

Mayor's Message for Burnie City News

By General Manager Paul Arnold

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Congratulations to everyone involved in Saturday night's Burnie Ten Silver Jubilee Dinner. It was a splendid way to celebrate such an outstanding achievement.

With less than two weeks before the annual race is held, organisers were able to look back on the premier event's 25-year history through an impressive photographic display.

It was fantastic to have the inaugural race winner and Olympic Games champion Steve Moneghetti share his thoughts on how influential the Burnie Ten was to his career.

After a disappointing loss early on, Moneghetti revealed how he had contemplated chucking in the towel on his marathon career. But a smart decision to run in the first Burnie Ten saw the young talent claim the title, which reignited his passion for competition.

The Burnie Ten has been the stage for many star athletes since its inception in 1985 and continues to boast record numbers. Mike Boss-Walker gave a valuable insight into how Australia's premier 10 km footrace was born. Over 43,000 people have competed during the past 25 years.

I'd encourage all who can to sign up for the October 18 event and be part of a commemorative day. Let's set another record of participation this year.

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October has arrived, which means one thing – Burnie Shines.

If you haven't already checked out the program for the month-long festival then grab a copy from the Council Offices or go to the website at www.burnieshines.com

Council's Tourism and Marketing crew have again produced something special guaranteed to help us shake off the winter blues.

This is also a good opportunity to support the region's local performers who continue to help make the festival a success.