Five Minutes with Mayor Bertrand Cadart
Glamorgan Spring Bay Council

Birth date - 30 April 1948

How long have you lived in the Glamorgan Spring Bay district and what lured you to the area?

I moved to Bicheno in August 2000 to pursue a romantic affair of the heart. I am a passionate man and if my heart had led me in the direction of North Queensland, or even to Christmas Island - this is where I would have gone. Ah... Cherchez la Femme. In the end, the relationship did not work out, but Tasmania - and the Freycinet Coast in particular - has taken its place in my heart.

Which part of France do you come from?

I was born and bred just south of the Somme area, where hundreds of thousands of Aussie diggers fought against the German Army in the Battle of the Somme during the First World War.

How do you find the people of Tasmania?

The inhabitants of Tasmania are unique. Within the national Australian psyche, Tasmanians have developed a way of life that is uniquely their own. It is this way of life that convinced me to stay - even after the disappearance of my initial reason for coming here. My love of Tassie also led to my decision to enter local politics. I have made my home here, and speaking in terms that hark back to my days in radio, I am now on the same wavelength as the inhabitants of this wonderful island. And I believe I have something special to contribute to Tasmania and to Glamorgan Spring Bay.

What was your working background in France?

After my secondary cycle of study, I attended an acting school for two years whilst being a ‘gopher’ (go-for) in a large and popular radio station in Paris. This led me to work with radio stations all over the world for a large part of my life, including 20 years working for the ABC’s Radio Australia overseas service in Melbourne.

Tell us about that distinctive moustache - does this style run in the family?

Not recently, although my great-great-grandfather, who was a Senator in the French Parliament, did sport a moustache of this kind. But extravagant facial hair was very fashionable at that time. I have been growing my moustache for 30 years. In 1978, George Miller, Director of the original Mad Max movie, asked me to shave off my bushy beard for the shoot. During the filming, I looked like Bert Newton. Once the film was shot, I decided to grow this moustache because I have always wanted to look like a General of the American Confederate Army during the Civil War.

Do you have any special grooming tips for aspiring moustache growers out there?

Be patient.

What do you like to do on your days off?

Since being elected Mayor, my days off are as rare as hens’ teeth! When I manage to have one, I love to (in this order) go for a ride on one of my personal motorcycles, take my English Bulldog for a walk on the beach and lastly, have three-hour siestas in the middle of the day while attempting to read the book I have wanted to read for yonks which had somehow become sidetracked.

Does your bulldog ride everywhere with you?

Unfortunately my mayoral scooter is not suitable for carrying around a 28kg English bulldog. Besides, he shamelessly passes the most putrid of winds - my Council members would walk out ‘en masse’ if I should bring him to the chambers. I have always wondered how Prime Minister Winston Churchill got away with it. My canine friend’s name is “CB 1300” and he is named after a particular Honda motorcycle with huge amounts of torque and grunt!

What makes you laugh?

All sorts of laughable things - it’s not hard at all to make me laugh.

What annoys you?

Rampant stupidity, narrow mindedness, selfishness and incompetence. Also, riding one of my motorcycles poorly through one of my favorite corners.

How did you become involved in Local Government?

In 2005, I was elected as a Councillor for a 2-year term, responding to numerous requests from people living in my beloved area, including the Mayor of the day, Clr Cheryl Arnol.

What were your first thoughts or words upon hearing that you had been elected as Mayor?

Sacrebleu!!!! Fair dinkum!!!!
What do you hope to accomplish as Glamorgan Spring Bay’s new Mayor?
One could write a book about that question - I will summarise by saying that I hope to emerge as a better man and to see that GSBC is a better place for my time at the helm. And I expect that my time as Mayor will result in a much larger network of friends.

What has been the most memorable moment of your Local Government career so far?
At my second Council meeting - Clr. Jim Walters questioned me as to why I had retained my heavy Gallic accent after living in Australia for so many years; to which I responded, in front of a full Council and gallery, that this accent had served me well as a “chick magnet” for over 30 years. The laughter that rocked the Council Chambers will stay with me.

