Welcome back for another year folks; I hope you’ve all had a good break over the Christmas and New Year period. We’ve got a huge day coming up with our Australia Day celebrations, with the usual ceremony in Gutteridge Gardens as well as other events in Somerset and Sisters Beach. In Wynyard there is a barbecue and pancake breakfast from 8am, where there will also be live entertainment. The presentation of the Australia Day awards will commence approximately 9.15am, where we will announce the recipients of the Australia Day Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event of the Year. Our ambassador for this year is Dr Christina Henri from the University of Tasmania. Over at the Somerset the Rotary Club will have their Foreshore Fiesta at Anzac Park from 10am and at Sisters Beach there’s a community event from 11am, including a color fun run at 1pm.

Council is currently seeking public comment for the Central Area Development Plans for Wynyard and Somerset. These plans will help us develop a long-term strategy to guide public and private investment in the central areas of Wynyard and Somerset over the next 25 years. I’d like to encourage residents to go online to provide ideas and feedback via http://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/yoursay or by emailing Council@warwyn.tas.gov.au

Some good news for everyone on the repairs to the Inglis River track, with the southern end of the track is now opened for use up to the Highway. The bridge to connect both sides at the Highway is currently being manufactured offsite and the northern side repair work is being scoped and planned so we can expect more progress in the near future.