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Hello all lots happening in the business community this month with the new General manager at Bell Bay Aluminium and a whole new look for the Heritage isle Credit union. We are also starting to prepare for the 2018 business excellence awards, we have changed the look of the awards, We will not be starting them until July and will run it for a little longer this year as we all get used to the changes.

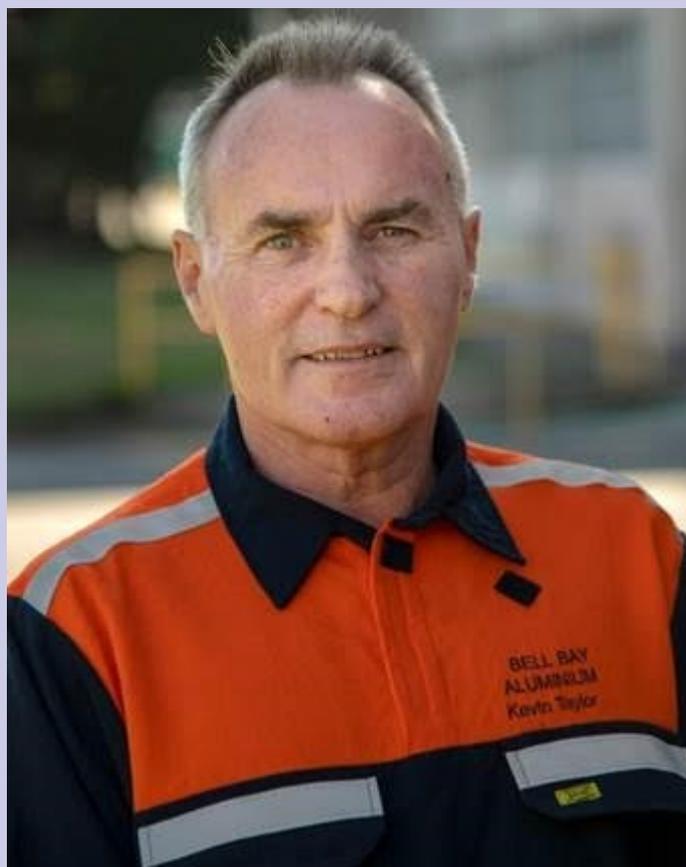


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Kevin Taylor appointed as Bell Bay Aluminium GM

Kevin Taylor has commenced in his role as Bell Bay Aluminium's next General Manager.

Kevin has close to 30 years' experience with the business, forging a career that started in 1990 as a Carbon Crew Leader at New Zealand's Aluminium Smelter, progressing through a variety of operational roles including Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Manager at Bell Bay Aluminium, Site Operations Manager at Boyne Smelters Limited in Queensland and most recently General Manager Health, Safety and Environment for Rio Tinto's Pacific Operations.

Kevin is well respected for adding value to every role he takes on. His safety leadership, culture transformation experience, business acumen and people development skills make him an ideal fit for the role at Bell Bay. His operational experience across Pacific Aluminium sites in Australia and New Zealand is second to none.

We look forward to Kevin bringing the best of what he's experienced across the Pacific Aluminium business to build on the great work of Ray and the team at Bell Bay.



There is a new look to a familiar sight in George Town with the Heritage Isle Credit Union (HICU) having been re-branded as Bank of Heritage Isle on May 1st.

This change was a result of the merger of HICU with Police Bank which was recently approved by Members and it is the first step of the process of bringing the businesses together to become a Mutual Bank with assets of over \$1.9Bn and more than 73,000 members.

Annette Griffin will continue to lead the Heritage Isle business as the General Manager – Bank of Heritage Isle. Ms Griffin explained she was pleased to be continuing to lead the team in Tasmania and was looking forward to ensuring that Heritage Isle continued to offer excellent service to current and future members. “I assure you that although our name is slightly different, we are still committed to excellence and our Members will continue to have the support of our great local team’.

The new Bank of Heritage Isle logo now appears on Branches, the website and all electronic banking services. Members will find that despite the name change, there is no change to how their accounts operate, how they access services or where they can contact Heritage Isle. Bank of Heritage Isle Members will receive full details of the transition as the business takes steps to complete the integration of the businesses. Details will also be available from the Police Bank and Heritage Isle websites.

Megan Eastley

Marketing Co-Ordinator

Mayor’s visit to the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

George Town Mayor Bridget Archer attended the executive meeting on the 8th of May to discuss matters around the potential amalgamation with the West Tamar Council.

The Executive Committee position is that a feasibility study should have been done on all options for amalgamation, clearly detailing the benefits and challenges for each one; ie Dorset, Launceston or Tamar Valley as a whole rather than just focusing on the West Tamar merger.

The mayor accepted this as a reasonable comment.

She responded that voluntary amalgamation has to go thru a very specific criteria, which involves long community/business consultation and conversation. She explained that the West Tamar proposal arose out of prospective job-sharing agreement that would benefit both communities. It seemed like a good idea to explore the pro’s and con’s of a merger. The councillors when presented with the subsequent report, felt it was too narrow and were not comfortable that the report was un-biased.

Bridget said that the council is open to hear community views on the matter of voluntary amalgamation and feedback received indicates the synergies between East and West Tamar are worth exploring. She also explained that over the last 2/3 years, there has been a greater willingness for regions to support initiatives of each other— individual Councils are starting to take a strategic view of their position in the area.

The Mayor explained that the George Town Council’s financial situation has improved over the last twelve months, so they were now in a better position re discussing terms of amalgamation, or not, according to how the council/community wish to proceed on this matter.