn bowls, outrigger paddling, photography, rhee taekwon-do, sailing, squash and tennis. Full program details and enrolment forms will be distributed to schools in the municipality, and will available on from the Council offices and website.

Last week we had volunteers from Conservation Volunteers Tasmania plant 595 new species at three different sites along the Inglis River near Boat Harbour. The planting was part of the Agricultural Landscape Rehabilitation Scheme, which was set up to assist landowners affected by the floods in June 2016. If you’d like to hear about this, there is a video on the Council Youtube and Facebook page where I speak with project officer Barbara Alsop about the great work they’re doing.