

Mayor's Message for Burnie City News

By Mayor Alwyn Boyd

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IT has been a long time in between messages and I am grateful to be back as your Mayor.

Thank you to everyone who voted in this year's Local Government elections. The end result has brought some change for our Council as we welcome new Alderman Steve Kons and James Simpson.

We also farewell Alderman Robert Bentley and Des Hodgetts who will be missed contributors and friends to their fellow alderman.

Our Council has experienced some exciting times over the years lifting this City to greater heights.

We have much to be excited about going this new era and by working together our vision can create important opportunities for this community.

As an avid gardener it was exciting to see Acton Primary School learning about how to grow and eat healthy food.

Last Thursday the school invited well-known chef and food writer Stephanie Alexander to talk about her Kitchen Garden Program.

The program is designed for grades 3-6 students to get hands-on food education through a garden and kitchen.

Students will grow their own vegetables, fruits and herbs and later prepare meals from the seasonal produce they have grown.

Acton is one of three schools in the State to be part of this program.

For more information about the program visit the website at www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au

Congratulations to our Burnie Youth Council who last week claimed gold at the 2009 Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge Tasmania awards in Hobart.

This year's challenge focused on youth violence and saw Burnie blitz the field against schools from across the State.

Burnie City Council Youth Development Officer Mel Taylor and representatives from the Youth Council attended the awards ceremony with the \$600 prize being accepted by Hayley White, of Parklands High School, and Jacqui Fishwick, of Marist Regional College.

About 30 Youth Council members have worked hard on this project for months and to see their efforts rewarded is the icing on the cake for all involved.