Last week Wynyard said farewell to two stalwarts of our community. John Symonds OAM and Albert Viney were well known for their contribution to various organisations and they will be very sadly missed. John was a long standing secretary of the Wynyard Historical Society and was a regular fixture volunteering at the Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition Centre and the Wynyard information centre before that. Albert was involved in the Rotary Club of Wynyard for many years, with his contribution recognised with the Paul Harris fellowship and later a Sapphire.

A huge congratulations to Boat Harbour’s Leigh Barrenger who recently completed a 6km swim from Sisters Beach to Boat Harbour beach to raise money for disadvantaged students. Completing his swim in about one hour and 18 minutes, Leigh raised almost $7000 in conjunction with the Smith family. Well done to everyone involved.

Last week Crime Stoppers launched its Dob in a Dealer campaign to encourage communities and individuals to report the manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine, commonly known as ice. Please help our Police rid our society of this dreadful scourge by phoning Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 (all information is confidential). If you or someone you know is affected by drug use or addiction, please contact support services such as Family Drug Support Australia’s support line on 1300 368 186 (available 24 hours a day, seven days a week) or Alcohol and Drug Information Service on 1800 811 994 (a 24-hour information and counselling line).