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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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To the Editor,
Zeehan neglect.

Zeehan is the central hub of the west coast geographically, and after 140 years of paying hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes and mining royalties West Zeehan has constantly been ignored. I would like to highlight some of the major issues regarding the fire hazards and accumulated rubbish in and around our town. The entrance to West Zeehan is an embarrassment.

It has been reported to all of the relevant Authorities on many occasions over many years and nothing has been done to address these issues. We pay exorbitant rates and we have open stagnant drains, weed infestation and no sewage.

The town of Zeehan has been threatened by bushfires on many occasions and still nothing done. The town has constantly been ignored and neglected and during the last bushfires the residents had been evacuated again our women and children have been traumatised again. I would like to give these issues some more exposure and it appears that the only way to do so is to film a segment about the neglect and get it out there country wide
Yours truly, Grant Hodge, Zeehan

Dear Editor,

I live behind all the courts where all the crown land gorse was, it came very close in February to our home.

I'd like to give a HUGE THANKYOU to Williams earth moving and to whom ever contracted them to clear it all away. Now along the back at least, my family and I feel safer now.

Kerrie Laffer - Zeehan

Dear Editor,

Jim Foster's article 'Journey to the Edge of the World' in your 8 May 2025 edition of the Western Echo offers a beautifully written and evocative personal account of the Arthur River region and Tarkine wilderness. We thank Mr Foster for highlighting the remarkable natural beauty of our part of the world. We would like to respectfully correct a couple of points that may inadvertently mislead readers seeking to explore the area.

The article states, "you will find very little literature on the Arthur River or the Tarkine wilderness at any of the information centres." While our visitor centres may not all hold extensive information on individual flora and fauna, they do provide comprehensive brochures, maps, and guidance on how to safely

explore the Tarkine Drive, including details on lookouts, walking trails, picnic areas, and attractions throughout the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area.

The article also recommends visiting forestrytas.com.au or calling 1300 720 507. Unfortunately, the website is no longer operational, and the phone number connects to Tahune Adventures in southern Tasmania, who were unaware they had been listed as a source for Tarkine information.

From the Editor

Hi to all our readers, we really hope you are enjoying the much bigger Western Echo. We have quadrupled our readership and have lots planned for you all to read coming up in future editions.

In July we will feature the towns of Stanley and Strahan, find out more about chairlifts, try out a couple of restaurants, maybe go on a boat trip, explore by ebike and let you know what we find.

Also from the July edition onwards, West Coast Council will be having a double page spread to keep you up to date with happenings throughout the West Coast region.

Later in the year we hope to take you inside a working mine, go searching for gold, interviewing some of the old-timers around the place, seeking out pri-

For up-to-date and accurate visitor information, we encourage readers to visit www.discoverthetarkine.com.au/tarkine-drive, call the Smithton Visitor Information Centre on (03) 6413 5333, or explore <https://parks.tas.gov.au/explore-our-parks/arthur-pieman-conservation-area> for detailed conservation area information.

Kind regards,

**Kerry Houston - Vice President
Circular Head Tourism Association**

vate museums and collectors, discover some amazing properties and maybe have a chat with a dinosaur or two.

You may have noticed that 'Western Echo Wendy' now has her own column and she would welcome any 'Letters to Wendy' that you would care to write.

I mean, how many dogs have their own section in a newspaper?

If you are travelling around the Northwest and West coast of Tasmania and would like to have the tale of your adventures published in the Echo then please feel to get in touch, our readers love discovering new places through fresh eyes.

We really enjoy bringing the Western Echo to you each month, so feel free to let us know what you would like us to cover and include in YOUR local newspaper.

Alan - Ed

Feeling adventurous? Take the plunge!

At 1pm on Saturday 21 June, gather up your friends or work colleagues, decide on a fancy costume, recruit some sponsors and show your bravery by plunging into the icy waters of Macquarie Harbour, raising money for Speak Up Stay Chatty. Call 6471 4300 if you intend to take the plunge. QR codes and information on the fundraising will be available on the day. The Western Echo will be there to take photos so get into the winter spirit in Strahan and warm up with a sausage sizzle afterwards.

Cracker of a night at Tullah

On the 24th of May 2025, a karaoke night and cracker night was held at Tullah Lakeside Lodge.

A fair crowd turned up including parents and children. The fireworks show was scheduled to happen at 8:30pm but the first cracker went off at 8:15 from Lake Rosebery. This was one of many cracker night events held in the state of Tasmania. Unfortunately a firework went wayward and went into the garden and crowd near the Tullah Lakeside Lodge. Nobody got hurt thankfully and a good night was had by all.

Photo and story by Courtney Scherger



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Weather permitting, the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service will be conducting a fuel reduction burn during Autumn/Winter 2025 at Strahan, as part of the state-wide Fuel Reduction Program which is aimed at reducing the bushfire risk to help protect lives and communities. During burning operations public access to this area will be restricted.

The public is asked to remain well out of the burn site while the burn is taking place and for the following days until safety checks have been made along tracks and trails. Please comply with directions from staff or any signs if you are in the area. Further information about this burn is available by contacting the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service on phone 6464 3008 or email admin.pwsnw@parks.tas.gov.au. A map of planned burns is available on the TFS website at www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pageId=colWhatsBurningNow



The latest project of the West Coast Suicide Prevention Network (WCSPN) was launched in Zeehan on the 31st of May. The project, a financial year calendar entitled “Being of the West”, has a focus on people, community and having a sense of place – belonging.

The WCSPN members recruited local people as models, painted them into a variety of locations around the West Coast. The theme of the calendar is a simple request to look closer, connect with the environment, family & friends and have fun. Being connected are important factors in relation to maintaining one’s mental health and suicide prevention.

In support of the community, each month of the calendar lists various support services that are available for

people who may be experiencing difficulties. The Network’s message is that help is available.

The calendars are on sale at every Post Office on the West Coast for \$7.50. All funds from the sale of the calendar will be directed to further projects by the Network in supporting our community. The Network members are very appreciative of this assistance from Australia Post and the local postal contractors of Tullah, Rosebery, Zeehan, Strahan and Queenstown.

The project was made possible with funding from Wesley Mission and the Network is locally supported by the Lions Club of Zeehan. The WCSPN is sincerely appreciative of this support – volunteers working together for a greater good.



Big Z is coming! Hope in Every Sip... \$6222 raised at tea



The Bain Marie may be empty at the moment but in July the brand new ‘Big Z’ will be open in Zeehan. With great food, coffee and the friendliest people running it, this will prove a big hit in the town without doubt. Well done Mal and family, we can’t wait!

We held a very casual Morning Tea here in Zeehan, Tasmania at our local Fire Station to raise funds for Cancer Research.. Many thanks to our volunteers and donations of platters of food etc. There were 34 superb raffle prizes donated by many including a World Heritage Cruise for 2 and West Coast Wilderness Railway for 2 voucher, Acrylic prints and much more, so the raffle itself raised \$2320 dollars.

Well done to our west coast community and friends from all over Australia who purchased tickets. All up, we have raised \$6222 to go towards this important fundraiser.



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The Tasmanian Fire Service is looking for volunteers to help protect and support their communities. When it counts, make a difference; volunteer with TFS today!

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Colourful running in Wynyard

From front page

‘THEIRS & Partners’ took over the recent Wynyard parkrun with a mental health and suicide prevention perspective. I caught up with Hannah and her friends to find out why they were wearing red tutus.

Hannah (pictured in the middle) said “This was our 5th year participating in the May 50k. It's a challenge we set ourselves every year to walk, run or move at least 50km each throughout all of May.

This year we have successfully raised \$1,139, far exceeding our goal of \$750! We couldn't have raised this vital money for MS without the support of our friends, family and community.

We promised there would be a silly little surprise if we reached our goal of \$750 and that surprise were the red tutus we wore as part of the THEIRS colour run.

The run was to support the prevention of mental illness and suicide, which is a very big risk for those with MS - making it the perfect place to show off our outfits.

We started this challenge when my cousin was diagnosed with MS in 2020 at the age of 25. This makes sense because MS is an autoimmune disease that typically begins between the ages of 20 and 40.