What has been your most embarrassing moment?
Not so much embarrassing, but surprising, when I was challenged by some members of my Council about my choice of mayoral vehicle. I was totally and sincerely convinced that I was doing the right thing by nominating a scooter, rather than a petrol-guzzling limousine. I prevailed on that one, eventually.

What is the best advice someone has given you?
My father has always said to me that even when one is petrified with fear, one must keep on going.

What’s one word other people might use to describe you?
Eccentric.

Bertrand Cadart’s distinctive moustache bears a striking resemblance to that of his great-great-grandfather, French Senator, Monsieur Théodore Tenaille-Saligny

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The Man Behind the Moustache

STEPHANIE WATSON, EDITOR

He’s debonair, charismatic, charming, single and sooo French. I’m talking, of course, about Bertrand Cadart, Glamorgan Spring Bay’s newly elected Mayor and, it would seem, so is everyone else!

As a newly elected Councillor, Bertrand was committed to making a difference in his community. He set about creating a “motorcycle-friendly municipality” and would conclude his correspondence with the statement, “Passion 4 the region”. Now, as Mayor, Bertrand declares his “Passion 2 lead the region” as he goes about business in his own formidable style - on a motor scooter. Since his appointment, the motorcycle-loving Mayor’s story has reverberated around the globe, capturing people’s attention everywhere.

In 2000, while contemplating his move to Tasmania, Bertrand sought the wisdom of well-meaning colleagues and friends who warned him, “Tasmania is a hick town... it’s where people go when they have failed at everything else...you’d be a fool to live there.” Bertrand says this was a typical mainland attitude at the time. Fortunately, he ignored their warnings and, it wasn’t long before Bertrand had fallen in love with his new lady friend and the East Coast’s blue skies, glorious beaches and sweeping bends. The relationship didn’t last but his love affair with Tasmania’s East Coast continued, and has led him to where he is today.

One of the first things Bertrand set out to accomplish in his role as Mayor, was to trade in his fuel-guzzling council car for a two-wheeled motor scooter. The decision caused a few ripples throughout Council and more widely through the media, as it is believed that Bertrand may be the only Mayor in the world to have done so. However, it was a natural choice for the motorcycle enthusiast and proud Ulysses Club member.

Bertrand’s passion for motorcycles also led him to meet George Miller, producer of the Mad Max movies, in the late 1970s. George approached Bertrand and his friend, Jack Burger, with the concept for a sci-fi film, because he needed someone to help customise the motorbikes to fit the futuristic theme. The pair took on the job after agreeing to an upfront payment. “We didn’t know if this film would ever be seen on the big screen, let alone make any money,” Bertrand said. “Until the Blair Witch project came along, Mad Max was the most profitable budget to return ratio on any film ever made. The original $400,000 budget has returned more than $130 million in the 30 years since its release,” he said.

Bertrand can also add acting to his list of credentials. He played the role as bikie gang member, Clunk, a brain damaged former brain surgeon with the mind of a child, opposite Mel Gibson in the original Mad Max movie.

On the home front, Bertrand, who lives with his daughter, delights at the opportunity to prepare sumptuous meals. He even enjoys washing the dishes and cleaning the kitchen - the kind of stuff that would make the average woman weak at the knees. Just a word of warning though for any interested ladies who can picture themselves spending the rest of their days cruising around on the back of Bertrand’s bike and taking it easy while he cooks dinner, you might have to stand in line.
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Lucy Marshall  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
LAUNCESTON CITY COUNCIL

After growing up in rural Tasmania, Lucy moved to Victoria to study at the Victoria University, graduating in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts in Recreation Management, and the Parks and Leisure Australia Award for ‘Student of Excellence’. In 2007, Lucy gained an Advanced Diploma of Business Management through the National Business Institute of Australia and was selected to represent Tasmania by Rotary International for a Group Study Exchange to Brazil.

Lucy initially gained a position with the Launceston City Council in 2003 as the Youth and Community Officer, later moving on to the Parks and Recreation Department. As Recreation Planning Officer, Lucy’s role is centred on improving the health and wellbeing of the community. She has been involved in all areas of the provision of sport and recreation opportunities including strategic planning, event management, program coordination, and facility development.

