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Pause for reflection in the Northwest



Representatives from the Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) and Waratah-Wynyard Council (WWC) have taken a moment to reflect and celebrate the conclusion of a unique project that has seen the installation of seven Pause Places throughout the Waratah-Wynyard municipality.

Pause Places provide thoughtful spaces for connection, rest, and reflection that were designed to celebrate our local landscape and history and to help meet the needs of our community.

Enjoying the moment at the Paul-Beams and Charlie Trafford Pause Place

at Somerset Esplanade, guests and project partners came together to mark the project's completion and acknowledge the creativity and collaboration that brought the Pause Places to life.

Dr. Mary Duniam, Mayor of Waratah-Wynyard, highlighted the collaborative spirit behind the Pause Places initiative.

"Pause Places are a testament to the strength and creativity of our community. From the Somerset Community Shed's imaginative craftsmanship to the collective efforts of local artisans and

volunteers, these spaces are built by the community, for the community. They offer more than just a place to rest—they invite us to connect, reflect, and celebrate the spirit of Waratah-Wynyard," Mayor Duniam said.

Each Pause Place is unique and has been carefully designed and created by the Somerset Community Shed to highlight its location's beauty, history and character, offering a space for residents and visitors alike to slow down and enjoy the area's natural and cultural heritage. Neville Wilson, Secretary of the Som-

erset Community Shed expressed how much they had enjoyed working collaboratively with the CCA and WWC and the wider community to deliver these Pause Places. "Members of the Shed are very proud of Ken Sanderson's work," Mr Wilson said.

As part of the project, a dedicated website has been created, featuring individual QR codes displayed on site signage at each location. Users can access information about the site's history, contributed by the Wynyard Historical Society, as

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Letters to the editor...

Here at the Western Echo we love a good debate. If you have a concern, grievance, pet hate or even wish to congratulate someone for doing the RIGHT thing, then this is the place for it. Please note though, that everyone has the right to reply to your letter and we at the Western Echo are under no obligation to publish if things look like they are getting out of hand. We do reserve the right to edit letters for reasons such as clarity and length. Other than that, feel free to have YOUR say.

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Dear editor,

thank you for giving us the chance to have our say. My wife and I wish to give a huge thank you to Scott Riley, our new general manager, who solved a long time problem for something that should never have happened.

Scott is an absolute gentleman and utter professional in all that he does.

Scott, you are a credit to the west coast, may you stay with us for a decent length of time.

One again, thank you sincerely.

James and Norma Webster
Queenstown

"Death Traps"

Friends of Tracks and Tramways have identified another project that needs urgent attention. The recent bushfires that burnt to the outskirts of Zeehan have exposed a number of death traps. These mine shafts are situated on the button grass plains and are part of the Eureka mine site, some measuring upwards of 10 meters in depth. Friends of Tracks and Tramways will be lobbying Mineral Resources Tasmania for materials and signage so as they can be fenced off and made safe. We have identified 12 mine

shafts to date and have only been able to fence off 2 owing to a lack of materials.

Dear Editor,

We have just had the wonderful experience of exploring the North West of Tasmania. This is the second time we have been there. Both times we got to really see the different areas and to discover the tranquility, ruggedness of the coastline, the magnificent colour changes in the land, everywhere the scenery is so picturesque.

We stayed at "Little Bird" in Smithton. It was such a great place to stay, handy for shops and tourist areas. The accommodation was welcoming, unique with its artistic flair, Andy & Sally have gone way beyond what was expected with their generosity. They are so welcoming and nothing was missed to make our stay memorable & special. An added bonus was to discover they also have "Bilbos" with its unique location to capture the views and setting sun. We couldn't recommend it more highly and we have stayed in many places over the years.

Susan Buchanan, Melbourne

Pause for reflection

From front page

well as details about nearby landmarks, tips for living a healthy lifestyle, and a gallery of artwork.

More information about the project, the seven Pause Place sites, and poetry submitted by Wynyard Word Players can be found at pauseplaces.com.

This event also marks the launch of the Park and Pedal initiative, encouraging people to drive less by allowing them to park their car in Somerset and finish their journey to Burnie or Wynyard on the Coastal Pathway, escaping the traffic and getting (or staying) fit at the same time. This site is equipped with a Bike Repair Station so users

can ride with confidence as they transition from car to bike.

CCA Project Manager Jenny Donovan explains, "The Park and Pedal initiative

will benefit the community by encouraging more cycling."

According to estimates from the NSW Government, each person who bikes to Burnie for an 8 km journey saves the community around \$225 weekly, while those cycling to Wynyard save about \$345.

"These savings come from reduced health risks, such as heart disease, diabetes, and forms of cancer. Increased cycling also lowers the chances of traffic accidents and protects people from depression, not to mention the enjoyment of passing those stuck in traffic during the Cooee crawl," states Ms Donovan.

The Pause Places project is funded by a Healthy Focus Grant from the Tasmanian Government's Department of Health and undertaken by the Cradle Coast Authority and Waratah-Wynyard Council.

Mayor welcomes funding for medical hub

Circular Head Mayor Gerard Blizzard has welcomed the Federal Labor Government's funding commitment of \$10.1 million for the Smithton Medical Hub — a vital project set to transform healthcare delivery in one of Tasmania's most remoteregions.

"This is a landmark announcement for our region," Mayor Blizzard said. "The Federal Labor Government's support reflects a genuine understanding of the healthcare challenges faced by rural communities like ours. We are deeply grateful — this brings us a step closer to making the Smithton Medical Hub a reality." "The modern, purpose-built facility will co-locate general practice and allied healthservices, significantly increasing consulting capacity, improving access to chronic disease management, and helping attract and retain medical professionals in Circular Head.

"For too long, our residents have faced long wait times, travelled great distances for care, and struggled within a fragmented health system," Mayor Blizzard said. "This new facility changes that. It's not just about bricks and mortar — it's about dignity, access, and the wellbeing of our community."

Currently, the Ochre Medical Centre Smithton — Circular Head's only GP clinic — is operating at capacity in a

repurposed building with serious infrastructure limitations.

With just seven consulting rooms and no private ambulance access, the facility is struggling to meet growing demand, resulting in appointment delays and increased pressure on staff.

Mayor Blizzard said the new Medical Hub will directly address these issues and help make Smithton a more attractive and sustainable location for healthcare professionals.

"We want Circular Head to be a place where doctors choose to live and work where they feel supported and valued in modern, purpose-designed facilities. This investment helps us get there



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Rosebery SES calls for ordinary people to be extraordinary volunteers

After the retirement and maternity leave of key leaders, there was a time where Rosebery's State Emergency Service (SES) unit was down to just two active members: Mick Chilcott, a mechanically minded problem solver, and Gabrielle Hartlett, a former flight attendant and mother.

Faced with a challenge, Mick and Gabrielle rolled up their sleeves and got to work, determined to breathe new life into the unit. Gabrielle, now the Deputy Manager, said they were determined to keep the unit alive. "Mick and I are incredibly passionate about the SES, and the service we provide to the community – we couldn't let the unit disappear" she said. "We wanted to create a space where people felt welcome and apart of something meaningful."

With Regional Manager Andrew Freeman, acting as Unit Manager, and support from the Zeehan and Queenstown units, they began building momentum.

A spark of interest ignited during a school excursion, leading to two parents—Shayde Savin, an educator, and Andrea Settle, HR Manager—signing up. "My role in the SES is to support the team and be a morale booster. It's empowering, learning more practical skills and challenging myself to get out of my comfort zone" says Shayde.

Soon after, chemical engineer Chris Janz and teacher Ross Jordaan joined the team. "I want to expand on my knowledge of the emergency services and provide a service to the community that's welcomed me" says Ross.

With six dedicated members on board, the SES unit was back on track.

"It's amazing to see how much we've

accomplished as a team," Mick says.

"This is more than just emergency response—it's about community, camaraderie, and giving people the skills to help one another."

The unit has also teamed up with Wayne Woodley from the Tasmania Fire Service. "This partnership enables dual volunteer opportunities and joint training nights, fostering collaboration across agencies during emergencies," Gabrielle said.

"When we work together with other agencies, we're stronger and more prepared. It's inspiring to see everyone come together for the community," she said.

But Gabrielle said there's still an urgent need for more volunteers on the West Coast. "SES is the organisation our community can rely on in times of crisis. Whether it's clearing storm-damaged roads, locating lost bushwalkers, rescuing people from vehicle crashes, or assisting at community events, SES volunteers are trained and ready to help," she said.

The SES is looking for individuals who want to protect, rescue, and support their community. Even if frontline response isn't your strength, there are vital roles in logistics, event support, equipment setup, and traffic management. Every helping hand makes a difference.

If you're looking for a meaningful way to give back, consider joining the Rosebery SES. You'll be joining a team that's rebuilding something special—one volunteer at a time.

To contact SES North West, call 03 6477 7293 or email ses.nw@ses.tas.gov.au



Load of old rubbish?

Biannual Kerbside Collection

Tuesday 20 May & Wednesday 21 May

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- ✓ furniture
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- visit the Council Office
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That's right, twice a year West Coast Council offers a free kerbside collection for larger items.

The collection is a great way to:

- help those who may not have a way to get larger items to transfer stations
- encourage responsible waste management
- keep our communities clean
- The next collection will be held on Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 May – time to plan a working bee at your property!

Register your items for collection by 5pm on Friday 16 May:

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- Complete the online form: on council's website
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Volunteers week - Wyndarra

National Volunteer Week runs from 19th – 25th May with this year's theme being Connecting Communities.

National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of all things Volunteering.

The 2023 State of Volunteering Report found 332,100 (69.8%) Tasmanians, volunteered their time across a wide range of activities, providing an incredible \$12.1 billion in value for the state.

To replace this volunteer labour would

have cost the state \$3.6 billion.


Volunteers give their time in so many ways within the community.

Without Volunteers Wyndarra would not be able to deliver as many services as it does in the community.

Wyndarra would like to invite all Volunteers along to a BBQ at United@43, 43 Goldie Street, Smithton.


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New toilet block on the way

As part of the Strahan Waterfront Precinct Redevelopment project new public toilets are being constructed on The Esplanade, in the area between The Ship That Never Was and The Huon Pine Shop & Gallery.

The existing toilet block will be removed, and from Tuesday 6 May they will not be accessible to the public.

It was hoped that the new toilets would be open prior to the removal of the existing toilets, however this has not been able to occur.

The following public toilets remain open in Strahan:

- Slipway Car Park – open 7am-7pm daily
- People’s Park – open 24 hours daily
- West Strahan Beach – open 24 hours daily

The waterfront redevelopment project will see the primary car park for the waterfront area become the Slipway Car Park. As the project continues the existing footpath between The Ship That Never Was and The Huon Pine Shop & Gallery will be closed from Tuesday 6 May, with alternative pedestrian access to be marked with barriers and bollards. Parking will not be permitted in this area to ensure pedestrians remain safe.

Reminders that during this project the West Coast Visitor Information Centre is operating from 29 The Esplanade (opposite the cruise terminals)

The Ship That Never Was is operating as normal

More project information, including the project background and concept plans, is available at West Coast Council’s website: www.westcoast.tas.gov.au/strahan-wharf...



Eagle nest inspections by chopper



Over the next few weeks, TasNetworks will be conducting eagle nest aerial inspections to locate wedge-tailed eagle and white-bellied sea eagle nests in the vicinity of the proposed North West Transmission Developments route, starting Monday 28th April, weather permitting.

TasNetworks uses standardised eagle nest survey methods guided by the Forest Practices Authority.


Whilst helicopter surveying can be disruptive, it is essential that we locate the nests as it is crucial for gathering information to assist with the planning and scheduling of construction activities.

TasNetworks avoid placing infrastructure where nests are located and use survey results to plan construction activities so that disturbing the eagles is avoided, particularly during breeding season, should the NWTG be approved.

Precautionary protocols are followed, and surveys are conducted outside of the breeding season to minimise impacts on eagles.

Any new eagle nests located are registered in the Tasmanian Natural Values Atlas database.

Western Echo ‘Wendy’



Hi, I’m Wendy. I can often be found looking out the front window of the Western Echo office in Zeehan. As I am possibly the most photographed dog on the West Coast, my dad, Alan, suggested I have a regular feature in the Echo so here I am. I will tell you all about my adventures in upcoming editions of the paper so stay tuned. Woof to you all...

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Beswick's West Coast tour signals genuine engagement



In an era where political visits are often little more than photo opportunities, Independent Member for Braddon, Miriam Beswick MP, has taken a distinctly different approach. Last week, she embarked on a multi-day tour of Tasmania's West Coast, stopping not just for appearances, but for conversations that matter. Mrs Beswick's visit stretched from the community spaces of Rosebery to the

historic tracks of the West Coast Wilderness Railway. Along the way, she met with locals, health-care workers, educators, volunteers, and council leaders, listening to concerns and sharing her commitment to amplifying regional voices in Parliament. At Rosebery Neighbourhood House, a simple chat about roadside rubbish turned into a broader discussion on government bureaucracy. "When someone wants to help clean their town and gets blocked by permit requirements, it's a clear sign the system is broken," she said. In Queenstown, Mrs Beswick visited the hospital's emergency department and aged care facilities. She commended the staff's resilience following a recent audit. "They're working incredibly hard with very limited resources. That deserves respect and proper support," she noted. The tour continued through the Child and Family Learning Centre, where staff described barriers to access, chronic understaffing, and lack of continuity

in care. Mrs Beswick was vocal in her concern: "This is a place full of promise, but it's stretched thin. If early education is so important, why aren't we treating these educators accordingly?" Even a stroll down Queenstown's main street yielded raw community insight. A local second-hand shop owner shared stories of patients being discharged from hospital with no transport or follow-up support. "When someone's left to find their own way home from hospital in the middle of the night, that's a failure of duty," Mrs Beswick remarked. Meeting with West Coast Mayor Shane Pitt and General Manager Scott Riley, she discussed initiatives to involve teenagers in paid community clean-up work—an idea she called "the kind of thinking that works for everyone." The MP also toured the Heritage Centre and Study Hub, praising efforts to link education with tourism and preserve local history. A journey on the region's iconic railway prompted optimism about future transport solutions. "There's serious potential here. People are innovating with what they have—but they shouldn't have to do it alone," she said.