We knew MS existed but we didn't understand just how absolutely life-changing it is for not only the person diagnosed but their support system as well.”

Natalee pictured on the right, went on to say "When my son was diagnosed with MS in his early 20s, he went from being an active hiker, mountain biker, and skater to being confined to a wheelchair—all within weeks. His relentless fight to walk again underscores the invisible battles many with MS face every day—especially fatigue, which can't be seen and is often dismissed. That's why we chose to wear red tutus during the May 50K walk—to bring visibility and awareness to this silent, misunderstood disease. Every step we take is a step towards understanding, support, and hope."

Alisha, pictured on the left said “It was a beautiful day to be out in the sun, raising awareness and support for mental health, suicide, and MS, but although we had a happy demeanour on the day we have seen the nasty side of MS.

I didn't know a lot about it until I saw it devastate the body and life of my little brother, who was diagnosed at 25.

I have since learnt that Tasmania has the highest number of MS diagnoses in Australia. Although the Menzies Institute for Medical Research in Hobart conducts internationally significant research, there is still no known cause or cure.”

A free event, THEIRS & Partners Parkrun Takeover Colour Run/Walk Event used the used the normal Parkrun route but runners strayed slightly to get paint on them, and many of them wore light coloured clothing for just that reason.

There was face painting, henna, live music, speakers, food and drinks, a lucky door prize, service providers and wellness activities.

A big thank you to our partners Live Well, Up Turned, BIGhART, Waratah-Wynyard Council & Wynyard Parkrun. And a big thank you to our sponsors Relationships Australia and Healthy Tasmania.

THEIRS

THEIRS - Talk, Hear and Help, Educate, Inform, Refer and Support, is a not-for-

profit organisation run by young Tasmanian based community members with the aim of bringing mental health advocacy, information, support and events to communities and school groups based across the northwest coast of Tasmania.



Lessons for the Heritage Centre

Wow, Burnie, what a night!

Long-time Rosebery residents Bob and Yvonne Gill paid a special visit to the Rosebery Heritage Centre on May 28, in a session organised by Kevin Mathewson. The visit was a real highlight for the centre's volunteers, who were treated to a rich and engaging history lesson about the area. Bob and Yvonne generously shared their deep knowledge of Rosebery's past, offering stories, memories, and photographs. Many questions that volunteers had—some based on hearsay—were finally answered. Bob and Yvonne's insights helped to fill in some of the gaps and added a personal touch that only long-time residents could provide. Their contribution will play a key role in helping the centre's volunteers build a more comprehensive collection policy. It will also assist in their mission to better understand and share the town's history with visitors and future generations. A heartfelt thank you goes to Bob and Yvonne for their time and willingness to share their memories. Thanks also to Kevin for organising such a valuable session.

The Rosebery Heritage Centre team would love to hear from others who have stories, photos, or knowledge of the area's past. If you'd like to contribute, please feel free to stop by and say hello. The centre is open Monday to Friday, from 10am to 2pm. Entry is by gold coin donation.



Yvonne and Bob Gill of Rosebery and Kevin Mathewson Heritage Centre Volunteer

After more than three decades without a local Cracker Night celebration, tonight we saw West Park Oval come alive with colour, excitement and community spirit.

A huge shoutout to the incredible Chloe Foster CEO of 7BU, the powerhouse behind the scenes who coordinated this event with heart and hustle. Even when the main band pulled out this morning due to the forecast, Chloe and the team pulled together something truly special.

The Rotary Club Of Burnie West were kept very busy on the night, the large crowd of 4,000 were fed and refreshed by multiple food & drink outlets... The fireworks were excellent running for 20 minutes with everyone enjoying the night. 7BU Sparked the Sky and Burnie responded in full force. Fantastic to see the grandstand full of families with kids: wide eyed with wonder, and for a moment, it felt like the whole city was celebrating together. These are the moments that make Burnie feel alive.



Circular Head Resale Shop

Food Bank needs your help


The Circular Head Resale Shop Food Bank needs your help. At the moment, in Circular Head food security is at an all-time low.

Coming in to winter, people are crying out for help with food support. The C.H.R.S Food Bank is not helped by any large Businesses or consortium's such as Coles or Wolworths. Instead, it runs solely on your donations, and at the moment, we dont have enough food to keep up with demand and staff are paying out of their own pockets.

We don't have refrigeration but can take everything else. Canned goods, long life goods, pre packed, drinks, etc... all gratefully received. Please Help!



Western Echo ‘Wendy’



Wendy here, and boy, am I excited! Dad is taking me for a D.R.I.V.E in the C.A.R. and we are going to the V.E.T.S.. I am not sure what that last one means but I am getting spayed! Wow! I wonder what that is? It must be good fun though cos Dad said I will get a new collar. I can't wait to tell you all about it. As always, Woof to you all

Wendy


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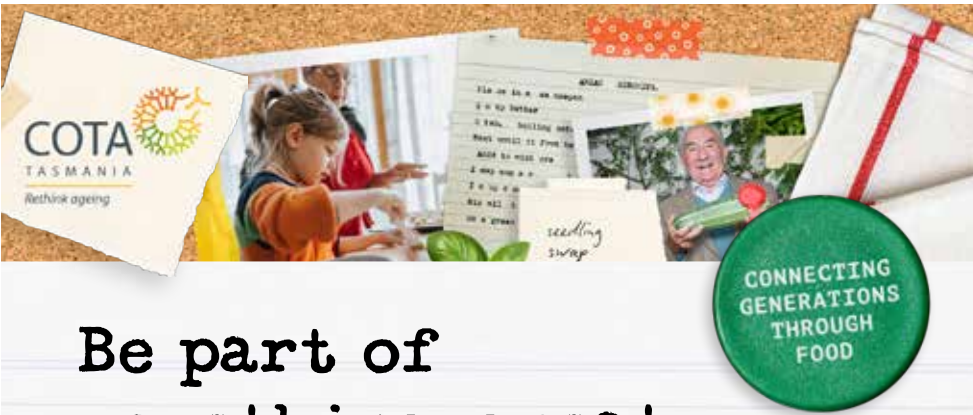
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What's happening at Wyndarra?



Volunteers and community members celebrated National Volunteers Week with a BBQ at Wyndarra. It was wonderful to acknowledge the work they do within the community. Volunteers make a real difference in



Be part of something great this Seniors Week!

Register to host an event or advertise in this year's Seniors Week Guide!

Seniors Week (13–19 October 2025) is a statewide celebration for older Tasmanians; a time to connect, learn, share skills, try new things, have fun, and meet new people. Join the movement to create a more inclusive and age-friendly Tasmania!

Registrations are now open! Event listings and advertising close 7 July. Visit cotatas.org.au to register, or contact COTA Tasmania on (03) 6231 3265 for help placing your listing or ad.



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the lives of the people they support.

Wyndarra truly appreciates all that they do and certainly could not do it without them. We will be having a Volunteer Introduction session in early July.

Keep a look out on the Wyndarra Facebook for the date or phone Bec or Libby for further information.

SDA units are one step closer to being finished allowing those with Disabilities to live independently with the support of Wyndarra's support services.

Historically without these units, people who were not able to live at home with their loved ones were forced to moved outside the district away from loved ones and support services.

Wyndarra is not receiving any Federal or State Government funding to build these units, relying entirely on the generosity of our community to bring this project to life.

Thanks to the incredible support we've already received from local and North West businesses and individuals, we're off to a strong start. There is still a long way to go!

Wyndarra acknowledges that community members and businesses are continually inundated with requests for support

from fundraising committees. We thank those who have given generously to the cause and encourage everyone to support these businesses.

We recently launched our Mega Raffle which has some great prizes donated.

Tickets are available from: Kozani Kutz, Nelson Street, Smithton, Blakey's Bites, Smith Street, Smithton or scan the QR code on our Facebook page to buy online (please include name & phone/email)!

Every ticket sold brings us one step to our goal.

We also have a sausage sizzle at Burnie Bunnings on Saturday June 28

We will be selling sausages from Perry's Quality Meats, our very own Master-Chef Butcher.

If you are at Bunnings be sure to stop by and say hello.

