

Mayors Report – December Gazette

Well I really can't believe where the last 12 months have gone since the Local Government Election, I have now been in the job for over a year and the time has flown by fast. I am looking forward to the next year ahead and I am sure it will be full of challenges for the region but let's hope we can all work together to achieve plenty of good outcomes

Is summer here at last? I have noticed the water carters busy on the roads so it's that time of year when we all have to start reducing our water usage over the dryer months. Visitor numbers are constantly on the rise this time of year, so please also be patient when traveling on our roads. Ensure you allow extra travel time as you head through to Hobart for shopping or appointments.

This month I attended a Tourism 2030 Strategy Workshop. Looking forward to see what Tasmania would like to see happen with tourism over the next 10 years. I was hearing a fairly consistent message about 'quality tourism visitors', rather than high number of mass visitors. This can only be positive from our community prospective, with the local assets we have to offer in our local region. I think that for instance, the ferry proposal from Nubeena to Hobart could really help traffic flows and improve how visitors experience our region.

Congratulations to our Tasmanian Tourism Award winners for 2019! Well done to all those who are working hard in the tourism industry and I think we were the biggest winners outside of Hobart region this year.

Major Tourist Attractions

GOLD: Port Arthur Historic Site

Gustav's Award for New Tourism Business

SILVER: Three Capes Lodge Walk

Major Tour and Transport Operator

GOLD: Pennicott Wilderness Journeys

Tourism Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries

GOLD: Bangor Vineyard Shed

Caravan and Holiday Parks

GOLD: NRMA Port Arthur Holiday Park **(HALL OF FAME)**

It won't be long now until the School Term finishes for another year and the holiday season begins. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends.

Mayor

Kelly Spaulding