Mrs Beswick concluded her tour at the Western Regional Strategic Partnership Network event, where she met with business owners, tourism operators, and educators who echoed a common sentiment: the West Coast is brimming with hard-working people facing significant challenges, often without much recognition. "I'm not here for the headlines," she told attendees. "I'm here because the West Coast matters. Its people matter. If I'm going to represent this region, I need to keep showing up, listening, and carrying those voices back to Parliament." With plans to return regularly and contribute opinion pieces to this newspaper, Mrs Beswick promises this won't be her last visit. "The only way to understand the West Coast is to keep coming back," she said. "And I will." In a political climate often defined by short visits and soundbites, Mrs Beswick's road trip was a refreshing display of grassroots engagement—and a reminder of the power of simply showing up and listening.

Light Up the West: Two weekends on Tasmania's rugged West Coast

This winter, Tasmania's rugged West Coast is flipping the switch on the dark with Light Up the West, two weekends packed with light, sound, stories, and connection.

From the crashing waves of Strahan to the dramatic peaks of Queenstown, and beyond - Light Up the West is about community, gathering around fires, sharing feasts, listening to music, and making memories that'll stick long after the winter chill has passed.

First stop: Strahan Solstice (19–23 June)

Strahan celebrates the longest night of the year with Port to Post, a breathtaking light and sound projection across the historic Strahan Post Office. This isn't your average history lesson; it's an immersive dive into Strahan's past as the West Coast's lifeline before roads arrived. Expect stories of connection and conflict, from its maritime roots to the iconic Franklin Blockade, all woven together in

a projection that lights up the night. And it's not just about the show. Strahan will be buzzing with long-table feasts, lively markets, wild night walks, and yes, even a winter solstice swim...if you're brave enough!

Next up: Colours of Queenstown (27–29 June)

Queenstown's Paragon Theatre becomes the canvas for Beyond the Forest, an evocative exploration of remoteness, resilience, and the human impact on the landscape. Inspired by early maps that once called the region 'Transylvania,' this stunning projection digs into Queenstown's rugged beauty and history of survival through extremes.

While you're in town, don't miss the Galley Museum, Empire Hotel karaoke or get cosy at Whisky & Whistles at Tracks Café, a combo of great food, drinks, and good company.

Don't miss Rosebery, where the streets will come alive with light, and expe-

rience Zeehan and Tullah as you make your way to the West, each town has its own charm and is worth a wander on your winter journey.

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19–22 June: Strahan Solstice
27–29 June: Colours of Queenstown

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Tin is in - west Coast exploration

Rosebery Skate Park completion

Stellar Resources Limited is planning mineral exploration in the Ringville area, located on Tasmania's West Coast, directly east and south of the Renison tin mine lease—home to Australia's largest tin operation. Renison has been in operation for over 50 years and accounted for approximately 3.9% of global tin production in 2024. Stellar has applied for an exploration licence over Ringville, describing it as a "highly prospective" area for various minerals including tin, antimony, copper, bismuth, zinc, and lead. The Tasmanian government has accepted the application, which will now proceed through the standard permitting process, including environmental assessments and a period of public consultation.



The last component of the update to the Rosebery Skate Park and Play Space has been completed, with the installation of an umbrella to give much needed shelter from both the sun and rain.

The old skate park was at the end of its life and needed replacing. This provided an opportunity to refresh the space, with designers creating a family-friendly space for bikes, scooters and skateboards. A couple of pieces of play equipment were also added to complement the space. Costing just over \$389,300, the project was funded by West Coast Council, with the design developed following direct engagement with schools in 2022.

Now a modern space providing options for active and passive activity, we look forward to seeing the facility being used by the community.

Alisha tells us what it's like working at the Circular Head tip shop

Well for one thing every day is different. We are blessed with fantastic donations from the people of circular head that sometimes keep me on a constant google search as to exactly what they are and what time period they are from!

The resale shop is also never dull.

Our customers are a fantastic and beautiful group of people from all walks of life that often have me in fits of laughter or sometimes even putting on the kettle

for those that look like they need a fix of coffee or tea, and I don't mind doing so.

It is a wonderfully fulfilling job where I get to help people at a grass roots level on a daily basis. Sure, I, am not finding the cure for cancer, but a little kindness and human connection can really go a long way, plus, I get to help keep good pre loved items out of landfill and give them a second chance at life. The store also allows me to help the people of circular head in other ways, at the moment we run the free BBQ each month on the first Saturday and I am trying to get my Food bank properly standing on its own feet.

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Yet another win for Penghana

Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) has brought representatives from its eight member Councils to meet with the Labor, Liberal, and Greens candidates contesting the federal seat of Braddon. This meeting provided an important opportunity to discuss shared regional priorities and individual Council federal funding requests.

The Cradle Coast Authority represents the councils of Central Coast, Circular Head, Devonport, Kentish, King Island, Latrobe, Waratah-Wynyard, and West Coast.

The forum, hosted by CCA and facilitated by Chair of the Board the Hon. Sid Sidebottom and Chief Representative Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Mary Duniam, enabled open dialogue between local government leaders and Federal Candidates on the issues that matter most to the Cradle Coast region.

CCA's regional priorities include investments for CCA to assist Councils and communities in the transition to net zero and ensure the region can meet future workforce needs – a future made for the Cradle Coast region of Tasmania.

Along with a range of Natural Resource Management (NRM) initiatives and a \$1.3 million funding request to enhance the success of the Shared Coastal Pathway and ensure its completion, which has secured a funding promise from the Labor Candidate for Braddon Anne Urquhart during the campaign period.

Cradle Coast Authority CEO Sheree Vertigan AM said the event was a valuable step in ensuring local voices are heard at a federal level.

“As a regional organisation, CCA is uniquely positioned to bring our Councils together and help amplify their shared priorities,” Ms Vertigan said.

“This forum highlighted the value of collaboration. When our Councils speak with one voice, it strengthens the case for investment and support in our region.”

“Having the ability to host these conversations is core to our purpose,” Ms Vertigan added.

“We are thankful to Greens candidate Erin Morrow, Labor candidate Anne Urquhart and Liberal candidate Mal Hingston for their time. CCA is pleased to be able to provide this platform for constructive engagement that benefits the whole community.”

CCA looks forward to meeting with Independent Candidates contesting the federal seat of Braddon, furthering today's conversations, and seeking commitments.

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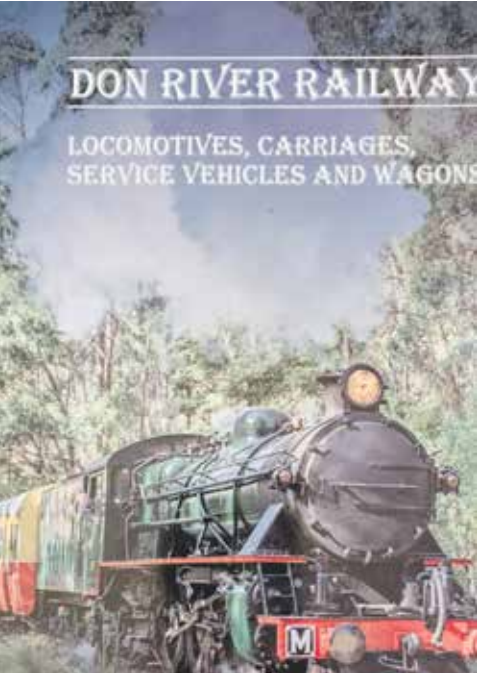
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✓

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Image: MMG Rosebery's Jessie Cooke and Chris Knobben handing over bikes to members of the local community.

A new set of wheels for local children

MMG Rosebery has donated five new bicycles and helmets to children in the local community.

The lucky recipients of the bikes were Caleb Wheldon, Levi Clarke, Olivia Clarke and Mekhai Wheldon.

They were assembled by the Mine Technical Services team as part of a development program.

46 members of the team were involved in the hands-on exercise to build the bikes.

RDA networking event

MMG Rosebery was invited to a Regional Development Association (RDA) Australia – Tasmania networking event at the Study Hub West Coast.

The RDA is working across the region to identify opportunities for business, industry and government to work together on building the capability in our community to meet our needs.

This approach aligns with the work that MMG Rosebery is carrying out through our model of community planning and engagement.

We look forward to participating in a program that has the potential to build opportunities in our region.

Community Easter Lunch

The Easter spirit was in full swing at the Rosebery Neighbourhood House last month.

MMG Community Relations Coordinator Jill Richardson attended, providing our community with an opportunity to chat to us about what is happening at Rosebery Mine.



Image: Easter lunch at Rosebery Neighbourhood House

Inspiring the next generation of miners

Representatives from MMG Rosebery attended the AusIMM Student Meets Industry Night in Hobart.

We spoke to students about the MMG employment process and opportunities across the graduate and vacation programs.



Image: MMG's Paloma Clerici & Jill Richardson with students

ANZAC Day ceremony

Rosebery and Tullah paused on Friday 25 April to commemorate ANZAC Day.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of MMG at services at Rosebery and Tullah.

Catch up with the GM

Register your interest to have a cup of tea with Rosebery Mine General Manager Steve Scott.

For more information call 6473 9372 or email chris.winskill@mmg.com.



Image (L-R): Liz Youd, Mayor Shane Pitt, MMG's Jill Richardson, TMEC CEO Ray Mostogl

‘Doin it for Dippa’ fundraiser in the West

Lenny Deacon – a former Kangaroo Island sheep shearer – is cycling around the entire country on a recumbent trike to raise \$1 million for Breakthrough Mental Health Research Foundation.

This deeply personal journey, titled "You Are Not Alone", honours the memory of Lenny's mate, 'Dipppa' Wheaton, who died by suicide in 2021 at the age of 43.

Since launching from Bunbury, Western Australia in November 2024, Lenny has travelled thousands of kilometres, engaging regional communities across WA, SA and Victoria – including Esperance, Port Lincoln, Adelaide,

Bordertown, Horsham, Portland and Geelong. Now in Tasmania, Lenny is traveling anti-clockwise and has just finished the West Coast leg of his trip, passing through Zeehan, Strahan and Queenstown. In past years, Lenny raised \$45,000 for mental health research through a 24-hour "Shearathon" event and continues to be a passionate mental health advocate within rural communities.

Follow the journey:

Facebook: Doin It for Dipppa or go to www.breakthroughfoundation.org.au to donate for this most worthy of causes.



- One in five Australian's has a mental health issue.
- 44% of Australian's may experience a mental illness in their life.
- More Young Australians aged 15-44 die from suicide than any other cause.
- 50% of diagnosable illness onsets between the ages of 11 and 14.
- 75% of diagnosable illness onsets before the age of 24
- \$180billion is the annual cost of mental health in Australia.
- Nine Australians die of suicide every day. Seven of them are men.
- 60% of clinical mental health interventions have no proven effectiveness.
- 90% of mental health funding bypasses research.

Tales from Emmerton Park - meet the residents

Jack Hanson: A life full of Adventures

From the moment I entered the world, my life was destined to be extraordinary.

Born in the old Smithton Hospital with my umbilical cord wrapped around my neck, I was initially thought to be stillborn. But thanks to the sharp eye of a cleaner who noticed me move, I got a second chance at life—and have made the most of every moment since.

My early years were spent at Salmon River near Arthur River before my family settled in Redpa, where I did most of his growing up. Remarkably, I attended school for seven years without missing a single day. After leaving school at fourteen, I helped on the family farm, milking 22 cows and taking on fencing and other chores.

Never one to shy away from a challenge, I took on extra work cutting power poles by hand with an axe and cross-cut saw. Over the next couple of years, I felled and trimmed more than 400 poles across the Welcome River, Redpa, and Marawah districts.

My next adventure came in the form of farm work with Tom King. Part of my job was to play badminton as a training partner for Dulcie King, who represented Australia multiple times winning many singles and doubles titles and was an emergency for the 1966 Commonwealth Games. I never won a single game.

At nineteen, I joined the police force and served as Constable Jack Hanson for five years, working between Deloraine and Launceston. I remember one very cold and frosty night when fellow officer Tom Lello and myself set off to investi-

gate a report of sheep theft near the Great Lakes. We found a camp, some sheep on a trailer, and then suddenly two fellas set dogs on us. Turns out they were drovers, and we all had a good laugh afterward.

While in the force, I met my future wife, Edith Glover, a member of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps. Our paths crossed at a barbecue at Peggs Beach, it was love at first sight. We married in 1960 and raised two daughters, Gail and Karen. The best daughters anyone could hope for. I also have his six grandchildren, all of whom have completed university and embarked on successful careers. So proud of every one of them.

After leaving the police force, I returned to Circular Head and worked for the council before taking up work as a saw doctor, sharpening saw blades across the district. But it was in 1977 that lady luck smiled on me when I became the ranger at Arthur River. I've always admired the area. There's nothing better than standing at the mouth of the Arthur River, looking out at the roaring ocean. I could do it for hours.

I built the family home at Arthur River while improving the area. I eventually became a Grade Four Ranger—the highest level—and oversaw the construction of roads to key sites including the mouth of the Arthur River, Bluff Point, and Couta Rocks. Jack also selected, named, and upgraded many of the campsites that are still in use today.

Edith and my self's passion for the area extended to wildlife, together we

monitored populations of Orange-bellied Parrots and Hooded Plovers, reporting nesting activity back to Hobart. I also managed 400 sheep for Parks and Wildlife and even cooked for the shearers during shearing time.

I have always loved poetry. I can re-

cite numerous classic Australian poems by heart. I have shared with Residents at Emmerton Park The Man from Snowy River, Mulga Bill's Bicycle, Bush Christmas, and more.

There are so many stories I could tell about my life and adventures.

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New Spaces for Play in the Heart of Waratah

Wynyard Tasmania

Waratah-Wynyard Council has delivered a vibrant new playground on English Street — now affectionately known as Saunders Park — designed to meet the needs of local children and their families.

The new play space is part of Council's commitment to building child-friendly communities and is already proving popular with young locals and visitors alike. It's a safe, colourful and engaging environment where kids can explore, play and connect.

Proud Waratah resident and Community Board member Roslyn Rogers said the transformation has made a real difference:

"It's lovely to look out my kitchen window and see an attraction that Waratah children need and use. It's amazing how many tourists stop here for five minutes and end up staying an hour because the children love this park so much."

Alongside the new Saunders Park



Pictured (from left to right): Tony Schmidt, Anne Dunham, Kim Kecely, Roslyn Rogers & Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards.

playground, Council is also working to transform the well-loved "Tyre Park" space in Waratah's main street, ensuring it continues to serve the community for

years to come. Two new gazebos have also recently been installed, providing more sheltered spots for gatherings, picnics or a quiet cuppa.