More happenings at Wyndarra can be found in our May Newsletter at www.wyndarra.org.au



Thank you volunteers

Live Well Tas would like to say a huge thank you to all of the volunteer organisations and community groups for attending the first Volunteer Expo yesterday. You all do such valuable work in our community! We are all so grateful for our volunteers, you certainly enrich our communities and are very valued.

Big shout out and thanks to Nuts about Health, Shinrin Yoku North-West and The Lobster Ponds Haven for your generous donations for the lucky door prizes.

Thanks to jodhi@collectivetherapyhub.com.au for running the drumming sessions on the day. Also thank you to Rhonda from Volunteering Tasmania for attending our event.

At Live Well Tas we love and value our volunteers, we wouldn't be where we are now without them, thank you all so much.



ILLUMINATE YOUR WINTER

Light Up the West blends spectacular audio-visual light displays, local history, and the adventurous spirit of our communities during a West Coast Tassie winter. Experience free light shows in Strahan and Queenstown, plus enjoy vibrant feasts, live music, bustling markets, invigorating winter solstice plunges, and more across our region – all hosted by locals.



19–22 June: Strahan Solstice
27–29 June: Colours of Queenstown
westcoasttas.com.au/lightupthewest



Private museum in Zeehan a must visit!



I have been in Zeehan for over three years now and, whilst I have driven past and wondered what it was all about, I never dropped in to Shorty's Mineral and Mining private hobby museum in Shaw Street until a friend took me out there a week or so ago.

Wow! This place is amazing! Shorty (and long suffering wife Jenny), started this as a one room museum in 1997 and have continued building, collecting and creating ever since.

How do I even describe this? As you wander further into this awesome museum you will find seven rooms and somehow get the feeling that you are descending deeper into an old mine, even though the whole complex is actually above ground.

There are rocks and minerals, dinosaurs, skeletons, carvings of all sorts, vintage bottles and tins, fossils, relics and bushcraft and so, so much more.

The place is full of oddities but be warned, there are a couple of cabinets that have parental guidance warnings on them, and for a very good reason.

I suggest you do not open these cabinets if you are easily offended or have young ones in the room with you (the contents are hilarious though).

Every room is jam-packed with old things, new things, strange things and things that I guarantee you will have never seen before, it is very easy to spend a few hours in here and still not

see everything there is to see. Most of the timberwork has been carved, shaped and put together by Shorty himself and shows the sense of humour that the west coast of Tassie is famous for.

Shorty (pictured above right) and Jenny have done an incredible job putting this collection together and you must not miss it when you visit Zeehan. Drop-ins are welcome but it is best if you book. Mention you read about it in the Western Echo.

Shorty and Jenny can be contacted on 03 64716185



New shoes make for comfortable travel

The tyres on the Western Echo 4WD were getting a little sad and, with the Northwest newspaper expansion I find myself covering a LOT more kilometres chasing stories and photos for the paper, so I looked into a new set of rubber to keep myself (and others) safe on and off the road.

I dropped in to see Simon at the Tyre Box in Queenstown and left with a set of highly recommended Maxxis AT-781 Tyres.

The first thing I noticed was how quiet these tyres are and soon discovered how great they are in the wet.

I am not a gentle driver as a rule and soon realised I could corner in the wet much better than I had been on previous sets of tyres. These are brilliant!

Since this is Tassie's west and since most of my travel is on bitumen roads these tyres look like they should suit me perfectly. I do however have a thing for

unmarked dirt tracks through the bush and (in the name of science of course), thought I had better hit something a bit more challenging than tarred roads.

I discovered an unknown (to me anyway) beach in the northwest and went for a drive. I deliberately didn't drop my tyre pressure to see how they drove in the soft stuff and after driving seven miles up and down the beach of that name (it is actually called Anthony's Beach) soon found these tyres were excellent. Sand? Tick!

How about a bit of rock hopping and mud? There is plenty of mud around at the moment on some of these little tracks and trails so off to play I went.

I was mindful of being alone in the bush and, having no winch so I didn't go anywhere too crazy but certainly gave the tyres a test.

Whilst these are not mud tyres they handled every test I put them too with relative ease. I even found a big

patch of wet, slippery grass and, while there was a bit of sliding the Prado always felt safe and manageable. Mud? Tick!

On to some rocky bits and once again no problems at all, these things are so sure-footed I was driving firetrails and power-line access tracks with ease. Rocks? Tick!

I get that these roads and tracks were all driven on shiny new rubber and look forward to see how the Maxxis' handle six months down the road.

I will review them again in a future edition of the Western Echo and let you all know my thoughts.

In the meantime head to the Tyre Box in Queenstown, have a chat with Simon and grab a set of Maxxis RAZR AT-781 tyres. I know you won't be disappointed, they really are a great shoe for most four wheel driving.

Alan - Ed



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Rosebery Mine

Community Newsletter

June 2025



Image: MMG Staff supporting the St Joseph's Biggest Morning Tea.

Biggest Morning Tea

MMG representatives attended the St Joseph's School Association's Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 22nd May.

It is one of the ways that MMG supports our community through In-Kind support.

Our people attend and support events across our community which may not require MMG Rosebery sponsorship.

We are pleased to back the event organised by our local school.

MMG employee profile

Danica Lockett has been a Graduate Environmental Advisor at MMG Rosebery since November 2024.

Growing up in the Victorian Dandenongs, Danica developed a great appreciation and fascination with the natural world.

She was fortunate to volunteer at a Tasmanian Devil conservation facility and ever since she has had a special place in her heart for Tasmania.

"The environment has been fantastic to work with, and I am proud to be part of a team that consistently upholds its values of Safety First, Respect, Working Together, improvement and doing what we say."

Since arriving in Rosebery, Danica has joined MMG's Emergency Response Team which is a great opportunity to get out of her comfort zone, make new connections and learn how to save lives.



Image: Danica Lockett

Collaborating with nearby mines

MMG Rosebery's Environment team made a visit to the Bischof Mine in Waratah.

The trip was organised to see the work being undertaken by Bluestone for a closure project.

Bluestone employees visited Hercules Mine, near Rosebery during May.

The teams shared ideas and practices during their collaboration.



Image: L-R Derek Sutton, Danielle Zanetto, Brian Dalton, Carol Steyn, Kate Cheeseman and Danica Lockett

Community bus

The Rosebery Community Bus Working group met to start the process of creating a business plan and agreement to operate a community bus.

Identified as a need by the community and supported through an agreement to purchase a vehicle by MMG Rosebery, the next step involves working on an agreement on the use of the vehicle.

Community sponsorships

The Rosebery Community Consultative Committee (RCCC) met last month to assess the Round 1 MMG sponsorship applications.

Each year MMG Rosebery provides sponsorship to various community organisations through a Memorandum of Understanding process, guaranteeing 3 years of sponsorship for annual community events.

In addition to this the RCCC assess new applications each year for sponsorship.

We congratulate recipients of Round 1 Sponsorship for 2025.


Wynyard indoor market - something for everyone!



I dropped into the Wynyard Indoor Market a week or so ago and was blown away with the variety behind these doors. This is one busy market and there is so much to see, allow a couple of hours to wander around. You can even get lunch there (absolutely delicious egg and bacon rolls - ask me how I know). Pictured are just a few of the stallholders with their wares, there are lots more, and they are some of the friendliest people in Tassie. The Wynyard Indoor Market is open 10am-4pm Friday and Saturday and can be found at 28 Goldie St, Wynyard. Definitely worth a visit!


Alan - Ed





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Left: PAAG members Christianne Goss, Brenton Hosking, Cr Dillion Roberts and Christine Lillas Matthews.

Local Artists Brighten Streets with Wildlife-Inspired Public Art

Wynyard Tasmania

Five NBN boxes across the Waratah-Wynyard community have been transformed into vibrant artworks, thanks to a creative partnership between NBN Australia, State Growth Tasmania, and Council's Public Art Advisory Group (PAAG).

The artworks, painted by local artists Amy Morrow, Darren Gorringer, and

Amelia Rickard, celebrate local wildlife and add a colourful touch to public spaces. One of the latest installations, featuring a striking Tasmanian Tiger design by Darren Gorringer, was recently unveiled at Civic Park—fondly known as Cow Park.

