

## **Mayors Report – March 2019**

Well again the month has gone so fast, much of my time being eaten up by the preparation for our public meeting regards to information about the proposed merger/amalgamation with Sorell on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February at Taranna. I know it was a great opportunity for everyone to pre-summit, lodge on the day and in the end just to ask questions from the meeting floor. Mayor Kerry Vincent from Sorell was given the opportunity to attend but felt it was not appropriate for him to attend as its Tasman community decision now.

A fantastic Australia Day celebration was had at Nubeena; once again a huge thanks to all the volunteers who made this event happen. We were a few food vans short due to them being called away to the fires around the state and we all know the important roll people play in times of disasters. Positive talks are still underway in regards to securing a new Medical Practice management provider for the Tasman Medical Practice. Tasman has provided a vital role in this process many things have been discussed including the difficulty getting an appointment and also that the State and Commonwealth Governments are exploring possible funding options for the medical practice. I can assure you as Mayor, I am working hard to get a long term solution and all parties talking in a positive matter for our community.

During this month I also performed my first Australian Citizen Ceremony. It was an amazing feeling to be part of such a special occasion with two nervous and excited new citizens!

I hear you all when you ask what do we get for our rates. My job as Mayor to lead this community in a positive direction. You have also elected 6 other Councillors to also lead and plan for a future of our Municipality. Hot topics will always pop up from time to time and it's great that we have such a diverse and passionate community.

I have to stick with the hard facts and as far as Tasman's financials go. I truly feel for the first time in my 42 years here in the Tasman that we have a unique opportunity to move forward and embrace the growth into the future. Tasman is leading the way by putting our future to the vote and as stakeholders in our community, your voices need to be heard. So please make sure you vote and return your postal ballot papers, which will be distributed by mid-March.

I truly love our Tasman Municipality!



Kelly Spaulding  
**Mayor**