

# Five Minutes with Mayor Daryl Quilliam

## Circular Head Council

### How long have you resided in the Circular Head region, and what attracted you to the area?

I have lived in Circular Head all my life and intend staying here for the rest of it (which I am planning to be many more years!). I love this area because of the people and the scenery.

### What motivates you in life?

My family, especially my grandsons aged seven and two years.

### How do you like to spend your free time?

Farming and fishing (when I can find someone with a boat who also knows where the fish are!).

### Name three qualities that you appreciate most in people.

1. Honesty
2. Positive attitude
3. Reliability

### When you were a child, you wanted to be .....

A farmer, so I attended a district school at Edith Creek so I only needed to go to Grade Nine.

### Name three previous occupations you have held in the past.

1. Dairy farmer
2. Real estate salesman
3. Nutrition advisor

### What motivated you to become involved in Local Government?

I wanted to make sure this district gives future generations the same opportunities that I have enjoyed in my lifetime.

### How many years have you served as:

**Councillor:** 25 years

**Mayor:** 4 years

### How has your experience as Circular Head Mayor been so far and what do you enjoy most about your role?

I have enjoyed most of my experiences as Mayor, especially dealing with schools and young people - after all, they are our future! Hosting the State Rotary and Soroptimist Club Annual Conferences has been a bonus. Also being able to lobby for better facilities, resources and opportunities for the residents of Circular Head.

### What community issues are of greatest concern to Council at the moment?

The forestry outlook, water and sewerage, and keeping



*Daryl Quilliam enjoys some time out on the farm with his two grandsons, Konnor and Zach Brabin*

the Tarkine managed by local people are the community issues of greatest concern. Planning issues are another topical issue which needs addressing.

### What has been the most memorable moment of your Local Government career?

Having the Prime Minister John Howard visit Smithton and being able to welcome him as Mayor.

### What has been the most embarrassing moment in your Local Government career?

Introducing the wrong TV program personalities at a public gathering.

### What's the best advice anyone has ever given you?

Always be yourself, never try to be someone you are not. We are all here to help each other and no matter how good we are, at the end of our lives there will still be new things to do. Always remember you are only one person in a team, the other councillors around the table are just as important as the mayor.

### What word best describes you?

Easygoing. ♥



*"What a coincidence! We're a pair who use teamwork to improve our locality too."*

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# Star Performers

## Maree Alexander

CORPORATE SERVICES  
Huron Valley Council

As Customer Service Coordinator, Maree Alexander has developed the necessary skills and experience on the job. She started with the Huron Valley Council in 1997 as Cashier. Because the Council is relatively small and is located in close proximity to the Rates Office, Maree took an interest in the area of rates and gradually worked her way up to the Customer Service Coordinator position which she took on a year ago.

The role has brought with it new challenges such as being the administrator of Council's computerised property system – Pathway, and constantly building and improving the system. The position also involves overseeing reception, cashiering, rates, debt recovery, lodgement of planning and development applications, support for the various departments and office cleaning.

The local knowledge Marie has gained from her 14 years of service means that she is able to provide an answer to most queries directed at her by external and internal customers. Among her proudest achievements are the merger of the two units into one, and the beautification of the workplace.



Marie attributes the friendships that she has been able to make along the way as one of the reasons why she has remained in the job for so long. "When the job becomes boring, I will look elsewhere but this has not yet happened", she said.

Mike Norman, Manager Corporate Services, said Maree has shown a lot of initiative. While managing rates, she has embraced customer services to bring two customer services centres into one. "Maree ensures a customer focus through implementation of the customer service charter, she maintains the full rates system, waste management systems, water meters, and ensures all the records are up-to-date...all with a cheery smile!" he said. ♥

## Southern Cross Young Achiever Awards 2011

If her trophy shelf wasn't already heavy enough, Abyilene McGuire, Senior Environmental Health Officer at Kingborough Council, has another trophy to add to her growing collection as the winner of the 2011 Southern Cross Young Achiever Award for 'Leadership and Innovation'. The purpose of the Southern Cross Young Achiever Awards is to acknowledge, encourage and promote the positive achievements of young Tasmanians aged between 14 and 28 years of age.

Abyilene, aged 28 years, was a 2010 national ambassador for the Year of Women in Local Government and served on the State Board of Environmental Health Australia for eight years. She has worked in community leadership roles through Girl Guides Australia at local, state, national and international levels. Abyilene has also participated in numerous leadership forums and conferences including the world-first UN Environment Program 'Global Town Hall' meeting on climate change and the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. ♥



2011 Southern Cross Young Achiever Award winner for 'Leadership and Innovation', Abyilene McGuire of Kingborough Council