5 Minutes with Mayor Kevin Hyland

Birth date - 14.12.1950
How long have you lived in the Waratah-Wynyard municipality?
All my life except for 20 years in Brisbane from 1970-1990.
What is your favourite location in the Waratah-Wynyard area?
Waratah.
What are you most passionate about in life?
I am passionate about everything life has to offer.
What do you do on your days off?
I try and catch up with jobs around the house, tend to my hobby, or head for the shack at Great Lake.
Favourite music?
Anything Country and Western.
Favourite TV show?
Geelong demonstrating the real art of Australian Rules football.
How do you keep fit?
By keeping active and doing plenty of walking.
What do you like to indulge in when no one is looking?
A good wine trifle with plenty of cream on top.
The Lord Mayor prefers his toilet paper to hang over the front of the toilet roll, which way do you prefer it to hang?
As long as there is paper hanging on the holder, it’s always a bonus!
How long have you worked in Local Government and how many years have you served as Mayor?
Nearly nine years in Local Government and two years, come October, as Mayor.
How did you become involved in Local Government?
I have always been heavily involved in community events and decided I could make a greater contribution to the wider community by joining Local Government.
What are the most satisfying aspects of your role?
Being part of the community and doing the ‘hands-on’ thing, making time to work with community groups on their projects.
What is the most memorable moment of your career?
Having grown up in the community and being elected as the leader of that community.
What’s your most embarrassing moment?
When I choked at the Australia Day Ceremony whilst announcing the Governor’s wife!

Kevin Hyland pictured here supporting the Cancer Council’s ‘Bosom Buddies’ fundraiser - so he says!

“He’s not shy our mayor!”
- Personal Assistant Sharon Watts on Kevin Hyland.

What’s the best advice someone has given you?
When attending functions - always know exactly where you are going, be on time and always be prepared to say a few words.
What’s one word other people might use to describe you?
Approachable.
What are your plans for the future?
To continue on in Local Government at the highest level.

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New Director of Local Government Development

Alistair Scott has been appointment as the new Director of Local Government Development in the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Alistair has extensive experience in State and Commonwealth public sector management and policy development, having held a number of senior management positions, most recently in the Department of Primary Industries and Water. He has also been closely involved in a number of areas of vital interest to Local Government including conservation, natural resource management, water management, planning and climate change.

Last year, Alistair chaired the State Drought Taskforce, re-formed to coordinate the response to the dry conditions across Tasmania since early 2006.

More recently, he coordinated the development of the Draft Climate Change Strategy for Tasmania and worked closely with the Local Government Association of Tasmania on climate change and the potential impacts of sea-level rise on coastal areas around the state.

In his new position with the Department’s Local Government Office, Alistair will be focusing on further strengthening the relationship between State and Local Government in Tasmania and building councils’ capacity to improve service delivery to local communities.

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