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# We care for our own.

Health Care Insurance news

## Future of Paper Mills

No doubt you will be aware of the recent announcement regarding the future of the paper mills at Burnie and Wesley Vale in Tasmania.

As the industry based health fund for Forestry, Timber and Paper, **Health Care Insurance** is proud of its heritage, and consider the employees and contractors of the Burnie and Wesley Vale paper mills to be an important part of that heritage and our future.

The next 12 months will be a time of change for these people and at HCI we will help to ensure they continue to have the cover they need for their families, now and into the future.

**Health Care Insurance** is an independent entity, but it is our goal to continue to build and strengthen our links with Forestry, Timber and Paper through the service we provide to our members.

If you have any questions in respect to health insurance generally or the cover you have or need for your family, please give us a call at **Health Care Insurance** on **1800 804 950**.

On behalf of the team at **Health Care Insurance** I hope you have an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Fryett  
General Manager

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## Summer Beach Launch

This is the second year **Health Care Insurance** has sponsored the Periwinkles at the Burnie Surf Club. On the weekend, as part of the Summer Beach launch at Burnie, we provided the green rash vests for these children which will improve safety on the beach by making them more visible (obviously) as they learn surf skills and enjoy their time at the beach.



## Skin cancer is the most common and costly cancer in Australia. It is estimated that up to 90% of skin cancers are preventable if people reduce their exposure to the sun.

Cancer Council Tasmania recommends that from the 1st of September through to the end of April all Tasmanians take five simple steps to protect against sun damage:

- Slip on sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible
- Slop on broad spectrum, water-resistant SPF30+ sunscreen. Apply 20 minutes before going out and then re-apply every two hours
- Slap on a broad-brimmed hat that protects your face, head, neck and ears
- Seek shade
- Slide on some wrap-around sunglasses

**So now it's Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide**

## Christmas and New Year Trading Hours

**Health Care Insurance** will be operating the following hours over the Christmas/ New year period:

**24th December** open 8.45am to 12pm

**25th - 28th December** closed

**29th** open normal business hours

**30th** open normal business hours

**31st** open 8.45am to 1pm

**1st January 2010** closed

**4th January** open normal business hours



## Director Elections

The Annual General Meeting of **Health Care Insurance** was held on the 19th of October. As per the constitution, 3 elected Directors were required to retire after a 2 year term and seek re-election. This year marked the end of the 2 year term for Julie Milnes, John Guest and Mark Fishwick.

Julie Milnes decided not to seek re-election this year and as such retired from the Board of **Health Care Insurance** at the AGM. Julie was appointed to the Board in November 2003. HCI has been the beneficiary of Julie's efforts and her knowledge of medical and health related issues will be missed. On behalf of the Chairman and the Directors, thank you Julie for your contribution to **Health Care Insurance**.

As required by the constitution, nominations were sought for positions on the Board and this year there were more nominations than vacancies so, for I believe the second time in the history of the fund, we had a postal ballot. As a result of that postal ballot both John Guest and Mark Fishwick were re-elected and Greg Spinks was also elected to the Board. Greg, who has a background in psychology, joins the Board of HCI bringing with him a wealth of knowledge of the paper industry, having worked at the Tasmanian paper mills for many years and currently is working at Australian Paper and based in Melbourne.

**The current Directors of the Board of Health Care Insurance are:**

<b>Mark Fishwick</b>	<i>Chairperson</i>
<b>Phillip Boon</b>	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
<b>Ron Coghill</b>	
<b>John Guest</b>	
<b>John Perkins</b>	
<b>Paul Smith</b>	
<b>Greg Spinks</b>	
<b>Wayne Tibbits</b>	

To those people who were nominated and those members who voted, thank you for taking the time to be involved. Your efforts are appreciated.

## Vale Kevin Gardner

Kevin Gardner, **Finance Manager of Health Care Insurance**, passed away on the 27th October this year. Kevin has worked for the fund since 1996 and was the constant for the fund as it evolved from the APPM Council as it was known, to the independent company that **Health Care Insurance** is today. During Kevin's tenure the fund's membership has grown, it has become financially robust and particularly through his efforts with software providers we have a sophisticated computer system in place that will support the fund into the future.

We will certainly miss his intellect and wealth of experience, but even more we will miss his sense of humour, patience and friendship.



**Wishing all our Health Care Insurance members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

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