The PAAG recently visited the site to view the new piece, which forms part of a growing collection of community-based art throughout the municipality.



Pictured: Colin and Christine Buxton pict

Volunteers Recognised for Their Passion and Local Knowledge

Wynyard Tasmania

Last month, as part of National Volunteer Week celebrations, Waratah-Wynyard Council highlighted the contributions of two dedicated community members—Colin and Christine—who volunteer at the Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition Centre.

Colin has spent the past three years sharing his love of classic cars with

visitors, while Christine has brought a warm welcome and local knowledge to the information desk for two and a half years.

Known for their friendly nature and passion for the region, both volunteers help make the centre a must-visit for tourists and a point of pride for locals.

Council extends its sincere thanks to Colin, Christine, and all volunteers who help make the Waratah-Wynyard community stronger.



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Pictured: Mayor Mary Duniam with Bronte Hughes and Sarah Hedditch from St Vincent de Paul Society Tasmania.

Vinnies Community Garden Awarded Council Grant

Somerset, Tasmania

The Vinnies Community Garden in Somerset has received a \$2,000 boost through Waratah-Wynyard Council's Community Activation Grant Program.

Mayor Mary Duniam recently presented the cheque to North West Vinnies team members Bronte Hughes, Youth and Community Officer, and Sarah Hedditch, Emergency Relief Case Coordinator. The funding will support the installation of new planter beds to grow fresh fruit and vegetables for the

organisation's free community meals and emergency relief programs.

Work on the garden upgrade is expected to begin in the coming weeks, and volunteers are invited to get involved.

Vinnies also hosts a free fortnightly community lunch, Dining with Friends, at the Somerset Hub. All are welcome to attend for a warm meal and friendly conversation.

For more information or to get involved, visit:

<https://www.vinnies.org.au/tas/good-works/dining-with-friends>



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Notice of Online Auction

Waratah-Wynyard Council will be holding an online auction through Pickles Auctions as part of its routine asset disposal program.

A range of surplus items will be available for public bidding during the following period:

Auction opens: Friday, 13 June 2025

Auction closes: Tuesday, 17 June 2025 at 8:00 PM

Please note that this is a fully online auction. Items will not be available for public viewing at the Council Depot.

To view the available items and participate in the auction, visit the Pickles Auctions website and search for "Local Council Clearance Sale".

For more information, contact Council on (03) 6443 8333.



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OUR COLLABORATORS:



Tales from Emmerton Park - meet the residents

My Life Story – Jocelyn Morice



I was born in Wynyard in 1947. My mum was a nurse who worked at a doctor's surgery in Wynyard with Dr. Walker. Their office was in a big two-story brick building not far from the hospital. My dad was Phil Britton, known as

the "Blackwood King." He was the eldest of the Britton brothers, his father Elijah and brother Mark established the first sawmill at Britton Swamp in 1907. The swamp was named after our family who were early settlers in the area. Remarkably, the mill still operates today, run by my first cousin Ross Britton and his son. That's four generations of Brittons working the mill. My childhood home was on the tram line at Britton Swamp — there were no roads back then. I have vivid memories of being three or four years old, exploring the bush, playing in the creek, and wandering up and down the old tram line. I often helped my dad with the work. I'd put logs into the steam locomotive that transported timber to the mill. I

helped him mark trees for harvesting and even pushed logs through the circular saw — something they'd never allow kids to do today. Tragically, I lost my mum when I was just five years old. Later, Dad remarried Margaret, whom he met during a family trip to England. She cared for me lovingly, and later in life, I had the honour of caring for her in return. When I was twelve, we all travelled to England by boat — the journey took six weeks. We stayed in Liskeard, Cornwall, where I attended school for a while. The English accents were tricky to understand at first. We visited family in Devon, where the Britton family originally came from. There were plenty of relatives to catch up with! That trip was unforgettable. We travelled through many countries — France, Italy, Austria, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Scotland, Ireland — and even stopped in Fiji on the way home. After returning to Australia, I continued my education at Smithton High School until I was seventeen. I then moved to Melbourne to train as a general nurse at both the Royal Melbourne and Royal Children's Hospitals. Eventually I worked in the premature Baby Unit. This changed my life and became my great passion! I moved closer to home and completed four more years of midwifery training in Devonport. In

1969 I was Midwife of the Year which was a special honour. Eventually, I returned to the place closest to my heart — Circular Head — where I worked as a midwife at the Smithton District Hospital. I was a midwife for forty years, always on call, 24 hours a day. It was demanding, but incredibly fulfilling work. If I have any regrets, it's not keeping count of the number of babies I helped deliver. It was a true honour and privilege to support so many mothers in labour throughout Circular Head over the decades. I met my husband Ian in those early years at a dance at Trowutta. His cousin, Brian Porteus, was playing matchmaker that night — and he did a great job. Ian and I married in 1959 and spent 55 beautiful years together until his passing last year. We lived and worked on the family farm at Edith Creek along with Ian's brother and his family. We were blessed with three wonderful daughters: Carolyn, Paulette, and Linda. We shared countless happy memories on the farm. It was there that I developed another passion cooking — Ian loved everything I made! Ian used to say with a cheeky smile, "Never marry a midwife, a nurse, or someone who likes to cook." I guess he got all three in one — and we made it work beautifully.

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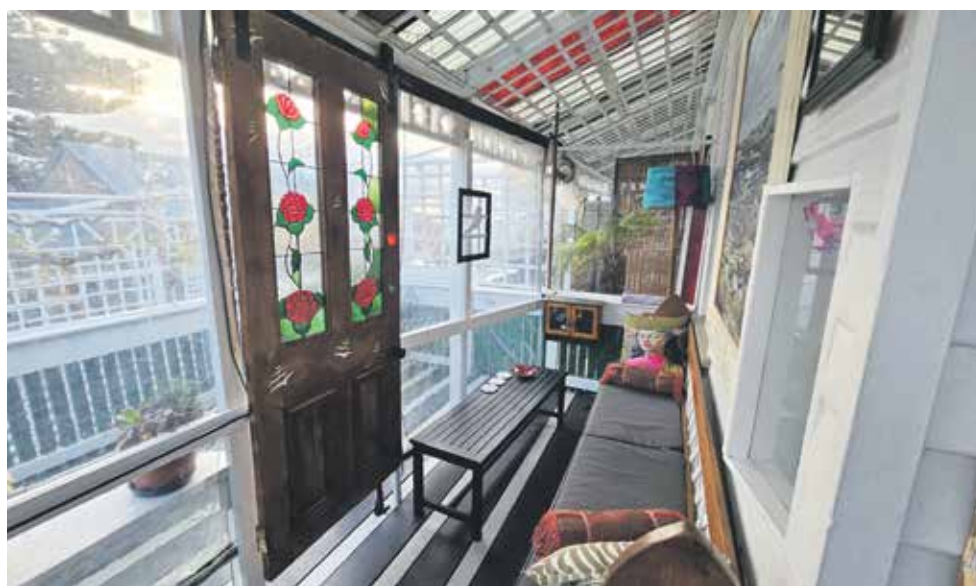
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Quirky, cosy and a dash of whimsy



I recently stayed at an amazing luxury BnB in Smithton called 'Little Bird'.

This place is wonderful, it's quirky, quaint, eclectic, full of artworks of all kinds and supplied with everything you could possibly need for a warm, comfortable and very enjoyable stay. With it's fully fenced and enclosed verandah 'Little Bird' is also pet friendly.

Multiple end phone chargers in the lounge and bedroom, games, books, very generous provisions, snacks and drinks, an amazing coffee machine, and even a phone shelf next to the toilet, 'Little Bird' lacks for nothing.

I had booked for just one night but felt so comfortable I just had to book for another (it took me two days to look at all the artwork and hidden surprises-throutout the cottage).

'Little Bird' is just a minutes walk to the IGA supermarket, five minutes walk to Woolworths and close to pretty much everything else you could need and is a great base to check out Tasmania's Northwest.

