Council has established a larger green waste area at the Wynyard Transfer Station so that you are now able to dispose of all waste timber at half the cost of normal waste as well as all green waste. This facility has been created to help address the rising cost of waste management by conserving landfill space. All material recovered in this new area will be shredded and recycled as landfill cover material at the Port Latta Landfill. There is also an area to dispose of heavy inert building waste at the Wynyard Transfer Station such as bricks, tiles and concrete. By crushing the material it can be re-used as fill or road material onsite if appropriate; again this addresses the rising cost of waste by recycling material.

I enjoyed myself at the Somerset Christmas Parade last week and was glad to see so many people out and about. The Annual Wynyard Christmas Parade will again be conducted on Christmas Eve (24 December 2014). The parade is conducted by the Wynyard Lions Club and will commence about 7pm in Goldie Street, Wynyard. The Wynyard Baptist Church will be holding carols in Gutteridge Gardens after the Christmas Parade. For more information please contact Owen Muskett on 0456 098 057. In case of bad weather the carols at the Baptist Church.

As this will be my last message for the year, on behalf of Councillors and Staff I wish all residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please take care on the roads over the festive season.