The search is on for individuals, businesses and community groups that are making a difference in our community through the annual Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards. Nominations are now open in a range of categories with winners each receiving $1000 or a television airtime package on Southern Cross Television. Nomination forms are available from State and Federal MPs electorate offices, sponsors or by contacting the Awards Office on (03) 6234 9677, emailing caa@awardsaustralia.com or by nominating online at www.awardsaustralia.com. Nominations close Friday 21 August 2015.

If you haven’t heard, the University of the Third Age (U3A) is now on offer in Wynyard. U3A is an international voluntary organisation promoting lifelong learning and aimed primarily at the over 55s. There are no entry qualifications, no exams and classes may be held in coffee shops, community halls or on field trips. For more information please email u3awynyard@gmail.com or send a letter to P.O. Box 29 Wynyard 7325.

In an effort to reduce costs at the Wynyard Waste Transfer Station (tip) and to achieve consistency with other waste transfer stations across the Coast, Council has reduced the opening hours to 10am to 4pm daily. However, there has been a 25% reduction in gate fees and property owners will continue to receive 10 tip tickets along with their rates notice. Tip tickets are provided free of charge to assist in disposing of additional waste throughout the year. Ratepayers may notice that the Waste Utility Charge is $90 this year (up from $80 last year), which helps to pay for the provision of the Waste Transfer Station and the distribution of waste to the Port Latta site.