Pop down and see the changes for yourself — grab a coffee and enjoy the view from the nearby Waratah Falls platform while you're there.



Inglis River, Wynyard. Photo Waratah-Wynyard Council

Wynyard Landcare Leads Inglis River Replanting Effort

Wynyard Tasmania

Council's upgrade of the Inglis River Walking Track is progressing, with detailed design and approvals now underway for two key sections of the project.

Following the completion of an options study in 2023, Council is advancing plans for the most flood-prone areas of the track—Project 2 (Esplanade to Cemetery) and Project 5 (Golf Links Road). Construction is expected to begin later this year.

Early groundwork is getting underway to improve environmental resilience and support future construction. This includes targeted weed control, soil preparation, and revegetation led by Wynyard Landcare to help stabilise

embankments and restore native habitat along the corridor.

The early works will help re-establish a biodiverse understorey across priority areas, with species selected to support local wildlife—including the azure kingfisher—and prepare the site for upcoming realignments. The works also aim to ensure that new plantings are well-established before major construction begins.

To support this effort, Wynyard Landcare is hosting a community planting day on Saturday 7 June 2025, with Council assisting. It's a great chance to get involved and contribute to the future of this much-loved riverside space. To RSVP, contact Council via council@warwyn.tas.gov.au or phone (03) 6443 8333.



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Pictured: Celisa Edwards, Deputy Mayor of Waratah-Wynyard & Kelly Dernehl, CEO of New Mornings

Step Forward for Road Safety in Wynyard

Wynyard, Tasmania

As part of National Road Safety Week, the community is invited to join a special event honouring those impacted

by road crashes.

Drive for Us & Others is a 5km walk starting from the Wynyard Yacht Club on Saturday, 17 May at 10am. Led by Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards, the walk is an opportunity to reflect, raise awareness and show support for safer roads.

The event will include short reflections from Celisa and guest speaker Kelly Dernehl, CEO of New Mornings, who will highlight support services available to those experiencing grief.

Burnie Deputy Mayor Giovanna Simpson, local SES volunteers and Tasmania Police will also be present as we walk together in solidarity. A morning tea and community artwork will round out the morning.

For more information, contact Council on (03) 6443 8333 or email council@warwyn.tas.gov.au.

Help Shape a More Sustainable Future in Waratah-Wynyard

Wynyard Tasmania

If you're passionate about protecting the environment and making a difference in your local community, Waratah-Wynyard Council wants to hear from you.

Expressions of interest are now open for short-term positions on the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP) — a group that helps guide Council's work on issues like climate resilience, biodiversity, and sustainable development.

Formed as a result of Council's Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP), SEAP supports and contributes to initiatives that reflect the goals of the iCEP and its vision for a more sustainable future. The Panel has offered valuable input on local projects, helped guide environmental priorities, and supported efforts to protect and restore natural areas across the region.

The Panel brings together community members who care about our environment and want to be part of the conversation about how we manage our natural assets for future generations.

Council is currently looking to fill several vacant positions, with terms running until August 2026, and encourages residents from all backgrounds to apply.

Applications close Friday, 31 May 2025.

To learn more or to nominate, visit www.warwyn.tas.gov.au.



Pictured: Vanessa Adams, new CEO of Waratah-Wynyard Council

Looking Ahead: Projects, Progress and Community Priorities

Wynyard, Tasmania

Now that the new CEO has settled in Council is finalising its budget for the new financial year and looking forward to progressing its major projects.

Among them will be finalising the works at Boat Harbour Beach which will improve amenity for locals and visitors with a major new building that will house the surf lifesaving club and also provide a multi-use space for the community.

We're also progressing design for a new childcare centre with expanded capacity and for two major sporting precinct improvements in Wynyard and Somerset. And a new Community Well-Being Plan is being developed with community input, to help shape what Council can do to promote health and well-being over the next five years.

There's lots happening and good things in the pipeline.

—Dr. Mary Duniam, Mayor
Waratah-Wynyard Council



Left: 1933 Ford V8 Roadster, Right: 1929 Ford Model A; on display at Wonders of Wynyard.

A Tale of Two Fords: History on Show in Wynyard

This month, step back in time and marvel at two iconic vehicles from motoring history—now on display at the Wonders of Wynyard.

First, feast your eyes on the 1933 Ford V8 Deluxe Roadster—a striking example of pre-war design brilliance. With its sweeping lines and refined bodywork, this model is often hailed as one of the most beautiful cars ever built by Ford. This particular Roadster has travelled from Branhholm farm paddocks to Evandale and beyond, now fully restored and proudly presented thanks to the dedication of local enthusiasts.

Also on show is a piece of accessible

motoring history—the 1929 Ford Model A Coupe. Known for its reliability, smoothness, and down-to-earth charm, the Model A marked a major evolution from the legendary Model T. With over 1.5 million produced in 1929 alone, this coupe remains a favourite among collectors and car lovers for its distinctive early body styling and classic appeal.

Whether you're a vintage car buff or just love a great story on wheels, these beautifully preserved Fords are not to be missed.

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FOGO Expands Across the Coast as Region Hits 56% Diversion

Since launching in July 2024, Waratah-Wynyard residents have diverted 934 tonnes of food and garden waste from landfill through the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service — achieving a local diversion rate of 51%.

Across the broader North West FOGO Alliance, the regional diversion rate now stands at 56%, reflecting the strong

commitment of communities across the Coast to reducing waste and protecting the environment.

The Alliance which already includes Central Coast, Kentish, Devonport, Latrobe and Waratah-Wynyard councils will welcome Circular Head and Burnie City councils in September 2025 as they begin their own FOGO rollouts.

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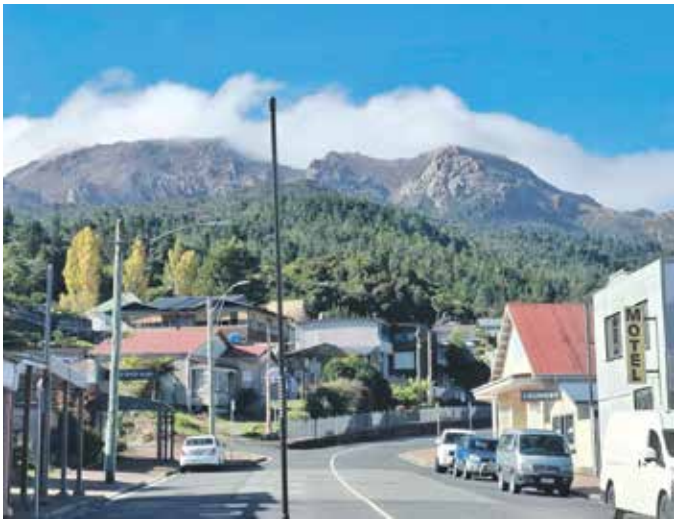
The ‘right’ decision in Tassie

by Jo Leahy

2 weary travellers, a tent, esky, cooker and porta potty, leaving Hobart we were excited to venture to the Western Wilderness of Tasmania.

Driving the Lyell highway don't miss the Gordon Dam it's a structural feature of mankind that we couldn't miss, the sheer size and magnitude of this barrier to hold the enormous power of the Gordon river is spectacular, if you're looking to free camp you can't go past Teds beach with its amenities block and a huge undercover area.

Queenstown was next with its majestic old buildings and comes into view the area is so picturesque with rolling hills and mountains galore. Moving on we jumped over to Strahan, only 45 minutes away and as you enter the town with it's picturesque beauty that just oozes everywhere from the small yachts and fishing boats to the huge scenic cruise boats and the Western wilderness railway, this town is built for tourism and has many options for accommodation for all budgets, hop on a tour or two, they won't disapoint. Heading north and Zeehan is the perfect place for a lunch stop and check out their beautiful old buildings and learn about the history of the mines in the area. Our favourite stop on the western side was just north of the Fatman barge that ferries cars across the Pieman River, Corinna, not a big town but full of character and charm, on the banks of the river it offers a campground, cabins, a good pub meal and maybe a cruise up the river or hire a kayak and do it yourself. This is a spot I could relax and reinvigorate myself for a few days if time permits. Once past Corinna take the left onto the Western Wilderness Road or as some call it, the road to nowhere and just breath in the nature. The fires went through early this year and burned around 100,000 hectares and you can see devastation this along the route, it has however not ruined the views and is still a majestic drive. Arthur river is where the "Edge of the world" plaque is and has phenomenal beaches with the wild ocean swells and ocean that seems never ending. Heading north is the Marrawah inn, do yourself a favour and stop in even just for a cuppa like us, the inn has been updated a great deal over the years but keeps its country charm on the inside. Life is great when you're on a holiday and to slow down and breathe in some fresh salty sea air is a great way to refresh and rejuvenate a tired weary soul.



How are we tracking now with the FOGO bin?

An important part of the reason to expand our kerbside waste services to include FOGO was to divert materials from landfill and in the process reduce the environmental impact this has and save state waste levy. The table below shows how we are going in each community to achieving our Cradle Coast regional goal of 60% of municipal waste being recovered and reused by 2028.

We are also well on our way as a community to reaching State and National resource recovery targets of:

- 50% recovery across all waste streams by 2025 and 80% by 2030.
- Halve the amount of organic waste sent to landfill by 2030.



Council	Stream	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sept-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	June-25	Collected to date (Tonnes)	Diversion from landfill (%)	Waste Levy saved (\$)
Central Coast	Waste	176	174	217	244	195	193	201	169	220				1812		
	Recycling	118	112	118	118	121	197	138	126	120				1167		
	FOGO	156	172	343	302	290	351	322	213	303				2452		
	TOTAL	452	457	678	664	606	741	661	528	643				5431	67	\$162,421
Devonport	Waste	121	71	398	476	393	382	388	355	366				2972		
	Recycling	111	126	195	132	140	152	163	144	204				1367		
	FOGO	133	177	240	279	313	297	237	222	192				2088		
	TOTAL	365	374	833	887	846	830	787	721	763				6427	54	\$155,060
Kentish	Waste	46	69	37	44	44	46	68	43	44				441		
	Recycling	19	19	20	21	21	33	23	21	21				198		
	FOGO	15	19	39	34	33	33	40	24	36				272		
	TOTAL	80	107	96	99	98	111	132	88	100				911	52	\$21,094
Latrobe	Waste	203	171	159	166	235	194	176	176	163				1626		
	Recycling	65	62	65	67	72	116	98	74	71				681		
	FOGO	56	58	125	120	114	169	118	86	125				970		
	TOTAL	323	291	350	347	352	521	399	336	359				3277	50	\$74,897
Wynyard	Waste	161	164	144	149	145	188	192	145	146				1435		
	Recycling	55	51	52	54	56	90	66	58	54				535		
	FOGO	52	64	120	115	112	146	126	81	117				954		
	TOTAL	268	279	316	318	313	423	385	285	317				2904	51	\$65,929
COUNCILS WITH FOGO	Waste	709	645	855	1074	944	1044	1044	908	959				8285		
	Recycling	369	371	450	392	410	587	477	423	471				3948		
	FOGO	411	489	868	849	861	996	843	626	773				6716		
	TOTAL	1488	1509	2273	2315	2215	2636	2364	1958	2202				18950	56	\$478,600

Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

MAN KILLED WHEN CHIMNEY HE IS KNOCKING DOWN FALLS ON HIM

There was a sad incident at Zeehan on Thursday, 20 August 1903, when a fatal accident occurred at the Montana Mine at about 1:20 in the afternoon, and a 21-year-old man named Ernest Albert Stevens was killed by falling bricks.

Rather sadly Stevens, who had been retrenched about a fortnight before, had earlier that morning approached the manager of the mine looking for some work and was told he could knock down a disused chimney. He was the sole support of his widowed mother and younger siblings, and he was also the kettle drummer for the Zeehan Band.

An inquest was held the next morning before Coroner Chambers and a jury of seven, with Mr A. Banks-Smith present on behalf of the Montana Company, and Mr Steve Ford for the Amalgamated Miners' Association. After the jury had viewed the body Mrs Stevens was excused, as she was deeply upset by the loss of her eldest son.

The first witness called was Dr. Gilbert E. Butler, who deposed that after he was notified of the incident he immediately proceeded to the scene. When he arrived, the deceased was lying face down on the ground, with his head covered in blood, and the back of the skull was smashed. A number of bricks were lying adjacent to the body. He had already died.

John Craze, manager of the Montana mine, stated that Stevens had been employed almost continuously at the

mine for the past 18 months. Stevens had asked him that morning to give him something to do. He mentioned the chimney that could be knocked down, and asked deceased if he could do it, to which he replied yes. He told deceased that he could take it down and clean the bricks, which would keep him employed until something else was available, saying he could start after dinner. When about to leave he again asked Stevens if he was sure he could take it down safely, and he replied that he could. He thought that Stevens was quite capable of doing the job and did not give him any instructions, nor did Stevens ask how to go about it.

He had been told about 1:30 that an accident had occurred, and went to the scene immediately. In concluding his evidence Mr Craze said it was not planned to have the chimney taken down; it was solely for the purpose of giving Stevens something to do, and so assist him and his widowed mother.

Archibald Smythe, an employee at the Montana mine, stated that he had spoken to Stevens at about 12:45 who said he had been told to take the chimney down, and he had told Ste-

vens to be careful, but Stevens made no reply to him.

Another witness, Frederick Holder, deposed he was working at his father's cottage about 30ft from the scene of the accident and had noticed deceased at about 12:45 when he commenced taking down a chimney about 15 ft in height, and was picking at it about 2ft from the ground. About 1:30 witness noticed that the chimney was swaying, and he called out to Stevens to "look out!" Stevens walked one or two steps forward, then stopped appearing to "freeze," and the chimney then fell on top of him. Deceased had made no sound at any time.

Frederick's wife Ada deposed that at about 1:20 she heard a noise and looked out of the window, and she saw the chimney was down, but she could not see Stevens. She found him lying face down, with bricks on top of him. She removed some of them and then put a towel around his head in an endeavour to stop the bleeding. Stevens never spoke.

The coroner then summed up, stating that the evidence showed the cause of death was purely accidental, and after a short adjournment the jury

agreed, adding that no blame was attachable to anyone.

Ernest Stevens' funeral took place at 3 o'clock on the following Sunday afternoon. It is known that he was buried in the Catholic section of the cemetery but exactly where is not known.