'Bilbo Cottage' is also situated on the same property and will be next on my list to stay in. I'll keep you posted. Manager and owner Andy, is very friendly and helpful, nothing seems to be too much trouble and he can be contacted on 0450911955 or email littlebirdsmithton@outlook.com. Mention you read about 'Little Bird' in the Western Echo - it can't hurt lol.

I will be back for sure!

Alan - Ed

Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

DOUBLE FATALITY AT THE HERCULES MINE - TWO MEN BLOWN TO PIECES

Between 1892 and 1930 (when the cemetery closed) 45 men were killed while mining in Zeehan and its surrounds, with 39 of them buried in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Two of these men were Frederick Breheny (28) and Bertie Ayton (about 25), who were killed during the afternoon of Saturday, June 25, 1904, at the Hercules mine at Williamsford.

A Coronial Enquiry was held at Williamsford on Monday, June 27 before Coroner Mr L.E. Chambers. Also present were Mines Inspector James Harrison, lawyers for the A.M.A. and the Hercules Company, and a jury of seven.

The facts as known were that the two men were working in the face of a tunnel about 900 feet from the entrance, and had drilled five holes, loaded them with gelignite, and the gelignite in the top hole had exploded prematurely, most likely having become unstable due to age or changes in temperature or moisture content, or careless handling.

No one else was present at the time of the explosion, and the only two people who might possibly have known were both dead. Nevertheless, the Enquiry endeavoured to uncover any information that it could.

Doctor Arthur Hoskins, deposed he had examined the bodies, and described their mutilated state in some detail. He concluded by saying that the wounds in both cases were limited to the upper part of the body, and both deaths had been instantaneous.

John Templeton deposed that his duty as storeman was to give out all stores, including gelignite. Charles Gillespie, the shift boss, also had a key, and so could also dispense explosives. Witness had no idea what would have caused the fatal blast. He stated he had put up notices at different locations in the mine regarding the use of explosives, and prohibiting metallic instruments being used for tamping (filling a hole containing explosives with dirt or clay and compacting the material with a rod before blasting).

Sidney Thow deposed he had been mine manager at the Hercules Gold and Silver Mining Company for almost four years. He considered both the deceased men experienced miners. He had often been present when the men were loading holes with explosives. Cartridges would be put in singly, and then pushed further in with a wooden tamping rod, but not tamped. He had even seen men heating the gelignite prior to using it! As a general rule, they obtained gelignite once a month from the magazine at Williamsford. The gelignite would remain in the store about six months.

All the gelignite at present in the store was branded 1904. He had inspected the accident site and had not found any wooden tamping rods. Close by he had found a quantity of gelignite which was in good condition. He considered the premature explosion had been caused by rough handling.

George Riley, engine driver, deposed that he was working mates with the deceased. They had started work at 2 o'clock, and he had seen Ayton about 2.45, and later he saw Breheny about 3.30, when he came out and got about five packets of gelignite from the magazine. Both the deceased appeared in good health and spirits when he last saw them.

About three quarters of an hour later he heard an explosion, and went to see if the two men were out of the tunnel, but he couldn't find them so he went looking for them. He walked into the tunnel as far as he could, but dense smoke blocked his path. He called out but received no answer, and fearing an accident had occurred, he sounded the alarm whistle. Three men responded to the alarm, and he sent one to the office, and along with Grimshaw and Dawson he returned to the tunnel where they found the bodies.

Constable Frederick Bryant deposed that he had been to the site and then described the condition of the bodies and their locations. He had ordered the bodies to be removed, and instructed that all work in the tunnel should cease until a jury had viewed the scene. He had searched the bodies and found a pocket knife and the sum of £16 11s 3d in a purse on Breheny, and on Ayton a Waterbury watch in a leather case. The watch had stopped at 4.16 p.m.

The Coroner then summed up, and the jury after a retirement of 20 minutes declared that the cause of the premature explosion was unknown, and that no blame was attachable to anyone in connection with the deaths.

Frederick Breheny and Bertie Ayton were buried on the following Tuesday afternoon, before a large number of mourners. Breheny's headstone is still present albeit in a damaged state. It is not known where Ayton is buried.

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



Young locals help shape ‘Skills Week’

Youth Fest Feedback Shows Strong Demand for Hands-On Career Experiences. Event in Circular Head

Smithton, Tasmania – 29 May 2025
Local youth have given their feedback for their desired future careers— and they're calling for more hands-on, engaging, and real-world experiences to help them explore their future pathways.

Following the successful Youth Fest event held at Riverbend Youth Centre in April, over 50 young people aged 12–25 shared their thoughts through a survey facilitated by West North West Working on behalf of the Circular Head Youth, Employment, Education and Training Working Group.

The feedback was clear:
Nearly 40% of participants preferred hands-on experiences over traditional expo or Q&A formats.

The top career content formats included interactive activities, 'day-in-the-life' stories, and opportunities to speak directly with professionals.

When it comes to learning styles, most respondents said they prefer learning new skills over mastering just one, and enjoy working in teams or while helping others.

Social media, friends, and school staff remain the most effective channels to reach young people with job and career information.

In response to this valuable insight, planning is now underway for a Skills Week in August to be co-designed with local youth. The event will give local students the chance to try real tasks

across a variety of industries—while building confidence and connecting with local employers.

"We're really excited about this feedback, where we can turn youth voice into action," said Brooklyn, Regional Communications and Connections Officer. "Young people told us they don't just want to sit and listen—they want to get involved, get access to a variety of traditional and non-traditional industries, and see what a career might really be like."

Next steps include further co-design with Circular Head Schools and youth groups, where young people will help shape what Skills Week looks like—from the types of experiences offered to the people they want to meet.

"Young voices are driving this," said Jacki, Local Engagement Officer. "They're not just attending—they're helping us build something meaningful."

The Skills Week event is scheduled for later this year, with further details to be announced. If your business, school, or organisation is interested in being involved, contact info@wnwworking.com.au



Men's Shed thankful for grants

The Circular Head Men's Shed (CHMS) recently held a special celebration to acknowledge the generous support of local grants that have boosted both its equipment and member training.

Members gathered for a relaxed BBQ and an informal tour of the shed, attended by Circular Head Mayor Gerard Blizard, along with Wendy Kennedy, Regional Coordinator of Men's Health and Well-being at the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association (TMSA)—highlighting the strong community support behind the Shed's work.

The CHMS proudly showcased new tools purchased with support from the Circular Head Council's Community Small Grants Program. These tools have already been put to good use in ongoing woodworking and community projects—and are helping the group to continue growing in both skill and confidence.

The event also recognised the successful completion of Test and Tag training by eight members, made possible by a grant from the Tasmania Men's Shed Association (TMSA).

This training gives members the ability to test and tag electrical tools and equipment for safety—a vital step in ensuring a secure working environment. The

qualification also opens doors for members to support other community groups and events with their tagging skills.

Men's Shed Vice-President, Lex Laing, said the support had been "a real game changer" for the group.

"Grants like these help us to improve the things we do—allowing members to



make more, stay safe, get hands-on, and give back," he said. "They don't just fund equipment or training - they help

build community." Based in Smithton, the Circular Head Men's Shed plays a vital role in the region - offering a welcoming, supportive space where men can connect, share knowledge, and contribute to meaningful projects.

The group expressed heartfelt thanks to both the Circular Head Council and the TMSA for their investment in local wellbeing and men's mental health.

The Shed is open on Wednesdays and Fridays, and new members or visitors are always welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

If you're curious, interested, or just looking to connect with others, the Circular Head Men's Shed is a great place to start—where tools, stories, and friendships are shared in equal measure.



Unlock Tasmania's best-kept secrets this July at Permission to Trespass. For one month, visitors get to go behind the locked doors, closed shops, and locked farm gates to experience a host of uniquely curated events across the Wynyard and surrounds area. Expect captivating landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and immersive experiences tailored to ignite curiosity and foster connection.

Settling in for our third year, expect to connect with our locals this winter in weird and wonderful ways.

