

Mayor's Message for Burnie City News

By Mayor Alwyn Boyd

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The past week has seen a huge win for the people of Burnie, in their united stand against the planned use of methyl bromide at Burnie Port.

Our Aldermen were united in this issue and we were proud to be advocates for the great people in this community.

The decision not to proceed with the planned fumigation at Burnie Port is a great win for people power and for Burnie. Our city can continue to be proud of its clean, safe, healthy and friendly image that will not be tarnished.

Thank you to TasPorts, Forestry Tasmania and Minister Green for working with Council to find a solution.

I would like to thank the people of Burnie, and beyond, for their passion with this issue and am grateful that this outcome was achieved.

I am pleased to share that Council is working with Tas Paper staff to honour former Burnie Mill workers through a community event next month.

This is Burnie's chance to say thank you to these dedicated workers and acknowledge the 74 years of paper production in our City.

This certainly is the end of an era and we want to recapture that rich history through many mediums at the community events.

The Aboriginal Flag will be flown outside the Chambers until Friday for NAIDOC Week, which celebrates the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. A flag-raising ceremony was held yesterday.

Council adopted its Annual Plan and Budget Estimates for 2010/11 last Tuesday night, passing a 2.9% rate increase in line with CPI. The budget can be viewed at www.burnie.net.