

At its meeting on 21 April Council made the following decisions:w

- Agreed to respond to the State Government on its proposed amendments to the land use planning legislation, particularly in relation to proposed “Projects of Regional Significance” and Ministerial call-in powers.
- Endorsed Braddon MP Jeremy Rockliff’s Private Members Bill to amend the Tasmanian Ports Corporations Act 2005, to provide regional representation on the TasPorts Board.
- Agreed to continue lobbying the State Government for the proper recognition of Council’s unique position in relation to Water and Sewerage reform and to produce a new information brochure for the community.
- Agreed to make submissions on the Treasurer’s draft Returns Allocation Order (distributions) and draft Interim Price Order for Water and Sewerage after 1 July, 2009.
- Noted the draft Transfer Orders for the transfer of Council’s Water and Sewerage assets, rights, liabilities and employees as at 1 July. Final approval to be further considered in conjunction with the Treasurer’s other Orders.

Will’s got talent

Council would like to congratulate Burnie teenager Will Campbell for his impressive journey on the reality TV show Australia’s Got Talent.

The 16-year-old finished in the top three, beating thousands of hopefuls across Australia.

This opportunity will open many doors for the talented diablo star who is a fantastic role model for Burnie’s youth.

Bernie bound for Cairns

Bernie on Wheels has been invited to strut his stuff at the 10th National Rural Health Conference in Cairns this year.

Council’s Mobile Family Support Services Project Officer Meg Arvier will showcase the Burnie marketing project at the conference from 17-20 May.

Meg said the national conference would provide the opportunity for participants to exchange views and be introduced to research reports, practical case studies, arts-in-health activities, an exhibition and much interaction between delegates.

Works Advice

Works currently being undertaken or have been completed to improve infrastructure and services for our community:

- South Riana Road upgrade – works are well underway.
- Romaine Reserve disabled toilets – in progress.
- Burnie Park walking track repairs – completed.
- Rural roads shoulder spraying – underway.
- Damian Avenue footpath construction works – in progress.
- Fernglade Reserve upgrade (toilet, BBQs) – commenced.
- West Mooreville Road upgrade works – in progress.
- Waterfront Upgrade – works in progress on Mount to Wilson Streets and Wilson to Wilmot Streets sections. Progress Report No. 5 is now available on Council’s website www.burnie.net. During these works the public’s co-operation is requested in observing signs and any directions given.

Council’s next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19 May at 7pm.

The meeting agenda is available from our website the Friday prior to the meeting. For Council information visit www.burnie.net or telephone 6430 5700.