Well hello everyone, I’m back after a bit of holiday and firstly I would like to pass on my special thanks Deputy Mayor Alwyn Friedersdorff for the terrific job she did as Acting Mayor during my absence. Cr Friedersdorff stepped in during my time away and performed more than admirably in the role. It’s good to return after the short break to recharge the batteries, and as they say there’s no place like home.

One of my first duties on returning was an invitation to attend Government House in Hobart to be the guest at the ceremony to award our local Order of Australia Medal recipient Mr John Symonds. It was an honour and a privilege to be present for this event and to be part of sharing the excitement with John and his family. Congratulations again John.

Council is working with the Somerset community to address issues raised about the mixed uses of the Cam River Reserve. Council commissioned CSE Tasmania to conduct an independent engineering traffic assessment of the area following concerns about the mix of vehicles and pedestrians on the reserve. The assessment’s recommendations were consistent with Council’s Cam River Reserve Landscape Development Plan 2012, which recommended improvements to pedestrian amenity in the reserve area. Council has therefore agreed to seek feedback from affected stakeholders on four main suggested improvements on the reserve. More information, including a copy of the CSE Tasmania traffic assessment and the suggested improvements, please visit Council’s website at www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/camriver