Visitors will enjoy:

- Moonlight Stories at the iconic Table Cape Lighthouse, featuring the mesmerising projection art installation by Alex Moss "Inner Light."
- Secret whisky tastings, showcasing rare, local spirits.
- Long-table feasts, celebrating Tasmania's exceptional produce.
- Creative workshops, inviting hands-on encounters with local artists.
- Intimate storytelling sessions, where history and heritage come alive through personal narratives.
- Live music performances enhance

the warmth and intimacy of each experience.

- Gather and Glow- Warm Winter Night market Highlight Experience: Moonlight Stories presents "Inner Light"

Working with our local community and artists, Alex Moss curates an exceptional projection experience, "Inner Light", which transforms Table Cape Lighthouse into an illuminating journey of discovery. The lighthouse becomes a poignant metaphor—its traditional role as an external beacon guiding ships home reinterpreted to symbolize our inner journeys and choices. Through captivating photography, atmospheric field recordings, and evocative local art, visitors will uncover hidden doors and windows to their own "inner light," connecting deeply with place and personal story. Perfect for curious travellers

Our program of events hits the mark for mature adventurers, culture enthusiasts, food lovers, and choir buffs. Permission to Trespass offers comfortable, curated experiences. Attendees will find the events engaging yet relaxed, with ample opportunities for social interaction, learning, and enjoyment in beautiful surroundings.

Key Details:
• When: For the Month of July 2025
• Where: Wynyard and Table Cape, Tasmania

• Audience: Anyone interested in exclusive cultural, historical, and culinary experiences.

Comedy in council chambers

This July, Wynyard's SQUID INC Theatre will take over the Waratah Wynyard Council Chambers for a day, as part of the Permission to Trespass Festival.

SQUID INC will be performing a short one act comedy called Alan Grimaldi and The 183, by British playwright Bob Hammond, in the hallowed halls of local government.

The play's Director and SQUID INC's Secretary, Nick Bosly-Pask, said the idea of approaching the local council was a little daunting at first.

"We were asked if we could stage a play for Permission To Trespass, in a space that people don't usually visit on a day-to-day basis," he said.

"Whilst many of us visit the ground floor office of council to pay our rates or register the dog, rarely do people get to see inside the chambers where the big decisions are made. So, it was an obvious choice, and we were delighted when the Waratah Wynyard Council agreed."

Alan Grimaldi and The 183 is all about the long arm of coincidence. What happens to Alan on his way to work is the ultimate life changing experience, that leads to his encounter with a very unexpected pair of gate keepers, who do their best to set him on the right path.

There are two shows only, Saturday July 5 at 2pm and 6pm. "Bookings are open and are selling well," said Nick.

"As there is only seating for 30 people per show, we strongly suggest that you book ahead, although some door sales will be available on the day."

Permission To Trespass is unique month-long event opens locked gates to reveal stunning landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and immersive experiences that are usually off-limits.

From Moonlight Stories at Table Cape Lighthouse to long-table feasts, creative workshops, and secret whisky tastings, every experience is designed to connect you with Tasmania's untold stories.

Bookings at
www.permissiontotrespass.com.au



We're proud to announce the Circular Head Learn for Life – Literacy Action Plan 2025-2028 was launched on 27th May 2025.

Jenna spoke honestly about her journey, describing how she once felt “frustrated and doubting myself a lot,” but through her dedication and support from the program, she now says:

Her story was a powerful reminder of why literacy matters – and how the Learn for Life Action Plan can play a part in opening doors for more people to discover their potential.

acy tutor and Churchill Fellow Amanda Wilson, this community-driven roadmap sets out practical actions to create a more literate, empowered future for everyone in our region.

The Plan is about making Circular Head a place where anyone who wants to learn, can. As one of only five 26Ten communities in Tasmania – and one of just four Australian regions recognised as a UNESCO Learning City – Circular Head is uniquely placed to lead the way in improving adult literacy and lifelong learning opportunities.

Through this Plan, more people will be able to access tailored learning programs that suit their interests and needs - whether it's to gain confidence at work, succeed at school, connect with others, or simply learn for enjoyment.

will be available too.

You can view the Plan here: [Education and Training | Circular Head Council](#)

Let's work together to build a stronger,

more connected Circular Head – where we all ‘Learn for Life’.

More information: Kate Grey kgrey@
circularhead.tas.gov.au 0498 746 605



Life-saving defibrillators awarded to organisations across Tasmania

Under our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future, the Tasmanian Government committed \$500,000 to provide more life-saving defibrillators to communities through the Community Defibrillator Fund.

Minister for Health, Jacqui Petrusma, said when a person suffers a cardiac arrest, their chance of survival declines by almost 10 per cent with each passing minute.

“Having access to an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) can mean the difference between life and death,” Minister Petrusma said.

“We’re proud to deliver another 90 AEDs for our community, particularly in rural and regional areas, from Nabowla to Southport, and Rosebery to Binalong Bay.

“Crucially, every recipient has a publicly accessible site, with the list of successful applicants including community centres, sports clubs, shops and cafes.

“Since 2014, we’ve provided around

360 free life-saving defibrillators to Tasmanian communities."

Another 90 AEDs will become available to community groups through the second round of the fund in the 2025-26 financial year to further enhance access to life-saving equipment in critical situations.

After a device is placed in the community, it can be located through the GoodSAM Responder phone app, which supports cardiac arrest responses by alerting nearby registered responders and providing the location of patients and the closest defibrillators.

St Vincent de Paul Society is one of the successful recipients of round one of the Community Defibrillator Fund.

St Vincent de Paul Society CEO, Heather Kent, said emergency relief is often delivered by a cohort of volunteers middle aged and older, providing assistance to community members who can have complex health needs.

“Coupled with the high volume of customers in our op shop, we see the potential of medical emergencies occurring in our Hobart Elizabeth St premises,” Ms Kent said.

“Having an AED readily available can be a vital asset to save lives if it is needed.”

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Tasmania Legal Aid
Tasmania Police
Ulverstone Baptist Church
Wee Georgie Wood Steam Railway
Wynyard Football Club and Wynyard
District Cricket Club

Queenstown RSL President resigns

The Queenstown RSL wishes to announce that due to personal circumstances, Mick Moran has had to resign as president.

The committee & members thank him for his time & effort since stepping up into the position at our recent AGM & we wish him luck going into the future.

We are pleased to announce that vice president John Halton is now acting president and we look forward to everyone continuing to support the RSL and it's efforts in supporting veterans, their families & the community into the future.

As always we are available for all of your family special occasions or business function bookings. Venue hire is free to Queenstown RSL members. Winter in July event bookings available for your function.

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Circular Head Launches Literacy Action Plan to Inspire Lifelong Learning

Smithton, Tasmania

Circular Head has officially launched a bold new strategy to boost literacy across the region, unveiling the Learn for Life – Literacy Action Plan 2025–2028 at the Smithton Library this week.

The four-year plan sets out a series of community-led initiatives aimed at improving reading, numeracy and digital skills for people of all ages. Developed in partnership with 26Ten and the Learn for Life Action Group, the plan was curated by adult literacy advocate and Churchill Fellow Amanda Wilson.

Circular Head Mayor Gerard Blizzard said the community's enthusiasm would be key to turning the plan into action.

"This isn't just another plan on a shelf—it's our ticket to a smarter, more confident Circular Head," he said. "If you're keen to tackle new tech, help the grandkids with homework or finally master the paperwork, we've got your back."

Initiatives outlined in the plan include one-on-one tutoring, workplace plain-English reviews, and the creation of mobile "learning hubs" to support access in rural areas. Businesses, service clubs, and volunteers are being encour-



Pictured: Community members at the launch party in May 2025.

aged to get involved as part of a broad push to make learning more accessible throughout the municipality.

The plan builds on Circular Head's credentials as one of just five recognised 26Ten Communities in Tasmania and one of only four Australian towns named a UNESCO Learning City.

26Ten Community Coordinator Kate Grey said the plan was shaped by local voices and designed to respond to local needs.

"Every idea in this Plan was shaped by locals who know firsthand the power of a helping hand," she said. "We're ready to train Literacy Champions, light up

new learning spaces and celebrate every milestone along the way—because learning here is for everyone, at every age."

