Next Wednesday we will be commemorating Anzac Day in our municipality with services in Wynyard, Somerset and Waratah. Wynyard will have a dawn parade assembling at the RSL Club at 5.45am. The dawn service will be at the Cenotaph at 6am with a breakfast to follow at the RSL Club. Later in the day we will have the morning parade at 10.45, followed by the morning service at 11am. Waratah will also have a dawn service at 6am, followed by a parade at 10.50am and morning service. In Somerset the morning parade will assemble at 8:45am corner of Falmouth Street & the Esplanade, followed by the morning service in Anzac Park at 9am. I’m looking forward to getting along to some of the services and I’m sure it will be a great day.

Last month I mentioned that Council would be removing the five remaining Cyprus Macrocarpa trees on the East Wynyard foreshore. I’d just like to give another reminder that this work is due to start on Monday, April 23 and should be completed that week. It is regrettable that this is happening, but unfortunately these trees have reached the end of their useful life and we can no longer reasonably provide a safe public space with them in place. If you have any questions about this, please contact me or the Council’s engineering department on 6443 8351.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to congratulate our friends down the road in Smithton on being crowned Australia’s Tidiest Town. It’s a fantastic achievement for a small town to receive this honour, so well done my Circular Head counterpart Daryl Quilliam and others that were involved.