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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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The Mayor of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council, Bertrand Cadart, has received a prestigious French accolade for distinguished civil achievements and irreproachable conduct.

The National Order of Merit (*Ordre national du Mérite*) is awarded by the President of the French Republic. Mayor Cadart's award category recognises the achievements of French citizens while living abroad.

There are around four million French citizens living abroad but only 18 have received this medal in 2013.

Mayor Cadart said it was a great honour.

"I have been living abroad for 44 years – the majority of that has been spent in Australia," 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."

For the past six years as Mayor, Bertrand Cadart has been working to put Tasmania's East Coast on the map – locally, nationally and internationally.

"When I was first elected Mayor, I was faced with tough issues such as water quantity and quality, industry downturns and declining tourist numbers and I vowed to make a change.

"I feel some positive changes have 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."

This is Mayor Cadart's third award for community service. In July this year he was presented with a Life Members' Award for Meritorious Service by the Local Government Association of Tasmania. In December last year, he also received an award from a French organisation "L'Etoile du Bien et du Mérite" for his dedication to communities.

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