The Council has committed to tracking progress over the life of the plan and will continue to report on outcomes through to 2028.



Pictured: Paul Gardner

Paul Gardner Named New General Manager

Smithton, Tasmania

Circular Head Council has confirmed the appointment of Paul Gardner as its new General Manager, with his tenure set to begin in early July.

Mr Gardner brings more than 20 years of leadership experience across local government, private enterprise, and the not-for-profit sector, having held senior roles in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Australia. He is currently serving in an executive position at South Wairarapa District Council in New Zealand.

Mayor Gerard Blizzard welcomed the appointment and acknowledged the

contribution of Acting General Manager Andrew Wardlaw, who has been leading the organisation in the interim.

"Andrew has provided consistent and thoughtful leadership over the past months, and on behalf of Council, I extend our sincere appreciation for his service during this transitional period," the Mayor said. "We now look forward to the new chapter ahead with Paul's appointment."

Throughout his career, Mr Gardner has held executive responsibilities in areas including finance, governance, people and culture, ICT, emergency management, and economic development. He is known for his forward-thinking approach and strong focus on community outcomes.

His experience includes leading councils through major weather events, contributing to national local government reform, and securing funding for infrastructure affected by climate impacts. He has also overseen service reviews aimed at aligning council operations with community expectations.

Mr Gardner replaces Vanessa Adams, who stepped down from the role in February.

In a statement, Mr Gardner said he was looking forward to joining a region with a strong commitment to social and economic wellbeing, and to working alongside Council's elected members and professional staff.



Community members of the Mawbanna Community Hall Committee and the Fire Station.

Community Effort Shines at Stanley

Stanley, Tasmania

As National Volunteer Week comes to a close, we're shining a spotlight on our wonderful Mawbanna community.

Council recently held a special volunteer dinner at the Mawbanna Community Hall, celebrating the incredible contributions of local volunteers—including members of the Mawbanna Community Hall Committee and the Mawbanna Fire Station.

During the evening, Mayor Gerard Blizzard presented certificates of appreciation to both committees,

acknowledging their dedication and service.

This tight-knit rural community has shown remarkable resilience and commitment. The Hall continues to be a vital hub for connection and events, thanks to the passionate efforts of its committee. Likewise, the Fire Station—once at risk due to low volunteer numbers—has been strengthened by community members stepping up to keep this essential service alive!

A big thank you to everyone involved—you truly embody the spirit of community.



Kerbside Collection Schedule Changes – Here's What It Means for You

Circular Head, Tasmania

From September 2025, general waste collection in Smithton and Stanley will move to a fortnightly schedule. This brings urban areas into line with rural collection patterns and supports the introduction of Circular Head Council's new Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service. Importantly, there will be no change to the usual collection day.

The shift reflects a broader effort to reduce landfill volumes and manage rising waste costs. With the statewide landfill levy continuing to increase, it is becoming more expensive to dispose of general waste. However, FOGO material is exempt from the levy, representing a saving of more than \$44 per tonne. By placing food scraps and garden clippings in a dedicated green-lid bin, residents can significantly reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

Since its launch in July 2024, the

FOGO service has outperformed expectations across North West Tasmania. Councils initially estimated a 40 per cent reduction in landfill through the service. However, current figures show a 56 per cent diversion rate, highlighting the program's effectiveness and the community's willingness to embrace change.

Residents can continue to drop off household waste and recycling free of charge at the White Hills Waste Transfer Station. This added convenience ensures that households have flexibility while adjusting to the new collection schedule.

Circular Head Council remains committed to helping the community reduce waste, lower costs and protect the environment. The move to fortnightly waste collection is one part of a broader strategy to support more sustainable living—making small changes today that will have a lasting impact tomorrow.

For more information, visit nwrrr.com.au, phone 03 6427 4646 or email hello@nwrrr.com.au.



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Stanley Shines for Mother's Day Classic

More than 140 people turned out on Sunday, 11 May 2025, to take part in the Stanley Mother's Day Classic, celebrating mums and raising funds for breast and ovarian cancer research.

Held under clear skies, the event brought together locals and visitors for a

morning walk or run along the coast. The strong turnout and community spirit made for a memorable morning in the sun.

Special thanks to the volunteers who supported the event, including those who travelled from as far as Launceston.

JOURNEY TO THE EDGE OF THE WORLD



Over the Easter holidays, our family had the best week ever exploring Arthur River and all the amazing places nearby!

On our first day, we went to the Rip Curl surf comp at Lighthouse Beach. It was so cool—we actually drove the car right onto the beach! While the grown-

ups relaxed and watched the surfers, we had a blast running up the sand dunes and sliding back down on our body boards, we even enjoyed our morning tea there too.

Next stop was Marrawah and Green Point Beach. We found heaps of star-

fish in the rock pools, and they were all different colors. We spent ages looking at them—it was like a real-life treasure hunt!

Each night, we went back to our campsite for dinner with our friends and their families. Everyone brought food and we all sat around the fire chatting and laughing. It felt like a big camping party every night, but make sure you don't forget the marshmallows!

On Day 2, we drove down to Nelson Bay. It was so wild—this is where lots of whales beached back in February. We stayed in the car because it was still pretty smelly, but we got to see a whale up close through the window, which was amazing and kind of weird. We learnt a lot about whales that day, these were false killer whales and the first ever whales we have ever seen up close! We'll borrow a book about them in the library to learn more because they were pretty epic. On the way back, we even spotted a big ol' wombat and got photos with him! We finished off with morning tea on the beach and played on the dunes again (they're the best!).

Day 3 was all about exploring Coota Rocks. We found some really pretty beaches and the water was super clear—if it wasn't so cold, we would've gone snorkeling, but we had a splash in our wetsuits! Our car got stuck in the sand (oops!), but some nice campers helped us out, mummy was a little stressed but Dad seemed to have fun. Then we discovered some grassy campsites hidden just off the beach—perfect for next time!

Day 4 we headed to Green Point Beach again. We caught some waves, explored more rock pools filled with more starfish,

and had a yummy BBQ lunch at the Rounda. It was the perfect way to enjoy the sunshine we had that day.

A few times during our holiday we went fishing at the river mouth at Arthur River. We waded out until the water was up to our knees and my dad actually caught some salmon! Later, we cooked them up—It was delicious! We also found these super cool driftwood teepees that other kids had built along the shore, so of course we had to play in them too.

We did a lot of 4 wheel driving, we explored lots of epic lookouts and beaches and spent some quality time with our friends and family. We caught lots of pinchy crabs and saw a lot of wildlife we don't see every day. We also loved seeing all the old bones from wildlife at the rangers hut.

I wish we could go back already—there's still so much to see!

Milo 7yo, Jasper 5yo and Indie 2yo



New off road vehicle for Western Echo

As a photographer I have plans to travel to some remote places but have a damaged left ankle which limits where and how far I can walk. So what to do?

Well, thanks to John Fulton at Tas Electric Vehicles in Launceston, the answer is... An electric bike!

I took five different models for a test ride to how they might suit my needs in the bush and left John's shop with a Vamos El Doblez folding electric bike.

This is one cool machine, big fat tyres to suit any terrain, has a top speed (off

road) of 40km/h, is weatherproof, suitable for riders up to 130kg and it folds up to fit in the back of pretty much any car.

It has seven gears and the power is adjustable using a computer on the handlebars so you can program it to assist with the pedalling as much as you like. You can also see how much charge is left in the battery and how fast you are going.

When you have finished your ride, simply plug it into a power point and you are all set for next time.

I picked it up in Launceston and took it for a ride around the streets of Invermay, found a few rougher spots to try out the suspension and this bike handled it all with ease.



It's a few years (we won't go there) since I have ridden a bike of any sort but you know what they say about riding bikes; Once learnt - never forgotten. What that doesn't say is that as a youngster with no fear the bike is an exhilarating speed machine. Now with a few more years under (and over) the belt, caution kicks in and I was taking things rather gently lest I went flying off and became part of Launceston's scenery.

Now this bike is pedal assist, but it also

has a twist throttle on the handlebars which I found myself using more and more (easier on that ankle), especially on rougher terrain. I spent the next few days staying at the Crayfish Creek Caravan

Park and this was a great machine to explore the myriad of trails throughout the park.

