

Mayor Cadart HONoured *with* INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Glamorgan Spring Bay Mayor Bertrand Cadart has been awarded the prestigious Ordre national du Mérite (National Order of Merit) by the French Republic President Francois Hollande.

The award recognises the achievements of French citizens while living abroad who have served their communities with diligence. Mayor Cadart is the 18th recipient of the award for 2013 and has received the accolade for distinguished civil achievements and irreproachable conduct.

Having lived abroad for 44 years, with the majority of that time in Australia, Mayor Cadart is one of around four million French nationals living overseas.

Mayor Cadart said during my time abroad, I was conscripted to the French military in the South Pacific, worked as a journalist, featured in a few films and started my own businesses. "I then visited Tasmania and fell in love with the beautiful scenery and friendly people, and decided I wanted to do my bit to improve the community," he said.

For the past six years, Mayor Cadart has been working tirelessly to put Tasmania's East Coast on the map – locally, nationally and internationally. "When I was first elected Mayor, I was faced with some tough issues including water quality, industry downturns and declining tourist numbers and I vowed to make a change," he said. "I feel some positive changes have



Glamorgan Spring Bay Mayor Bertrand Cadart pictured with his beloved dog, CB 1300 at the Bicheno Blowhole

Photography by Owen Hughes

been made in those areas and I am humbled to accept the National Order of Merit on behalf of the whole Glamorgan Spring Bay community."

The National Order of Merit is the second award presented to Mayor Cadart this year. At the Local Government Conference he received the Life Members' Award for Meritorious Service by the Life Members of the Association.

The prestigious National Order of Merit medal will be presented to Mayor Cadart by a French official in March 2014.

Diversity of Local Government Research

The increasing depth of research emerging from the Australian Local Government sector is highlighted with the publication of a selection of peer-reviewed papers that were presented at the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) national Local Government Researchers' Forum in June. The online volume, *Proceedings of the 3rd National Local Government Researchers' Forum*, comprises thirteen papers. The Researchers' Forum aims to facilitate discussions between Local Government practitioners

and researchers about how to build research capacity in the Local Government sector to address pressing policy issues.

The papers have undergone an academic peer-review process and include: *Motivating and Retaining Local Government Workers: What does it take?; Local Government as a Facilitator of Systemic Social Innovation; and Community Wellbeing Indicators: Measures for Local Government*. The proceedings can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/1hEqVg9>.