Many members of the A.M.A. were present, and they carried the coffin from the house to the hearse, and afterwards from the cemetery gates to the grave. About 24 members of the Zeehan Band headed the cortege, and at different times played "The Dead March in Saul" and Beethoven's "Funeral March."

On arrival at the cemetery the Band took up positions on each side of the gates, and as the hearse passed through repeated "The Dead March in Saul."

The Reverend Father Bernard Murphy conducted the service, and said that they were mourning the loss of a young man who was a martyr to labour; one who had been cut down while doing his duty, inasmuch as he was working for the purpose of providing for his widowed mother and younger brothers and sisters. When the Reverend had finished speaking the bandsmen took up positions around the grave and played "Jesus Lover of my Soul."

This is an abridged excerpt taken from books edited by Malcolm Ready, *Burials at the Zeehan General (Pioneer) Cemetery*.



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Primary School mural saved from tip

Visitors to the Circular Head Heritage Centre are treated to an amazing mural in the ‘School and Education’ section of the museum. The wall length mural was destined for the tip until the museum put their hand up for it. The children in this mural are now in their forties!

The mural was created by Smithton Primary School students K – 6 as the culmination of a Bicentennial Project in 1988, with the leadership of artist John Lendis.

The school made an application to the Bicentennial Fund for financial support to employ an artist to lead the school residency to create the mural. John Lendis had come to

some level of celebrity due to his creation of a mural at Sheffield, in 1986, the first mural which inspired the development of a festival in the rural town of Sheffield, resulting in a whole townscape of murals. Lendis accepted the invitation to take up a residency at Smithton Primary School to develop an artistic project resulting in the mural.

A games day was planned where children played old-fashioned games –

such as marbles, hopscotch, kite-flying, stilt-walking, skipping and hoops. John

the school and the children met with John in small groups and were guided in

This means it has been part of every assembly since that time as well as being observed at every canteen line, bus line and general activity undertaken by students across those 37 years.

In addition to the school activity, the hall has been a concert venue, and a polling booth for every election over the years from 1988 to 2025, giving access to adults across the community.

Provenance

The mural has come to the museum as a result of a refurbishment of the hall at Smithton Primary school. The principal contacted the museum asking if it could be placed in the collection as they had no further use for it. The

museum assisted with the removal of the mural from the school and its installation in the school exhibit space in the museum.

The artist, John Lendis was a relatively new artist at the time he accepted the commission to create the mural. He went on to become a very successful artist in Australia and on an international level.

Story by Patricia Grey



walked around the playground sketching the children as they participated in the games. By agreement the faces were anonymous but the sketches came from the activities he observed. These sketches were later translated into the large figures in the mural.

Classes had also been involved in historical investigations which were represented in illustrations by the children. Some were selected from each class in

transferring their artworks onto the loose paper floating around the mural.

Thus, the children attending the school at that time in 1988 had the opportunity to be present in the artwork, either as models for the large figures or as the artists who created the smaller works which float through the scene.

The mural has occupied a wall of the Smithton Primary School Assembly Hall since it was first created, 37 years ago.

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parkrun - brought to you this month by the letter ‘Z’

Zeehan Golf Club parkrun continues to go from strength to strength and is now a regular, weekly occurrence with distributed and sustained leadership throughout our growing volunteer group – we are always looking for more volunteers so please reach out if you would like to help! (zeehangolfclub@parkrun.com) It is a rewarding experience when you consider the wellbeing benefits to all people who participate. The latest statistics are below: Events: 62 (number of events held since it began on Feb. 10, 2024), Finishers: 1007 (number of people who have completed the course), Volunteers: 147 (individual people who have volunteered at our event). We are attracting a lot of interstate and international tourists who come to Zeehan solely to complete this event! Some have been completing the A-Z of parkrun. Our parkrun is the second ‘Z’ in all of Australia! Look forward to seeing people there! 9:00am every Saturday!



I visited Tassie for the first time this month, specifically to complete my parkrun alphabet challenge. I did Queens Domain parkrun and the week after that I finished the challenge at Zeehan Golf Club parkrun.

Meet Tasmania’s newest heroes... The Water Guardians are here!



The wait is over - TasWater is proud to announce the full suite of custom Water Guardians educational resources is now live through a dedicated website designed to inspire the next generation of Tasmanians to protect our most precious resource – water.

The Water Guardians feature six native Tasmanian animals Winnie the wombat, Laurel the platypus, Jasper the eastern quoll, Dan the caddisfly larva, Flynn the wedge-tailed eagle, and Paddy the pademelon.

The program offers engaging, curriculum-aligned materials for primary school children so they can understand the value of water and the complex work that goes into providing it.

TasWater General Manager Customer and Community Matt Balfe said the launch of the website and online storybooks marks a significant step in TasWater’s journey to improve water literacy across the state and responds directly to community expectations.

“Our customers have told us they want to see us doing more in the education space – and the Water Guardians program is a major part of how we’re delivering on that,” Mr Balfe said.

“The program recognises the nuances of our unique Tasmanian landscape, and that changes in climate and increasing population can impact water availability, and we are not immune even in the traditionally rainy west. We encourage students’ sustainability efforts in their school, just like the Water Guardians, and to spread the message whenever

they can to become real life water guardians themselves.

Developed in collaboration with education specialists, the resources explore the journey of water — from sky, to tap, to sea — and the vital work involved in keeping it clean and accessible. Central to the program are three beautifully illustrated storybooks by Tasmanian artist Rachel Tribout, written especially for Tasmanian students: From Mountain to Sea, Saving the Creek, and City River Rescue.

“The three books feature prominent Tasmanian places, including our own Strahan, Horsetail Falls Queenstown, and Lake St Clair. Through these familiar places we learn how our actions impact the environment and our water guardians’ habitats,” Mr Balfe said.

“Our customers tell us they want us to protect and improve the environment and water security coupled with more education, so what better way to start the conversation than with our children.” And the best part – it is all free to access, and it is not just for schools.

The Water Guardians initiative takes a uniquely Tasmanian approach to water literacy. The native characters guide students through real Tasmanian environments, from mountain streams to city rivers.

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Circular Head to Launch FOGO in Stanley and Smithton

Circular Head, Tasmania

Circular Head Council will roll out a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service in Stanley and Smithton from September 2025, as part of a region-wide effort to reduce landfill and improve environmental outcomes.

The new fortnightly service will allow residents in eligible urban areas to separate food scraps and garden waste from general rubbish. The material will be transported to the Dulverton Waste Management facility near Spreyton, where it will be processed into compost that meets Australian standards.

Mayor Gerard Blizzard said the initiative was a key part of Council's long-term waste strategy.

"This is about doing the right thing for our environment and future generations," he said. "Like many small regional communities, we take pride in our land and lifestyle — FOGO will help us reduce what we send to landfill while supporting composting and local food production."

The program is being delivered in partnership with the North West Resource Recovery and Recycling (NWRRR) alliance, which includes Councils already operating FOGO



Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) is coming to Stanley and Smithton in September 2025

services. Since its inception, the alliance has achieved a 56 per cent regional diversion rate and avoided more than \$300,000 in state landfill levy costs.

The current levy stands at \$44.88 per tonne and is expected to increase over time. Council said reducing reliance on landfill was essential to keeping waste management costs under control.

Households with an existing kerbside recycling service in Stanley and Smithton will automatically receive a 240-litre green-lidded FOGO bin in August,



ahead of the service's September start. An information pack and collection calendar will be included with each bin. Council's Acting General Manager, Andrew Wardlaw, said the rollout had been carefully planned with community support in mind.

"An information pack will be delivered with each bin to make the transition as easy as possible," he said.

Dulverton Waste Management CEO Veronica Schilling welcomed Circular Head's participation in the program.

"The new bin puts the power for

change in the hands of the Circular Head community," she said.

Around 40 per cent of the material currently placed in general waste bins can be composted through the FOGO system. The service will complement existing recycling efforts and reduce the environmental impact of household waste.

Further information and FAQs are available at circularhead.tas.gov.au, residents can call the FOGO hotline at (03) 6427 4646 or email

hello@nwrwr.com.au



Braddon Labor candidate Anne Urquhart pictured with Mayor Gerard Blizzard, Cr Mark Dabner, Cr Tony Hine and Cr Sally Collins outside Smithton's Ochre Medical Centre.

Smithton Health Hub Receives Bipartisan Funding Boost

Smithton, Tasmania

Residents of Circular Head are a step closer to better local healthcare following identical \$10.1 million commitments from both the Federal Labor Government and the Coalition for a new Smithton Health Hub.

Mayor Gerard Blizzard said the rare bipartisan agreement gives the project real certainty.

"Support from both major parties confirms the importance of reliable, close-to-home healthcare for regional communities," he said. "Council can now progress detailed planning for a modern facility that brings GPs, allied-health professionals and visiting

specialists together under one roof."

The purpose-built hub will increase consulting capacity, reduce travel for treatment and help attract medical professionals to live and work in Smithton.

"This investment is about dignity and access," Mayor Blizzard added. "It will shorten waiting times, improve chronic-disease management and strengthen care for our ageing population."

Design work—led by Council in consultation with local health providers—includes undercover parking, consulting suites and space for specialist services. Construction timeframes will be confirmed once funding agreements are finalised.



Community members join TasPorts in the cleanup effort in Stanley

Community Effort Shines at Stanley

Stanley, Tasmania

On Tuesday, 8 April, the Stanley community came together for a TasPorts-led Clean Up Australia Day event, teaming up with BIG4 Tassie Getaway Parks Stanley, Poet's Cottage Stanley, Cradle Coast Authority and Circular Head Council to help keep this stunning coastal town litter-free.

With more volunteers than in previous years, five bags of rubbish were collected—about half of which was recycled. While the volume might seem small, it

reflects a growing community effort to reduce waste year-round.

Among the more unusual finds were a boot, Nike socks, track pants and discarded fishing tackle. Poet's Cottage Stanley generously hosted a barbecue afterward, where volunteers shared a meal and celebrated their efforts.

TasPorts extended their thanks to everyone involved, reaffirming their commitment to supporting the communities they work in. Together, we're keeping Stanley clean and beautiful—one clean-up at a time.



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Portraits, Paintings and a Plunge: CHArts Returns to Celebrate Circular Head

Circular Head, Tasmania

As the nation turns its gaze to the iconic Archibald Prize, Circular Head is preparing to celebrate creativity closer to home—with the return of CHArts, our much-loved community arts program.

Kicking off with the ever-popular CHArchibald portrait competition, entries are now open for artists to submit a portrait of someone who lives, works or contributes to the Circular Head region. Whether it's a family member, a quiet achiever, a local legend or someone who simply makes you smile—this is your chance to shine a light on the people who make our community special.

The CHArchibald is just the beginning. This year's CHArts program promises to be bigger and better than ever, with a full calendar of exhibitions, tastings and community events set to roll

out across Circular Head. The Spring Swim will make a return to Marrawah Beach, inviting locals to take a bracing, spirited dip in celebration of community and the changing season.

Moo'd at the Duck Pavilion Centre will bring a playful, rural-themed lunch that captures the creative charm of our farming culture.

The Gallery's opening night will once again be a major highlight, with surrounding events expected to pop up around town, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere for artists and visitors alike.

Whether you're picking up a paintbrush, pulling on a wetsuit, or simply enjoying the celebrations, CHArts 2025 is shaping up to be a standout showcase of Circular Head's creative spirit.

To enter the CHArchibald or find out more about the program, visit:
www.circularhead.tas.gov.au/CHArts

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Dress to Impress at the Stanley Mother's Day Classic

Stanley, Tasmania

The countdown is on – the Stanley Mother's Day Classic is happening this Sunday, and it's shaping up to be a fabulous morning of fun, fitness and family!

Held at the Stanley Recreation Centre on Sunday, 11 May, this feel-good event brings the community together to celebrate mums and raise funds for life-saving breast cancer research. Whether you're walking, running or cheering from the sidelines, everyone's welcome to get involved.

And this year, there's an extra reason to dress up – the best dressed in pink will score a pair of bright pink Merry People boots! So don your feathers, fluff, glitter and tulle – the more outrageous, the better.

The Mother's Day Classic began in 1998 and has grown into a nationwide tradition, uniting Australians in a show of colour and community spirit. The Stanley event is proudly supported by Circular Head Council and promises all the heart (and pink!) of the national movement, right here on the North West Coast.

Registrations are open right up until the event – so it's not too late to join in.

Come down, bring the crew and be part of something special.

Register now at:
mothersdayclassic.com.au

Flat Weed Spraying – Stanley & Smithton

Council's annual flat-weed control program will run from 1 to 31 May 2025. A qualified contractor, engaged by Council, will treat nature strips, parks and cemetery areas in Stanley and Smithton whenever suitable

weather conditions allow.

This routine maintenance helps keep our public spaces safe, tidy and weed-free.

For further information, please contact Council on (03) 6452 4800.

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JOURNEY TO THE EDGE OF THE WORLD



The tiny seaside hamlet of Arthur River stands close to the 40th parallel on Tasmania's wild West Coast smack in the face of the notorious winds known as the Roaring Forties. If you were to travel due west from the mouth of the Arthur River along the 40th parallel you would not see land again for 17,000 klm, until you reached Patagonia on the east coast of South America.

During winter winds can reach and incredible 200klmh and reef torn waves can rear amazingly high before crashing ashore on the rugged rocks of this inhospitable coast. Pity the poor mariner caught on this lee shore and being helplessly driven toward such a fearsome sight

But during summer this wild coastal region turns a more benign countenance to the world. From winter gray the sea transforms to a friendlier blue, the winds moderate the clouds break up and the sun warms this lush wilderness for the returning visitors.

Taswegians have always shown a love for this sparsely populated region and bring their caravans and shade cloth, sun shelters, firewood, wood heaters and boats and settle in for months at a time. Their camps are a marvel of comfort and ingenuity with paths laid out and walls of shade cloth erected to protect their camp from the cool evening breezes. Mostly they only stay a week or two at a time returning whenever they can to the comfort and peace of their camp. Family members often rotate occupancy to ensure there is someone in residence all of the time.

There is plenty of room in the local parks for casual visitors, especially the National Parks Manuka Camping Ground. This lovely area consists of many separate campsites, some large some small scattered about through the coastal scrub in earshot of the pounding surf. Water and toilets are provided but no showers. Shy Pademelons slip in through the edge of the bush in the evenings and browse the short grass while

during the day tiny wrens and finches flit about busily doing what birds do.

