

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 16th April 2024

Post election, we are basically back where we started – in a minority government situation. I just hope that the members of the crossbench support supply and confidence thereby allowing the passages of finance bills. Otherwise, we end up in a situation like what happens in the US a couple of times each year where the government almost runs out of money until a last desperate effort is made to get it approved.

A Liberal pre-election commitment will provide Burnie Council with \$17.3m to assist in the redevelopment of our CBD. Cyndia Hilliger and I have been on the CBD Reference Group for about 18 months and have had significant input to the proposed *Burnie City Urban Plan*. I look forward to this being put out for public consultation on the 29th and 30th of May.



Following on from our recent breakfast featuring Guy Leech promoting the *Heart180* program designed to have a defibrillator unit within 180 seconds of anyone in the CBD area, we have decided to enter a partnership with Somerset Rotary to half fund the purchase of a unit to be located near the Wilson St entrance to the Plaza Arcade - it will be available 24hours per day. Given the number of people that flow through the arcade we believe this will be a real asset to the community.

Do you already have a defibrillator unit at your place of business? If so, please let me know so it can be added to the [DefibHero app](#) so we know where every defib unit is around the CBD - you may save a life by doing this!



Last Wednesday we had the federal minister for Communications Michelle Rowland speaking to us on *Driving Regional Growth & Productivity*. The *Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia* is a key initiative of the Federal Government. The Minister spoke on how these connectivity upgrades are supporting local business, industry and productivity across northwest Tasmania. I subsequently hosted her to meet with Ben Maynard at Grange Resources to hear how his organisation is using nbn services in the business.

Our next event is an evening function on May 1st. **What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!** There have been major changes to the *Fair Work Act* this year. The changes we have seen as a result of the *Changing Loopholes Legislation* affects every single workplace and employer in the country, and they have created a heightened era of compliance. As employers, you will need to exercise greater caution and devote more attention than ever before to ensure compliance with these new changes and obligations. TCCI is sending us workplace expert Stacey Joseph to give this vital update.



Drinks and snacks will be provided, the cost is \$15 which will be donated to the EVRG. [Tickets here](#)

This month's general meeting is tonight, Wednesday April 17th at 6pm in the Burnie RSL Club - I hope you can join us and perhaps share a meal afterwards. I am concerned that numbers attending our meetings are sometimes insufficient to obtain a quorum and am keen to discover reasons that people are not joining us. If you have any feedback, please let me know – the general meetings are vital to set policy for the future and for all of us to understand what is happening in your business.

Best regards



Ian Jones – President

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