

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 15th October 2025

Another month flies by as we hurtle towards the festive season. I was pleased to be reappointed as president of the organisation at last month's AGM. Our executive committee is unchanged, and I commend the support they provide me.



Meanwhile at the state level debate continues on the building of the proposed stadium. TCCI's viewpoint is that there is a need for proper governance to be enacted to review each of the three proposed stadium projects by a parliamentary committee. I have reviewed all three projects in the last two weeks, and each has merit – we need to have the best solution available.

This Saturday Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens is holding its Spring Festival event, and with fine weather forecast for a warm afternoon it is well worth a visit to our gold medal winning tourist attraction. From 10am to 3pm it will feature music from Jerome Hillier, comedy acts, lots of food plus activities for the children.



Exciting news for Burnie as NEO announces a fund raising to support its subsidiary Viridis to build a data centre here in the next twelve months (\$12m commitment). I am pleased that we have given a "helping hand" to Viridis in recent months. This is testament to the green energy status of our state, and Viridis will even be using hydrogen as part of its backup strategy. Read more [here](#).

HIF Global recently announced its intent to build a green methanol plant on the old APPM site at South burnie and is holding community consultation sessions:

Find out more at:

2025 Community Drop-in Sessions

Wednesday 22 October

South Burnie Football Club
Wivenhoe Recreation Ground
1-7 Pearl Street, **Wivenhoe**
Any time from 3pm to 7pm

Thursday 23 October

Upper Burnie Memorial Hall
242 Mount Street, **Upper BURNIE**
Any time from 3pm to 6pm

In conjunction with Business Tasmania, we recently presented a special retail training seminar to help local retailers better merchandise their stores. Retail expert Assoc Prof. Louise Grimmer of UTAS provided an entertaining session which several retailers used the very next morning!



We are currently running a retail promotion called *Shop Local Win Big* in conjunction with SeaFM & 7BU. There are 20 retailers in Burnie and a handful in Wynyard where you can win back the value of your purchase simply by scanning the QR code and sending a copy of your receipt to the website - look for the poster in store windows or see [here](#) for a list of stores.



This year's Christmas Parade will be on December 12th and SeaFM/7BU is calling for registration for businesses to create floats for the parade. Last year it was huge and this year we want it to be huger!! In conjunction with this we will be running a giant Christmas raffle where tickets will be earned by shopping in Burnie at nominated stores so you can win prizes donated by our wonderful retailers. Prizes will be drawn under the community tree at the Anglican Church after the parade.

Best regards



Ian Jones – President

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