Arthur River is one of the last wild rivers in Tasmania. Its densely wooded banks have never been logged and no dam bars the waters way. It is not a wide river but its depth in places almost matches its width its bottom scoured clean by winter torrents. We decided to explore fourteen kilometres upstream to the junction of the Arthur and the Frankland aboard the M.V. George Robinson.

We motored gently upstream to the realm of the Sea Eagle. A pair of these majestic birds has nested here for decades with the female known to be forty-two years old and raising twin chicks most years, an unusual occurrence for sea eagles. This season no different and we were the first to witness that this fecund female had done it again. Two chicks craned their heads over the side of their large nest to view the viewers and it was with reluctance we moved on leaving the hovering parents to care for their offspring.

Coastal scrub, bent by the ocean wind gave way to taller trees with Eucalypts standing tallest. These are known colloquially as Stringy Bark but their timber is marketed as Tasmanian Oak despite they bear no resemblance or relation to an oak. Blackwood and Leatherwood soon began to show, the leatherwood in a profusion of white flower. Soon it was myrtle, sassafras and a plethora of tall ferns and we entered the beginnings of the Tarkine Rainforest.

The scent of a temperate rainforest is unique. It is a wonderful blend of all those myriad things growing there. As we sedately motored through the tea coloured water we were assailed by the sweet scent of flowering plants, some we could see some we could not. Mixed with the sweetness was a pleasant earthy aroma that rode boldly on the oxygen rich air flowing between the lofty banks of this ancient stream.

The conjunction of the Frankland and the Arthur is surprisingly small. These

lengthy streams that wind through the wilderness for many kilometres are narrow enough that you could easily throw a rock from one bank to the other. Here we disembarked and tramped along the north bank of the Frankland to a splendid picnic area nestled amongst the rainforest giants. Green light speckled the rustic setting but we paused only momentarily before pushing on to learn more of this impressive wilderness.

Our Guide, his knowledge of what he calls "The Bush," is encyclopaedic. His audience was completely enthralled by his enthusiasm and no one interrupts his monologue for fear of missing something. After an hour we have all become experts on the Tarkine, its creatures and its rivers and return to the picnic area for a real Aussie barbeque. I, for one, never thought I could learn so much on such a complex subject as I had in such a short time. But when your lecturer has such enthusiasm for his subject its hard not to take it all in.

Back in town we motor over the bridge to the headland they call the Edge Of The World.

Gazing out over the wild surf roaring into the mouth of the river it is not hard to imagine this to be the Edge of The World. But no Jack Sparrow, or Billy Connelly are to be seen just a wide band of breakers and an unbroken swathe of blue ocean stretching to the horizon. On either hand fang like rocks and reefs tear the breakers apart the shuddering collisions sending sparkling spray and spume high into the salt laden air.

Logs, from slender spars to timbers of massive size litter the rocks. Flushed from West Coast Rivers during winter floods the sea has driven these erstwhile forest giants back upon land to pound and splinter them upon the sharp red fangs of the shore. It is a scene of a pure wilderness that is both exhilarating and exciting. The air on this section of the north-west coast has been tested and declared to be some of the sweetest and purest air on the planet, albeit with a

salty tang. But what else would you expect at the Edge Of The World?

I cast my pebble on to the shore of
eternity.

To be washed by the ocean of time.
It has shape, form and substance.
it is me.

One day I will be no more.
But my pebble will remain here.
On the shore of Eternity.
Mute witness for the aeons.
That today I came and stood.
At the edge of the world.

Brian Inder.

FACT FILE

Arthur River and the Edge Of The World can be found on Tasmania's north west coast on the Bass Highway thirty minutes drive south west of Smithton. There are two stores, two river tour boats and boats and canoes can be hired. There are three caravan parks that we saw. We stayed at the Manuka Camping Grounds run by the National Parks. It is self-registering at the National Parks office and costs \$4.50 a night per person. Toilets and water is provided but no showers. There is mobile phone coverage at Arthur River but no television. The nearest Post Office is at Marrawah 15klm back to the north. The road from Smithton through Marrawah to Arthur River is sealed all the way and suitable for all vehicles with care.

There is also a good free camping site with water, toilets and cold showers at Green Point Anne Bay, Marrawah.

You will find very little literature on Arthur River or the Tarkine wilderness at any of the information centres. To learn more about this fascinating wilderness go to: www.forestrytas.com.au

Or phone 1300720507.

To find other on-line information on Arthur River simply type in The Edge Of The World – Tasmania and you will find a great deal more information.

Written by Jim Foster

Montezuma Falls still closed



Montezuma Falls Walking track is still closed - Applies from 13/9/2024
We are working to get the track re-opened as soon as possible.
The track was damaged during a bad storm in 2024 which caused:

- extensive tree falls
- a major landslide

A new section of track must be built around the landslide area.
For more information please contact the West Coast Field Centre on (03) 6409 1020 or email PWS.
WestCoast@parks.tas.gov.au

Fires leave everlasting legacy

I drove down through Corinna from the North a week or two ago and was shocked at the extent of the damage caused by the recent bushfires.

As far as the eye can see the the scenery is black and orange, smoke still pours out of the ground from underground peat fires.

Even the roadsigns melted and withered in the intense heat. I can only imagine how the wildlife suffered out here.

It is surreal but quite beautiful in its own way. Some grasses are starting to grow back but this region will take a long time to recover - the scars will be there forever.

Alan-Ed



Hope in Every Sip... Join us for the Biggest Morning Tea!

Soroptimist International of Circular Head, in partnership with Rural Health, invites the community to come together for a cuppa that counts at this year's Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 22 May at the Emmerton Park Clubrooms.

Known for their scrumptious spreads and warm welcomes, the Soroptimist ladies are ready to serve up tea, treats, and plenty of good cheer – because a cuppa and cake shared with friends is always something to savour.

The morning will be full of fun with raffles, quizzes, and games, and we're delighted to welcome Dr Diane Fletcher-Way, an accredited cancer dietitian from Sheffield, as our guest speaker.

This event is part of a national effort supporting the Cancer Council, which raised over \$16.3 million last year through more than 23,000 morning teas.

Thanks to the generous support of our local community, Soroptimist International of Circular Head was proud to contribute to this incredible total. Every dollar raised goes towards lifesaving research, support services, prevention, and information.

A special window display promoting the event is featured at the Rural Health office on Smith Street so keep an eye out for a sneak peek at the fun ahead.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Thursday 22 May
- **Time:** 10:00 AM arrival for a 10:30 AM start
- **Venue:** Emmerton Park Clubrooms
- **Entry:** Gold coin donation (plus a little extra for raffles and games)

• **No need to book – everyone is welcome!**

More Upcoming Events:

- **Mother's Day Classic Fun Run – Sunday 12 May**

Join us as we walk or run in pink to raise funds for breast cancer research. Every step supports the journey towards a cure.

- **Sip'n Paint – Sunday 18 May, 2 PM** at the Vinnies Hub

An afternoon of creativity and connection! Tickets are \$90 and include all materials, nibbles, and a glass of bubbles. A perfect way to support Soroptimist projects while enjoying a fun, relaxing experience.

Whether you walk, sip, or simply share a slice of cake, your participation helps fund vital cancer support and research. Together, we can pour hope into every cup.

For more information about SICH booking for events and initiatives, follow Soroptimist International of Circular Head on Facebook.



Footy families rematch - one hundred years on

On Saturday 11 October 2025, a football game of historical significance will be played at the Irishtown Football Grounds in Irishtown (near Smithton), Tasmania. The main match will start at 3pm.

Almost one hundred years to the day, descendants of the families will come together for a charity fundraiser rematch and battle it out for the "Bridget Cup" (Bridget being the name of the matriarch of both families).

The Rematch is believed to be the first of its kind in Australia. Some players will travel as far as Queensland to take part.

On 17 October 1925 in Wynyard, Tasmania, two big Irish pioneering families, the Gleesons from the Deloraine district and the O'Hallorans from the Circular Head district, played a football game. The "game that day was unique in the history of Tasmania if not in Australia" (Circular Head Chronicle, 21/10/1925, page 3)

The first Advocate newspaper article published on 29/07/1925 asked "Who'll Play the Gleesons?". The O'Halloran response was published in the Advocate on 11/08/1925. Community anticipation built through the many articles that followed.

It was Wynyard's largest attended match that season and would have been bigger still if the anticipated trains ran on the day. Final score: O'Halloran's (green-and-gold) 11.17 (83 points) to Gleesons (red-and-blue) 2.0 (12 points). Proceeds

were donated to the Spencer & Devon hospitals.

The newspaper stated photographs were taken of both 1925 teams. While the O'Halloran team photograph hangs proudly in the Irishtown Football Clubhouse, despite extensive searches, the photograph of the Gleeson team still eludes Rematch organisers and family historians.

A joint jumper launch will take place in Oatlands, Tasmania in May 2025 (exact venue and date to be confirmed). Alister Nicholson of the Tasmanian Football Club will be present. Australian world champion woodchopper David Foster is assisting with some organisational elements of the rematch.

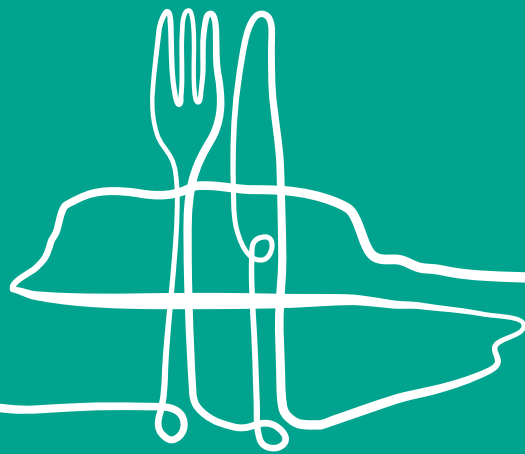
An obvious draw card for anyone who enjoys football, the Rematch will also appeal to children and people who like a good family history story.

Knowledge of the Rematch is already causing a stir in the community with the unique history of the match drawing in people who would otherwise not be interested in football.

The O'Halloran family has at least three nonagenarian children of original players still living.

Many players from both teams are grandchildren and great grandchildren of original players and all players trace their genealogy back to their family's originating pioneering grandparents.

Both teams welcome discussions about sponsorships.



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150 senior games for ‘Big Boss’



150 big ones!
Congratulations to Big Boss for reaching the incredible milestone of 150 senior club games with the Saints!
Jo returned to the Saints to participate in the NWBU in 2023, having played in the state league in previous years.
She is a fierce competitor, constantly seeking ways to improve herself and contribute to the club.
As the club's president, co-sponsor, coach, umpire, and manager, she's a true all-rounder, and we are immensely thankful for everything you and your family do for the club!

BOOK LAUNCH

Set in Stanley!



Where the Birds Call Her Name

Stanley Discovery Museum

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Where the Birds Call Her Name by Claire van Ryn
Saturday May 24, 2pm,
Stanley Discovery Museum, 37-39 Church St, Stanley

The Stanley Museum looks forward to hosting the bestselling Tasmanian author Claire van Ryn at St Paul’s Church for a conversation about her new novel – Where the Birds Call Her Name. Claire’s second novel is set in 1968 Stanley, featuring all the usual landmarks – the Nut, the Green Hills and Tatlow’s and Godfrey’s Beach but also features the Swamp, a wetland that once existed across from the old school-house. Learn how Claire came to include the Stanley setting, the taxidermist in her family tree who inspired a key character, the four generations of mothers and daughters at the novel's heart and a caravan road trip from Broome to Tasmania inspired by her own travels.

Set in the breathtaking landscape of Tasmania’s majestic north-west, this is a moving and highly evocative novel of family bonds and betrayals.

We would love to see you there and you will be able to buy copies of Claire's books and also have them signed.

This is a free event hosted by the Stanley Discovery Museum in conjunction with Libraries Tasmania.

Enquiries: Email: stanleydiscoverymuseum@gmail.com
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Burnie Health Hub

Thrilled to share that Burnie City Council has officially approved the Development Application for the proposed Burnie Health Hub!

This is an exciting milestone for our city and the broader North West Coast, as we welcome a visionary project from local brothers, Dr. Jerome Muir Wilson and Jack Muir Wilson. Their proposed development is set to transform healthcare access across the region.

With both major parties pledging \$8 million during the federal election campaign, this project now has real momentum. The Burnie Health Hub will bring a range of health services together under one roof—improving access, supporting early intervention, and alleviating pressure on the North West Regional Hospital.

Dr. Jerome Muir Wilson has already

proven what's possible through his transformation of the former Duke of Wellington pub in Launceston into the contemporary Launceston Health Hub in 2014—a model that has delivered significant outcomes for patients and providers alike. That experience, coupled with Jack's business acumen, makes this a project full of promise for our community.

While Council's role in assessing the application is now complete, the planning approval does remain subject to the standard appeal period. That said, I'm incredibly hopeful this important project will progress smoothly from here.

Would be proud to see such forward-thinking investment coming to Burnie. Congratulations to Jack and Jerome on this exciting step forward for healthcare in our region.



City Mission and Woolies

We would love to take a moment to celebrate our ongoing partnership between Woolworths and our SnagChat BBQ trailer.

In mid 2024, a local charity that had been providing warm meals each Thursday ceased operating. When the SnagChat team heard about this, we were keen to fill that gap so there would continue to be a free meal available every night of the week for members of our homeless community.

We knew this would require doubling our financial costs of food purchases, so

we approached Woolworths to see if they would be interested in partnering with us to meet this need.

Woolworths jumped at the opportunity and generously supported us by providing all food for our events. This has enabled us to not only provide a warm meal both Thursday and Friday nights, but also to increase the food options to include chicken burgers and beef burgers with lettuce.

A massive thanks to Woolworths for joining with us in serving our homeless community!





