



## **A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from Brighton Mayor, Tony Foster**

I WANT to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Brighton community and all of those people who have supported us and continue to support our community, a very merry and safe Christmas and all the best for the coming year.

This festive season may be very different than in the past, coming at the end of a most challenging and at times confronting year. But fortunately, in Tasmania we do have the opportunity to come together with family and friends to relax and celebrate.

But what is now happening in Sydney, and elsewhere around the world provides a stark reminder that the danger of COVID-19 has not passed. We need to remain vigilant and heed the advice of the health specialists and our government authorities.

Brighton Municipality and Tasmania as a state have done very well. We have come through an unprecedented crisis, so let's not go back there.

As we take time to celebrate this Christmas, let us also think of those who have suffered and are still suffering, those who may be less fortunate and may not even have the wherewithal to celebrate, those of us who are separated from families and most importantly, those who are still working to take care of us during this traditional holiday time, particularly our frontline emergency personnel, police, ambulance, doctors and nurses in hospitals and other essential workers.

But above all, please take time to relax and enjoy some important family time, stay safe at home, and on the roads, continue to observe the COVID protocols set down by our health authorities, don't become complacent, and look forward to better times to come in the year ahead.

Noeline and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

**Tony Foster AM OAM JP**  
**Mayor**