During her five years with Council, Lucy has played a key role in numerous successful projects including the development of: Launceston’s first bike lane on Elphin Rd; the Active City Park program; the Heritage Forest Dirt Jump Park; the Recreation Planning Guide and Rock Climbing and Abseiling Strategy; and the successful Ride Launceston event.

Lucy considers the most rewarding aspects of her job are the ability to work ‘on the ground’ with community members, having input in community decisions, and providing a conduit for community members to have input into the planning of Council projects. “Local Government has traditionally been responsible for the three R’s; Roads, Rates and Rubbish - I think it should now be the four R’s; Roads, Rates, Rubbish and Recreation!” Lucy said.

Commenting on Lucy’s contribution to Council, General Manager, Frank Dixon said, “Lucy has been a driving force behind numerous Council initiatives...her energy and passion for the job is evident in the excellent programs, activities and events she coordinates.”

During 2008, Lucy will be taking a leave of absence to coordinate the ‘Launceston an Active and Healthy City’ project, managed by the University of Tasmania.

Mel Fazackerley  
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
TASMAN COUNCIL

For the past three years, Mel Fazackerley has served as the Tasman Council’s Land and Coastal Management Facilitator, working with Council and community groups to promote better management of the local environment. Mel runs field days for farmers, Coastcare and Landcare groups and the general community, raising awareness of issues such as the importance of retaining native vegetation, weed control, erosion, improving water quality, water conservation and controlling feral oysters. She provides strategic direction for environmental works and guidance to works crews. Much of her time is also spent helping community groups and Council apply for funding for on-ground environmental works and assisting with the implementation of these projects.

Mel considers herself “a bit of a conduit” for passing on information, advice and, where possible, resources between different people involved in natural resource management, working closely with stakeholders to promote cooperation and learning. Currently, she is developing a weed strategy for the Tasman municipality.

Mel describes her role as “challenging, diverse and, apart from the odd bit of red tape, pretty exciting!” Working for a small council has presented all sorts of exciting opportunities however, with limited resources, she has had to be adaptable. Mel gets to meet a wide range of people with diverse interests and opinions, and really enjoys listening to their stories. When asked about her proudest achievement, Mel responded, “being seated in the same office for more than six months!”

Tasman General Manager, Steve Gray says Mel is one of the quiet achievers and an extremely capable employee. “Her skills reach right into the heart of the community where she works with many land owners and community groups to achieve outcomes within the municipality that many benefit from without knowing what a driving force was behind it. Mel enjoys the respect of all of her colleagues, as well as the broader community. She also secures grant funds far in excess of her salary,” he added.
Richard Muir Wilson
COMMUNITY SERVICES
WARATAH-WYNYARD COUNCIL

A Bachelor of Arts, a Diploma in Continuing Education and a diversified career prior to Local Government, provided good grounding for Richard’s role as Community Development Officer for the Waratah-Wynyard Council, where he has worked for the past 13 years.

Richard manages Council’s indoor sports facilities and Community Centre, supports Council’s Youth Team, works with clubs and community groups on special projects, organises National Youth Week activities, Australia Day celebrations and other community events. His job is about identifying needs in the community and working on solutions.

The more enjoyable aspects of his position include being in a position to work with volunteers from all sectors of the community, and alongside experienced and talented people who are passionate about their community. His proudest achievements include the establishment of the Wynyard Online Access Centre and Waratah Rural Transaction Centre, and a collaborative project with the Sisters Beach community, Community Connections Inc, which received a Certificate of Merit through the 2006 Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards.

General Manager, Paul West, describes Richard as a ‘quiet achiever’ who is always ready and willing to assist individuals and groups. “While being extremely busy in his role as Council’s CDO, Richard is also actively involved with numerous committees and organisations in the local area. His contribution above and beyond the call of duty is admirable, and our community is far better off for having him as an integral part of it,” he commented.

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- Account administration
- Executive support
- Meeting agendas and minutes
- Meeting arrangements
- Switchboard enquiries

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- Account payments
- Conference bookings and payments
- Correspondence
- LGAT Assist loan applications, repayments and Board agendas
- Switchboard enquiries

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- Correspondence
- Data entry and receipting
- Staff travel bookings
- Switchboard enquiries
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