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- Burnie Council Chambers – 80 Wilson Street **BURNIE**
- Devonport Waste Transfer Station – Bay Drive **QUOIBA**
- Paranalpe Centre Carpark – ground floor, Fenton Street entrance **DEVONPORT**
- Ulverstone Resource and Recovery Centre – 106 Lobster Creek Road **WEST ULVERSTONE**
- Central Coast Council Chambers – 19 King Edward Street **ULVERSTONE**
- Penguin Visitor Information Centre – 78 Main Road **PENGUIN**
- Latrobe Council Chambers – 170 Gilbert Street **LATROBE**

- Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station – Hawk Hill Road **PORT SORELL**
- Sheffield Waste Transfer Station – East Victoria Street **SHEFFIELD**
- Kentish Council Chambers – 69 High Street **SHEFFIELD**
- Wynyard Transfer Station – 170 Goldie Street **WYNYARD**
- Waratah-Wynyard Council Chambers – 21 Saunders Street **WYNYARD**
- Waratah-Wynyard Council Chambers – Smith Street **WARATAH**
- Circular Head Council Chambers – 33 Goldie Street **SMITHTON**
- White Hills Transfer Station – 22475 Bass Highway **SMITHTON**
- West Coast Community Services Hub – 9-13 Driffield Street **QUEENSTOWN**



Boom, to bust, to boom again?

This is a series of newspaper clippings showing the rise and fall of the Macquarie Gold mine which was situated near what is now the Queenstown airport. *Research thanks to Rory Wray-McCann*

8th June 1888, Daily Telegraph
MINING NEWS.
Yesterday the batteries and other machinery, which arrived from Melbourne recently for the Macquarie and Princess G.M. Companies claims on the West Coast, were put on board the s.s. Herbert, which leaves for Macquarie and Trial Harbors, via Circular Head, this morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Fraser and an efficient staff of men will be passengers by the steamer, and on arrival intend proceeding immediately with the erection of the battery on the former claim. The Herbert also takes a very large cargo, mainly provisions.

7th July 1888, The Tasmanian
MINING INTELLIGENCE.
Macquarie.—West Coast—June 25—The machinery has all been safely landed at Long Bay, Macquarie Harbour. The road to the claim is not quite ready, but in the meantime I will be fully employed putting up huts, getting site for the mill, timber for foundation, cutting road to battery, water-races, etc.

12th July 1888, Launceston Examiner
Mining managers report as under :--West Coast.
Macquarie.—July 2—I finished fixing the camp last Thursday. I have two men packing from the end of the made road, 3 and half miles, to the camp, and three men opening up north and south on the course of the lode, in order to determine the site of the battery. In doing so, we uncovered some magnificent stone a long way from the original discovery. To-day I discovered what appears to be a parallel lode 40ft east of the first one, showing splendid gold. I intend to forward by next boat a parcel of grand specimens to the legal manager, Melbourne.

6th September 1888, The Mercury
Manager's Reports.
Macquarie.—August 23—Shaft sunk on the reef to a depth of 40ft, which is fully 3ft wide, underlying east, showing very nice gold and pyrites, now opening out south at 36ft. Contractor's for road to mill and tunnel making very fair progress, Site cleared and foundations cut

P 24

out, all getting ready for machinery.

Wednesday 19 December 1888, Daily Telegraph
GOLD.
Macquarie.—December 8 (from the Argus)—Tunnel shaft 34ft below 40ft level; expect to break through in about 24ft in a fortnight. Have been busy timbering up. In a tunnel driven north 15ft. Driven south 9ft; lode looking very well and showing good gold. This shoot of stone is the southernmost and the third cut on the surface, so by driving north from this we have two long shoots of stone to cut. Getting all ready to stope away from the backs of



the 40ft level as soon as we start crushing. The battery work is well forward, but as several of the men will be leaving at Christmas for a day or two, will not start crushing till the new year.

Thursday 27 December 1888, Daily Telegraph
MINING NEWS.
GOLD.
Macquarie (West Coast).—December 12—Expect to break through next week with tunnel shaft. Stone made again in north drive from tunnel, and looks very well. Getting on well with battery and other fixings. Machinery and engine will be ready for starting after new year.

2nd January 1889, Examiner
GOLD. Mining managers report WEST COAST.
Macquarie.—Dec. 19—Holed through yesterday from shaft to tunnel, found depth exactly 100ft from surface. Left reef in east showing good gold, as it was better sinking to west, and kept shaft straight. North level from tunnel now in 25ft. Reef running north and south and showing good gold most of the way. Have driven south 16ft

on good stone. Now timbering shaft, and will commence stoping next Monday from the backs of the 40ft level, where large quantities of stone can be easily got. Battery finished, except the engine, which expect on Monday. Will start crushing the day after New Year, and will have a clear run for one month.

Wednesday 13th March 1889, Daily Telegraph
GOLD.
Macquarie.—February 28—Still sinking on reef. Now down 30ft. looks a nice compact lode., 18in to 2ft wide, and showing payable gold. Continuing drive at the 40ft level from old shaft. Reef

2ft wide.
9th February 1889, Examiner
GOLD.
All shares in the Macquarie Company forfeited by non-payment of the first call will be sold by auction at Melbourne on the 16th inst.

20th March 1889, Daily Telegraph
GOLD.
Macquarie:--March 10—Shaft on Kemp's section now down 32ft; reef 18in wide, showing fair gold. Hope to start crushing next week. 40ft level in the No. 1 shaft been driven north 10ft; now 3ft wide.

Friday 16th August 1889, Daily Telegraph Launceston
GOLD.
Macquarie (West Coast).—July 31—Sunk 21ft. Holed through to lower level. Total depth 95ft 6in. Reef varies from 3ft down to 3in, and is very poor. Lower level north has been extended 23ft for the month. Size of load averages 20in. It is 10ft north of where the shaft holed through that was met the stone carrying good gold. Since last report have washed some very good prospects up and down the face, also in

the back of the level. The gold is extremely coarse, and well into the solid stone. Have two shifts on, and will push forward as fast as possible.

28th August 1889, Daily Telegraph
Gold.
Macquarie (Macquarie Harbour).—August 26—In section 1511 the width of the lode in the stope is 14in, carrying a little gold. There were 17 tons of quartz delivered at the battery during the week. I will start crushing on Monday.

3rd March 1890, Examiner
MACQUARIE GOLD MINE COMPANY
An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders in the Macquarie Gold Mining Company was held at Melbourne on February 8th (says the Argus), Mr. Thompson Moore presiding. On the motion of Mr. G. Elliot, it was decided to voluntarily wind up the company. The chairman said the plant of the Company was at the present time under offer to another mining company for the sum of £550, which, together with the balance on hand of £96, would be distributed amongst the shareholders at the earliest opportunity.

19TH March 1900, Examiner
MACQUARIE GOLD MINE.
The management is opening out at the old stopes in the 25ft level on lode matter 3ft. 6in. wide, seven tons of which were crushed, yielding 15dwt. per ton. Another 18in. of lode matter of solid clean quartz was struck, a ton of which returned 1oz. 2dwt. gold. Messrs. Murray are endeavouring to obtain capital to test both properties at a depth, as several years' work at the Woody Hill mine has convinced them that the gold lies down King River. Work is to be resumed on this property at once, the mine being let on tribute for three years. A sample of the stone brought to Queenstown yesterday showed that the gold was well distributed through it. Messrs. Murray Bros intend to apply for a portion of the deep sinking vote so that the ground may be tested, they being convinced, after several years' work, that the gold lives down. Our gold-field here has been sadly neglected, and it is hoped that the work about to be done will have good results.

Mountain biking on the West Coast... from a chopper!

The coolest thing was the call from Tim over at Red Bull, about two weeks before our Heli Biking Weekend, asking if we could get Kriss Kyle and Remy Morton on the heli. After discussing this with Rotorlift's Chief Pilot Dylan Vickerman, the answer was "hell yes"... and we had a plan. Dylan made a great point: "We're going to fly pretty close to Maydena on the way home and could drop Kriss and Remy off there." A quick conference call with the Maydena Bike Park staff and the Red Bull crew confirmed the idea was a go!

The Heli Biking morning was sick. Wake up, make a coffee, and get over to Rotorlift for a sunrise takeoff. Now, this must be one of the most incredible things I've ever had the opportunity to do. Dylan lands at the high point of Silver City, and with the heli still running, I hop out, grab my kit bags, and squat down beside the heli over my kit. With a quick thumbs up, Dylan takes off right beside me, and heli biking begins.

The day is full on with bugger-all downtime; as fast as I am getting riders off the heli, Di and the Rotorlift team at the bottom are loading more up and sending them my way. We had 19 riders ready to experience Heli Biking on the West Coast of Tasmania, at Silver City. The weather could not have been more perfect - blue skies, warm and sunny!

We cap the day off by flying down to Maydena and dropping Kriss and Remy right in Maydena Bike Park before heading to Hobart. Here, Lochie has been transporting Red Bull Hardline athletes from the airport to Hobart all day.

The rest of the week was spent taking Red Bull athletes in and out of Hardline, simultaneously getting hikers into and out of the Southwest and Cradle Mountain.

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Networking evening a huge success

There was a real buzz in the Zeehan Study Hub in the evening of the 16th April with nearly 70 people, representing the interested community members, local and state government, West Coast major employers and a range of building companies promoting housing designs they believe would be suited for the environment and streetscapes of the west coast.

Hosted by the Western Regional Strategic Partnership (WRSP), with the tireless effort of the Project Officer, Liz Youd, the networking unleashed lots of sharing of ideas and how working together we can address some of the more complex issues the community and council have been pushing for, for a long time.

The Chair of the WRSP, Ray Mostogl who is also CEO of Tasmanian Minerals, Manufacturing and Energy Council (TMEC) amongst other things provided the audience with an overview of what the WRSP is about.

The Committee consists of the representatives of the major employers – Mining, Tourism, Renewables, Aquaculture as well as Local Government and State Government (who are both major employers as well as providers of services) and Regional Development Australia – Tasmania (RDA-T). RDA-T bring a whole of state perspective as well as what is happening across other regions in Australia.

The primary objective of the Committee is to support the delivery of improvements in key areas which when implemented will help to make it more attractive to live and work in Western Tasmania.

The Committee are leveraging the major projects which are being planned for Western Tasmania to assist in delivering

benefits for both the community and the projects.

The major projects – which are all at various stages of assessment and planning includes – Mt Lyell restart, Rentals, Savage River going underground, MMG Tailings, Hydro Tasmania's plans for power station upgrades and Battery of the Nation, Whaleback Ridge Windfarm, and the Next Iconic Walk.

If all projects proceed, there will be more than \$10 Billion being spent and as a group of projects it could span a ten-year timeframe. The mining projects alone could see up to 600 extra workers being needed in some years.

Many people will know while projects can stimulate a local community (jobs and money spent), it can also have negative impacts (higher rents, long queues, a busyness some people will be unhappy about).

WRSP will be trying to help both the community, and the project leaders navigate the space where there ends up being more benefits than disadvantages. The WCC General Manager, Scot Riley puts it well – the tide will rise with all the extra workers and activity, and it will lift everyone, but we need to make sure when the peak passes, Western Tasmania is sustainability better off afterwards than it was before. This is a very honest aspiration – of course there will be disruption but let's all keep an eye out for where the community lands afterwards.

The WRSP have prioritised four key areas based on the combination of community feedback over the years but also the latest Ten-Year Plan.

Community members on the night were invited to vote for what they believed was the highest priority of the four.

The four areas are, ranked by the most votes to the least - Services – health, education, childcare; Quality and numbers of suitable houses and accommodation options; Further diversification of the economy with public use infrastructure in towns being ranked fourth. I trust the broader community have similar perspectives.

Ray Mostogl commented on the night, "If WRSP does our job well – there should not be a single unique idea implemented which the community has no knowledge of or were not asking for it. Our job is to make the communities voice louder with the decision makers and the holders of the finances (public and private) and importantly, try and make it easier for the project companies to be able to implement their projects in a way where the community does get a real benefit."

To date, there has been good will from everyone involved and over the next six months WRSP would like to have the framework of a Community Benefits Scheme out to the community and have fine tuned it using the community feedback into something project companies can use when they plan their projects.

Also, within the next 6 months, childcare remains a hot topic as getting a start somewhere with increasing housing supply.

Finally, Liz Youd's job as Project Manager is to not only assist with implementation but importantly be the primary two-way communication channel between the community and WRSP. Please do not hesitate to contact Liz with your questions or your advice – both are welcomed.



Lyell Home Prayer Service – Queenstown

An exhortation to life of Hope

Praying together is a vital key to opening God's presence and work among His people in unique ways. God is greatly glorified when we do not give up. "Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up" (Luke 18:1). Prayer is spiritual communication between man and God, a two-way relationship in which humans should not only talk to God but also listen to Him. Prayer to God is like a child's conversation with his father. The Christian life is a personal relationship to God through Jesus Christ. And best of all, it is a relationship that will last for all eternity.

There are many promises in God's Word to encourage us to pray, such as: "He shall call upon me and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him" (Psalm 91:15); "And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24); "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). The Scriptures tell us that we are to pray for one another and also assure us that God hears and answers prayer.

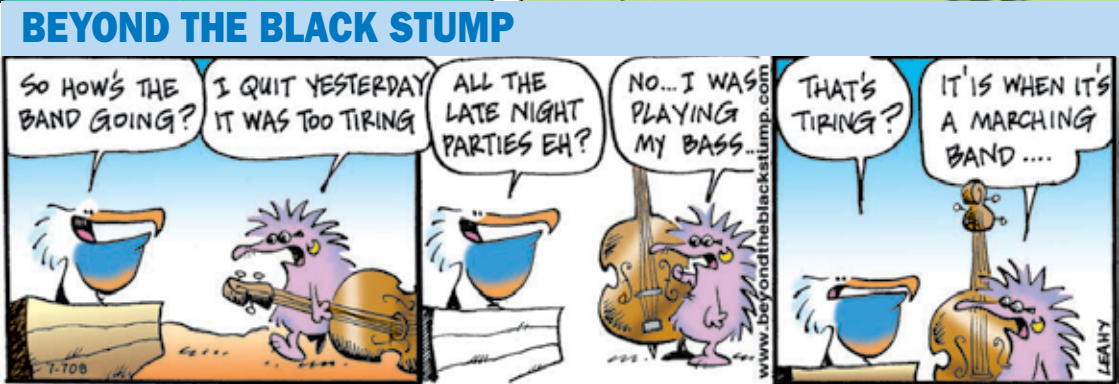
The residents at Lyell Home, Queenstown gathered at the Prayer Hall on 26th March 2025 at 11.00 am for the monthly prayer service which was led by Chaplain Shirley Scolyer, the Chaplain of the Uniting Church and Father Arokia, the Parish Administrator of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Queenstown. The prayer service started with the inaugural hymn to initiate all into the experience of life given by God. This followed by the Gospel reading and the short reflection on the theme, "Jesus the way, truth and life". Fr.Arokia shared the thoughts with the residents on living life to the fullest, enjoying while you can and be happy always which is given by God in Jesus. You are not alone but you have Jesus to lean on in life. After this, the Hymn 'Here I am Lord' followed by the Lord's prayer and finally concluded blessings by Fr.Arokia for the residents. The prayer service event led us to the

fellowship meal with the residents and talking with all was enriching and great experience. This sharing was an exhortation to life of hope and let's continue to join hands in prayer.

Fr.Arokia can be contacted for any Pastoral Care Assistance to the following email : westcoast@aohtas.org.au and Phone Number : 0364711731



WESTERN ECHO PUZZLE PAGE



JUMBLE No. 849

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14 Words **Very Good**
17 Words **Excellent**
20 Words **Genius**

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SUDOKU No. 170

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CROSSWORD No. 11018

ACROSS
1 Playing cards
5 Garden tool
8 Scottish musician
10 Malay dagger
12 Made level
13 Translate
14 Wager
15 Long lock
17 Live coal
20 Go in
22 Land measure
24 Failure (coll)
26 Be concerned
27 Networks
29 Stair handrail post
30 Sends out
32 Conclude
34 Burn with hot iron
36 Literary ridicule
37 Male deer
38 Courage
39 Yields
40 Leave off

DOWN
2 Weird
3 Corrosion
4 Treated with contempt
5 Harsh
6 Make-believe
7 Kitchen sideboard
9 Saucy
11 Meantime
14 Boast
16 Least fresh
18 Remedy
19 Cricket score
21 Tear
23 Burn a body
25 Struck out
28 Gazes fixedly
31 One petitioning
33 Approaches
35 Egyptian goddess

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16669

ACROSS
1 On the way here, having got out of bed, thus showing enterprise (2-3-6)
9 A favour from odd street circle (7)
10 Villain partly has hero guessing (5)
11 Decide mine is out to discourage (5)
12 He will cross anybody he chooses (7)
13 Presumably one can irritate only if one is sharp (6)
15 Affirm that everything for example goes east (6)
18 Support the wrong seer (7)
20 Nothing leaves region round African river (5)
22 Evade duty, finding some of the rubbish irksome (5)
23 Strong women show amazement at first and suspicions later (7)
24 Charm with professional charge - it is paid for getting in (8,3)

DOWN
2 Affirm that I am in the situation (5)
3 There's nothing forced about this note (7)
4 150 always showing intelligence (6)
5 This code is dotty in parts (5)
6 Get thing changed that is bedroom wear (7)
7 Mail-order business? (7,4)
8 Malta's decoration makes man vexed (6,5)
14 Eastern movement creates feeling (7)
16 Ancestry shows how old the succession is (7)
17 The effort needed to produce a tune? (6)
19 He doubtless knows what's afoot (5)
21 Mostly nothing in tennis and one of a pair in boxing (5)

Puzzle answers in next month's Western Echo

Western Echo photos and more

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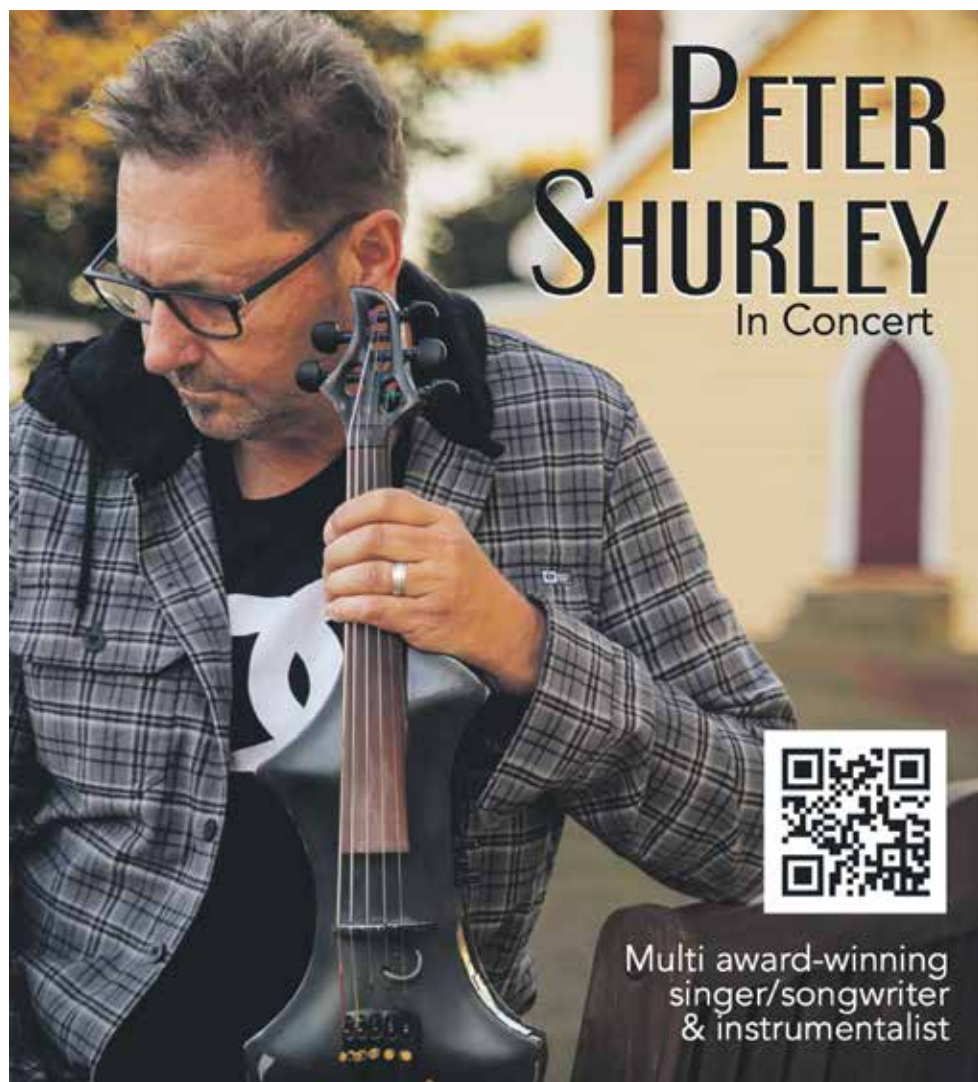
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10:30am best dressed winners will be announced and morning tea will be available.

WHERE: Stanley Recreation Ground, parking available onsite

WHAT: Walk/ run 2.5km or 5km. Wear pink - fun and bright to be in the winning of Best Dressed!

WHO: Everyone is welcome to join us, children included! Please note, the track will have areas that are not suitable for prams and/or wheelchairs and dogs are not permitted. **PRICE:** Adult: \$40, Child: \$30, Concession: \$35 (these prices are on the day registration) Save by grabbing tickets now!!!

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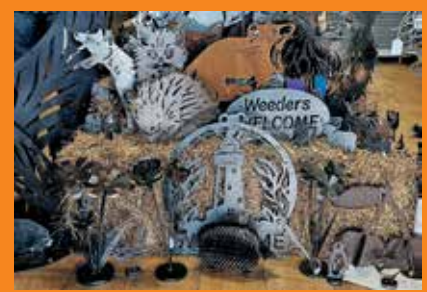
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Circular Head Show planning underway



Plans are well underway for the 115th Circular Head Show to be held on Saturday 29th November.

However, the Society is on the lookout for a Secretary/Co-ordinator to organise the 115th Circular Head Show on Saturday 29th November. The current Secretary, Sue Smedley, said it is time to pass the baton on to someone who is keen to take the Society to the next step with technology like on-line entries

and ticketing. The Society has already started the process to improve efficiencies but needs to continue acting upon this.

Sue said it is very rewarding being part of a passionate and active committee and seeing the event all come together on the day after several months of organising. "The Show is a minute scale of the Tasmanian premier agricultural event, Agfest, and it lends itself to being run in a similar fashion with several people taking on different roles." To that end, Smithton Bookkeeping, as part of a sponsorship deal, will be handling the large areas of sponsorship and trade space while the committee already

have their own roles as stewards. However, there are other roles available like social media and organising gate keepers.

President, Tony Hine, said the Society has always been well supported with approximately 100 sponsors; many of whom have been with the Society for decades. "We are very appreciative of local companies and small businesses and the wider community who show their support in various ways.

Also a big thank you to everyone who volunteer their services leading up to the show, on the day and the clean up afterwards. However, we require all areas to be co-ordinated; this is where an organised Secretary/Co-ordinator is necessary and is the only role that has a remuneration", Tony said.

The Show Society will be holding their Annual General Meeting on 28th May; if you would like further information please contact the Society via email: chagsociety@gmail.com or phone 0428 581285 (after hours).

Sue Smedley - Secretary - April 2025



Kart Club track reopens

After an enormous effort from volunteers and support from businesses, the Circular Head Kart Club is on the verge of re-opening the track for the first time in two years following extensive track safety upgrades have been implemented after the formation of an enthusiastic committee in October last year.

To keep in line with Karting Australia's track safety regulations, the CHKC has replaced all of the old tyre barriers with larger, softer V8 supercar tyres and changed the existing catch traps from wood chips to gravel to ensure that the track not only meets but also exceeds national safety standards.

Hoping to have the track open by early June, President Jake McDougall said that he is going to place a large emphasis on getting Circular Head locals involved with the club to help build a friendly, inclusive community in a sport that has a

long and passionate history in Smithton.

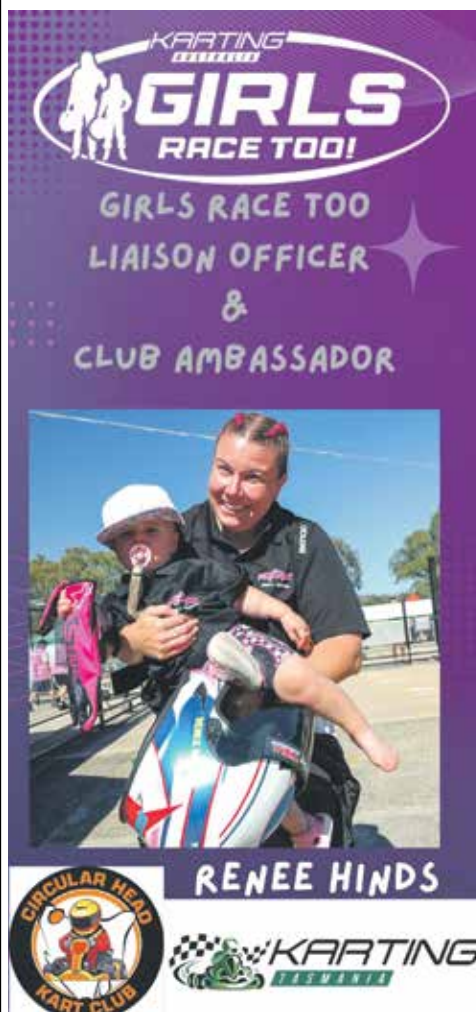
"The amount of help and support we have received to achieve our goal of re-opening the track has been inspiring to say the least" Jake commented. "We are very passionate about reviving the club and getting new people interested and involved, we want to showcase exactly why karting is such a great sport to be involved with and the life skills that can be obtained along the way."

"Karting is a very inclusive sport and we look forward to being able to share the track with families from around the Circular Head region and beyond, everyone is welcome." Said Jake.

The Circular Head Kart Club will be holding the "CHKC REVIVAL" race meeting on Sunday, 13th July and is free for spectators and if you have ever been interested in karting you are encouraged to come along and check it out



‘Girls Race Too’ pledge



At Circular Head Kart Club we have taken the pledge to commit to the principles and vision of Karting Australia's "Girls Race Too" program. We will make it a priority to create an inclusive and supportive environment where females can thrive in all aspects of karting.

We at Circular Head Kart Club are showing our commitment to the "Girls Race Too" program by appointing Renee Hinds as our Club Liaison Officer.

Renee has been involved in the Karting community for over 18 years. She has raced, volunteered as a club secretary, been an official and has held positions at a state level as well and over the last few years. Running a kart shop alongside her husband. Renee has had great success in the kart winning two pink plates, an open state title and a closed state title.

Renee will support and drive our club's commitment to Karting Australia's GRT action plan and have active engagement with club members, to foster an inclusive environment where females can thrive in all aspects of karting.

For more information please reach out to either Club President Jake McDougall or Club Liason Officer Renee Hinds



Image: Polly Stanton

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We have reached our second week (and second location) of the residency. Trial Harbour for 5 nights, with many thanks to Jenny and The Unconformity. The three of us have been down at the beach, taking in Goat Rock and the Ringing Rock. We’ve also been looking for my namesake, Jade, a recommended side quest from Rory. Our trio did the ‘Three Trees’ walk today, which took us to a cave cascade. Trial is a total feast for the eyes and camera lens. More to explore tomorrow.

Jade Elford, Queenstown artist.

The Unconformity’s Coastal Collaboration Residencies were supported by Arts Tasmania ■

Artistic Director’s Festival Update

In 2025, The Unconformity festival will offer an invitation to respawn.

The word respawn has a double meaning. In ancient terms, it refers to reproduction or regeneration. Fish, frogs, and eels respawn year after year, making pilgrimages to their breeding grounds, whereas ferns and mushrooms spawn in place. Respawn also has a newer meaning, referring to when a character in a video game is reincarnated.

From the macro-view, this word suggests resilience through the act of coming together, and cycles of tradition. We are a festival at the end of the world, in terms of our geographic remoteness and our timing. But what will be born the day after the world ends? Visions continue to spawn, even in times of loss and change.

On a more familiar level, a process of regeneration is visible all around us. The West Coast has recently seen the scorching effects of fire. Brave workers, volunteers, and community members are recovering from a traumatic fire season that blackened hills throughout the region. Fire is a dire threat to humans and other species, but also a catalyst in the vegetal cycle of growth. As humans, we must stick together and adapt to find our place in this system.

At The Unconformity, we are nurturing green shoots. Currently, our Coastal Collaboration Artists in Residence are

coming together in the first program of its kind. This unique residency sees interstate artists return to Queenstown to invest specifically in developing deeper collaborations with West Coast-based artists, including Polly Stanton, Jade Elford, Bridie Hooper, David Fitzpatrick, and Jen Large. These collaborative collisions are taking place in both Queenstown and the coastal outpost of Trial Harbour, facilitated by local artist and host Jenny Groves.

We have also opened EOIs for The Unconformity Art Trail, a cherished tradition that sees artists with West Coast practices collaborate with local businesses to showcase the thriving, year-round creative life of this region. On August 21, we will release this program alongside our full festival with a grand celebration in Queenstown, setting the stage for the great coming together ahead in October.

Alongside this activity, a vision for 2026 and beyond is taking shape, with support from our partners, board, staff, and local collaborators. And so the cycle of seeding continues, towards a diverse and resilient creative ecosystem.

SAVE THE DATE: 2025 FESTIVAL PROGRAM LAUNCH

The Unconformity’s 2025 festival program will be announced at an event in Queenstown on **Thursday 21 August**, with festival tickets on sale online from Friday 29 August. Pre-sale tickets will be available for local residents on Tuesday 26 August. Subscribe for updates here:

theunconformity.com.au/subscribe ■

Image: Jesse Hunniford



Upcoming Open Halls

Open Halls are experimental monthly happenings at The Unconformity Hall designed to explore ideas that resonate with our collaborators. Open Halls may take the form of an artist talk, workshop, gathering or discussion. Come along to meet with the West Coast creative community, enjoy some light refreshments and play a part in the development of the 2025 festival.

Crib Road Information Session 6–8pm, Monday 12 May

Crib Road is the hub of The Unconformity festival, a precinct created on Orr Street which runs from the Empire Hotel to Evans IGA. Following early consultation with local business operators, Production Manager Tim Lathouris will present a draft layout for the Crib Road precinct to the West Coast community at this Open Hall event.

Hospitality Information Session 6–8pm, Monday 30 June

The festival sees an influx of visitors to the West Coast and a great opportunity for hospitality businesses to capitalise on a weekend of visitation. This Open Hall is an opportunity for local food and beverage operators to collaborate with The Unconformity to plan their offering for the festival weekend.

All Open Hall events take place at The Unconformity Hall at 35 Cutten St, Queenstown. Please RSVP to Program Coordinator Frankie Munro:

frankie@theunconformity.com.au ■

Image: Lea Walpole



15 Years of Unconforming

In May 2010, something extraordinary happened on the West Coast. Locals gathered in Queenstown for the first-ever Queenstown Heritage and Arts Festival—a grassroots celebration of stories, place and identity. That weekend planted the seeds for what would become The Unconformity.

Fifteen years later, we’re reflecting on just how far we’ve come and inviting you to join us. Over the coming months, The Unconformity will be sharing stories from the people who helped shape the festival from the very beginning—the locals, artists and volunteers who saw potential in a regional Tasmanian event and helped build something much bigger.

Keep an eye out on social media from 14 May as we launch a series of short videos to mark our 15-year anniversary. If you’ve got photos or footage from those early years, we’d love to hear from you. And if you have the capacity to support the next 15 years of The Unconformity, visit our website to make a tax-deductible donation: theunconformity.com.au/support ■

Anzac Day around the West

Anzac Day may have been and gone but it shall never be forgotten.
A wrap-up of the services held across the West and Northwest is featured across the next few pages of the Western Echo.
Lest we forget..

Wynyard



Lest We Forget - a calm, mild and foggy morning fitting of the somber ceremony for our fallen servicemen & women. Grateful to be a part of a large crowd at the Wynyard Dawn Service and a smaller crowd at the Wynyard Lawn Cemetery this morning.

Marrawah



Thank you to everyone who attend the Marrawah Dawn and Midday services to commemorate the 110th ANZAC Day services.
Thank you to the Marrawah Hall Committee who catered for the breakfast. The Redpa Primary School Association who catered for the lunch.
The Redpa Primary School students who attended and participated in the midday service. A special mention to Stuart Gale for overseeing the services to ensure the day and veterans were honoured and commemorated.
Circular Head RSL Sub Branch Committee.
Lest we Forget

Edith Creek Primary School



So proud of the way our little school community paid their respects to and remembered those who have served and continue to serve our country.
It was heartwarming to see so many families join us in this important commemoration. Thank you to the RSL and to all participants.

Waratah



Another very successful ANZAC Day was held at Waratah. We could not have wished for better weather and pleasing crowd turnout. A huge thank you to Mr Roger Jaensch MHA, Kevin Hyland, Ione Joyce Bakes, Luke Gmelig, Noel Fagan, Kim Kecely, Peter Hawthorn, Johnnie Peisker, Tony Schmidt, John Kecely, the Bischoff Hotel, the Waratah Warblers, the Waratah-Wynyard Council and our great support team for all your hard work. Thank you for all those who attended.

Smithton Primary School



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Stanley and Smithton ANZAC Day ceremonies. Lest we forget.

Smithton Primary School



· Thank you to staff and students who joined the ANZAC march and service in Smithton today. Lest we forget.

Anzac Day around the West

Circular Head



This ANZAC Day marks 110 years since the Gallipoli campaign, as we commemorate Australians who have served in peace and war.

The Circular Head RSL have been successful with their application for a guest speaker for the ANZAC Day Services in Smithton, Stanley, and Marrawah.

The guest speakers bring 54 years of experience in the RAAF, husband, and wife team Warrant Officer Scott Helbig – CETECH (Communications Electronics Technician) and Flight Sergeant Nicole Helbig – Logistics. Warrant Officer Scott Helbig joined the RAAF in January 1991, Scott's career includes nine postings throughout NSW, Cocos (Keeling Islands) Indian Ocean, Darwin NT, Amberley QLD, deployments include Iraq, UAE, Afghanistan, and Germany. He is currently posted as OPS Warrant Officer at the 29 Squadron Anglesea Barracks, Hobart. Warrant Officer Scott Helbig enlisted in 1991 and has given 34 years of service.

Flight Sergeant Nicole Helbig joined the RAAF in September 2005, Nicole's career has included postings at Richmond NSW, Williamstown NSW twice, Darwin NT, Amberley QLD and has been deployed to Kuwait, Afghanistan and UAE and is currently posted as Logistics and Driver Training Manager at 29 Squadron Anglesea Barrack's Hobart. Sergeant Nicole Helbig enlisting in 2005 has given 20 years of service. Breakfast will be available at the Senior Centre, Smithton after the Dawn Service and a light lunch following the main service, in the afternoon there will be live music by Damon Pyke. At Stanley, following the Stanley Dawn Service a Gunfire Breakfast will be available Marley's at 06.30. At Marrawah breakfast and lunch will be available at the Marrawah Hall.

Circular Head, like all rural communities, has made significant contributions to past conflicts and the Defence Force. The Circular Head RSL, under the leadership of President Terence Holland, continues its efforts to strengthen and rebuild its sub-branch and provide support to veterans and their families. This ANZAC Day promises to be a meaningful day for reflection, community, and remembrance.

Rosebery



We would like to thank all involved in the Rosebery ANZAC day services, from the sound set up, electricity, wreaths, catering, services, venue and no doubt much more. It's amazing when our community comes together to create memorable occasions.

Queenstown



Thank you to everyone who attended our four services this Anzac Day what a fantastic turnout. With around 150 people at Dawn Service, 17 at the Queenstown Cemetery Memorial Service, around 20 at the Gormanston Memorial Service and well over 200 at our Main Service. Locals & visitors came together to honor & remember the sacrifices made by generations of service people.

We wish to thank Evans IGA Supermarket and Railway IGA Supermarket for their generosity in contributing food for the hot breakfast enjoyed by over 50 after dawn service raising \$267.90 in donations for local veterans welfare.

Thank you to the members of the Queenstown Scouts for once again doing a marvelous job as catafalque party at both dawn & main services.

Thank you to all of the Mountain Heights & St Joesphs Catholic School students who took part in our main service.

Thank you to West Coast Council, Queenstown SES, Peter Scott, Mark 'Doc' Doran, Sam Fisher, Shirley Scolyer, Neralie Scott & Greg Giles.

Thank you to all of those who marched & lay wreaths.

Thank you to the members of the Queenstown Lions Club for providing a delicious BBQ lunch at the RSL after Main Service.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the day a memorable one.

Please share your photos of the Services with us here a few including a photo of Vietnam Veteran & Queenstown RSL Life Member Barry Butler taking part in Hobart's Anzac Day Parade.

Queenstown RSL

Zeehan



Thank you to those students who assisted in today's commemorative services for ANZAC Day at the Zeehan Rsl Branch. Several students were at both dawn and main services. Students participated in the march, holding our school banner. Others participated in the service, reading The Ode or laying a wreath. Both services were well attended by our community. Lest We Forget.



WE PLAY QUEENSTOWN JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Photos by Alan Jennison

On the 5th of May, 2025, Under 11 girls Opals won against Rubies 11 to 9 in a very close hard fought game. In the Under 15 girls Liberty won against Mystics 46 to 26. Well done to all.



WE PLAY QUEENSTOWN JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Photos by Alan Jennison



Saturdays LADIES GOLF

Men 20 years & Over are also invited to Intermediate Course

& JUNIOR GOLF

Saturdays 9.00am Start

Intermediate & Advanced Golf Courses

9 Holes \$2

Modified Golf Courses

Golf Equipment Free

Mini Golf FREE

Junior's Free 2025 Membership

MINI GOLF

Saturdays 9.15am Start

3 to 9 Holes Clubs

7 Iron and a Putter

MyGolf coming Soon

Saturday Dates

3rd May 2025	2nd August 2025	27th September 2025	13th December 2025
10th May 2025	9th August 2025	4th October 2025	13th December 2025
24th May 2025	16th August 2025	11th October 2025	27th December 2025
7th June 2025	23rd August 2025	18th October 2025	10th January 2026
21st June 2025	30th August 2025	25th October 2025	24th January 2026
28th June 2025	6th September 2025	8th November 2025	31st January 2026
19th July 2025	13th September 2025	15th November 2025	21st March 2026
26th July 2025	20th September 2025	22nd November 2025	28th March 2026

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WE PLAY 50TH RIPCURL WEST COAST CLASSIC



In two of the tightest fought Open Men's and Women's Finals in the event's long history, Tasmanians Hamish Renwick and Ava Carlton have won the blue-ribbon divisions of the 50th Rip Curl West Coast Classic presented by Surfing Tasmania.

1976 Classic Winner Shannon Davey was on the beach over the easter long weekend, checking out all the action. He was joined by two-time winners Martin Keil and Matt Dayton. The latter is the only surfer to ever win the Junior Men's and Open Men's titles in the same year. Under two points separated first and fourth in the Open Men's final, with locals Jy Johannesen and Renwick taking on super hot mainland talents Lennox Chell and Henry Dowling in overhead offshore waves at Lighthouse Beach, Marrawah.

Renwick, whose powerful rail game had seen him quietly progress through the draw, stepped it up another level when he added some searing vertical attack to said power game, resulting in a first ride score of 7.5 points on a bowling Lighthouse Beach left-hander. The big South Arm Boardrider backed it up with another good score of 7.17 points to pile the pressure on his competitors. The two young mainland talents took a while to get going but did post excellent scores of 8 points(Chell) and 8.30 points (Dowling) to keep the pressure on Renwick and Johannesen (five-time winner). The latter also posted a 7.0 point ride early on to stick with Renwick the entire heat. In the end, consistency proved the key to success with Renwick's pair of sevens winning by just .10 of a point over Chell in second.

"This win is sweeter than the first Classic win, being the fiftieth and having Lennox(Chell) and Henry(Dowling) down here and Jy(Johannesen) in the final, i said to Jy we are going to have

to throw the kitchen sink at this final to have a chance at winning. Thanks to the mainland boys and girls for coming down, it was great to surf against you guys and rise to the challenge," said an elated Renwick at the event presentation.

OPEN MEN'S FINAL

- 1st Hamish Renwick 14.67 points
- 2nd Lennox Chell 14.57 points
- 3rd Henry Dowling 14.53 points
- 4th Jy Johannesen 13.43 points

In the Open Women's big dance, Ava Carlton came out of the blocks all guns blazing with a quick fire 6.17 and 7.0 point two wave combo to pile the pressure on Dara Penfold from the get go. It was a two-horse race after Penfold returned serve with a 6.40 point wave, hacking the face with a savage power carve. A second wave score never materialised for the former World Junior Champion, and it was Carlton basking in the biggest win of her young career.

OPEN WOMEN'S FINAL

- 1st Ava Carlton 13.17 points
- 2nd Dara Penfold 9.73 points
- 3rd Claire McBride 3.37 points
- 4th Sienna Lawrence 2.83 points

With 6500 National Junior Rankings Points on the line, the Under 16 and 18 divisions were stacked with local and mainland talent.

Sunshine Coast young gun Henry Dowling put on a clinic in the Under 18 Boys Final, posting nearly half a dozen excellent scores to win 18.40 points to 15.67 points(Mac Brindley), 9.10 points (Riley Redman) and 6.73 points (Charlie Gibson).


Local talent Poppy Woodberry posted the biggest win of her junior career, riding the winning wave with only seconds on the clock in the Under 18 Girls Final.













WE PLAY 50TH RIPCURL WEST COAST CLASSIC




Circular Head Junior Saints Round 4 results



ROUND 4 RESULTS

	23	UNDER 12 BOYS	27	
	65	UNDER 14 GIRLS	0	
	37	UNDER 14 BOYS	36	
	0	UNDER 17 GIRLS	114	
	15	UNDER 16 BOYS	128	



WE PLAY WEST COAST JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Photos by Alan Jennison

Photos of the West Coast Junior Football Association games from the recent Gala Day at Queenstown's famous 'gravel' oval. It always amazes me just how hard these youngsters throw themselves into the game. No fear at that age I guess.



Old Zeehan residence for sale!

As a long standing Zeehan citizen dating back to the early 1900's, I'm pleased to make your acquaintance. My owner has returned to his daughter's home so he has had to put me on the market. I'm over 100 years old, but I have all new wiring, new fuse board, all new plumbing and I also have an updated bathroom and toilet.

My floor is a bit uneven and wobbly in places but think of it as a carnival funhouse. I'm made up of three bedrooms and my lounge room has a beautiful wood heater in it. My kitchen, dining area are out the back of my structure and I have a walk-in pantry there. I most certainly come with a lot of personality and charm.

You can even park your car in the attached garage out my behind. I do however share my garage with the laundry.

I'm looking for new owners who would love to give me a new paint covering and a new roof please.

Wouldn't I look grand again once renovated?

I am situated on a large block in a very quiet street, however, I am in walking distance to the RSL, Post Office, Carols Cafe, Museum, etc.

For only \$130,000, I am one of the cheapest houses in the state.

Phone 0423 625 183 for more information