I even crossed the highway and went for a spin on the beach - This thing is fun. I was soon leaning into the turns, riding through the mud, climbing over tree roots and branches and generally having a good

time (albeit at a relatively slow pace).

But hey, that's exactly what I want - I have no wish to go hell for leather downhill or race across the Tasmanian scenery, all I want is something to get me into those more inaccessible locations that I can't walk to.

This ebike is not too heavy (24kg) and has a range (with the battery upgrade) of around 75 kilometres, depending on how much you pedal (as little as possible for me) so this bike could take you places in

Tasmania that you really wouldn't want to be lost in.

This bike came with front and rear racks and baskets to carry all my camera gear and supplies so off into the bush I will be going.

I will keep you posted in future editions on the Ebike story and how well this might fit into YOUR lifestyle.

In the meantime, if you have even thought of looking at electric bikes, whether for commuting or hitting the wild trails (and everything in between), then I suggest you head out and see John and his team out at Tas Electric Vehicles, at 101 Invermay Road, Invermay and take one for a spin.

John's shop is full of ebikes, from mountain bikes, off roaders, commuters, scooters and so much more. He even has electric tricycles for those who want the stability of three wheels!

Drop in, say hi, mention that Alan from the Western Echo sent you (it can't hurt) and go for a ride.

You will love it, I promise.

I am already planning a trip to Montezuma Falls on the bike and plan on taking it the length of Ocean Beach at Strahan so will let you all know how those trips go for starters. Stay tuned.

Alan - Ed

Live Well and a community based income?



Live Well Tasmania Committee in front of our Community Centre in Wynyard.

Live Well Tasmania is a small volunteer led, non-profit community group with a Community Centre in Wynyard and a Community Farm at Oldina, 15 minutes from Wynyard. Our mission is to promote connection of people and place, by empowering individual health and wellbeing, community capacity, resilience and sustainability.

to the common story we hear of hardship and struggle, echoed by countless individuals within our community of North-West Tasmania. As members of this community, we share common challenges - unemployment, financial insecurity, and a welfare system that needs to be reformed to be more effective in helping those with barriers to employment.

Community-Based Income (CBI) is a new and innovative way of addressing these issues. CBI is paid instead of unemployment benefits, where participants engage in activities such as education, study, caring duties, and/or contributing to a community project in return for receiving a liveable wage. Plenty of community projects are going unfulfilled where a CBI could make them happen, enhancing participation and prosperity; empowering individuals, reducing financial distress and injecting life into our community projects which are currently starved of attention.

We are seeking federal funding for a trial of CBI which will not only allow us to test the viability of this model in North-West Tasmania, but will signify a commitment from our government to invest in innovative solutions addressing unemployment and financial insecurity within our community.

Engage with us in changing the narrative. Let us pioneer a project that could redefine welfare norms and empower our community. Watch out for a petition that will be circulating soon to demand federal funding for a trial of Community-Based Income in North-West Tasmania.

Other opportunities Live Well Tasmania has is a weekly (every Wednesday evening) mental wellbeing group meeting called Grow, weekly sessions at our Oldina Community Farm, following on from our successful Care Farming project, which was found to improve mental health by being involved in garden activities, maintaining walking tracks etc.

Other activities provided at our Community Centre are a sewing and a spinning and weaving groups who meet weekly. See the calendar on our website, www.lwt.org.au for further details. We also have volunteer opportunities both at our Community Centre and at our farm at Oldina. Contact the Coordinator Robin on 0421 461 724, or our President Kelly on 0498 315 298.



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What's mined is ores - transporting the raw material

The aerial ropeway transported ore from the Hercules Mine to the processing mill in Rosebery. It's a fascinating chapter in mining history that not only tells a story of innovation, but also one of resilience in the face of harsh conditions and economic downturn.

Back in the early 1930s, there were a few ideas floating around on how to get ore from the Hercules Mine down to the mill in Rosebery. Here were the main options they considered:

1. Use the existing haulage system to move ore from Hercules to Williamsford, then ship it to Rosebery by rail.

2. Same haulage route but swap the rail leg for trucking.

3. Build a direct ropeway from Hercules straight to Rosebery.

4. Modify the existing haulage at Hercules, then build a ropeway to Rosebery from there.

Now, the first two plans were knocked out quickly—the cost of using the rail system or trucks made them pretty unappealing. The third option sounded promising but came with some big challenges: an elevation of 915 meters and having to deal with notoriously rough weather. So, in the end, they went with the fourth plan.

The ropeway was constructed in 1930, but like many projects of the era, it hit a major snag: the Great De-

pression, so it wasn't officially commissioned until 1936. But once it got going, it became a lifeline for the Hercules Mine operation.

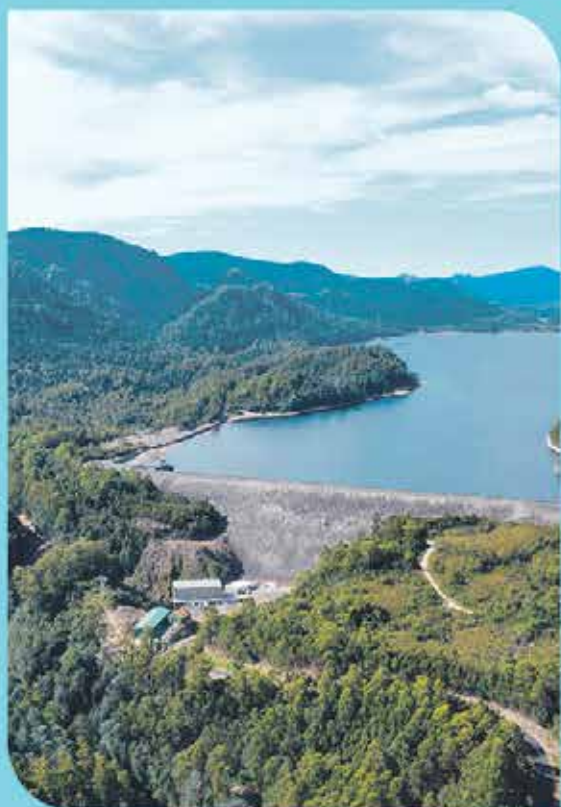
For 50 years, the aerial ropeway carried ore through thick fog, strong winds, and snowfalls.

- Length: 6.5 kilometers
- Support towers: 65 in total
- Speed: 7 km/h, powered by an 11kW motor stationed at Rosebery
- Capacity: 194 buckets, each capable of holding 300 kilograms
- Trip time: Each bucket took about 2 hours for a full round trip

By the 1980s, the ropeway was starting to show its age. Maintenance costs were climbing, capacity wasn't keeping up with demand, and high winds were causing more frequent disruptions. In February 1985, the aerial ropeway was officially decommissioned, closing the chapter on one of Tasmania's most unique pieces of industrial infrastructure.

Some towers still stand to this day - it's a reminder of how innovation often comes out of necessity. Faced with tough geography, economic limitations, and brutal weather, engineers and miners found a solution that kept the wheels turning for generations.

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Forest to the Frontlines: Llani Kennealy’s global journey



Llani Kennealy – on deployment as Gender Advisor to the US Commander of Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve, the US led coalition to defeat ISIS, Baghdad, Iraq

Growing up in the windswept farming community of Forest on Tasmania’s rugged North-West coast, Llani Kennealy (née Alderson) was shaped by the values of resilience, grit, and a deep sense of purpose. A proud alumna of Forest Primary School and Marist Regional College, she left her small-town roots at just 18 to join the Royal Australian Air Force, launching a 34-year journey that would see her rise to senior leadership, serve in global conflict zones, shape

national defense policy, and champion women’s voices on the world stage. Over three decades in uniform, Llani served in some of the world’s most challenging environments. She deployed to Afghanistan and later to Iraq and Syria, advising senior US commanders during operations against ISIS. At home, she became the Chief of Air Force’s specialist advisor on women’s participation in the Air Force and later led Defense’s implementation of Aus-

tralia’s National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security, helping to improve the lived experience of women who serve. Her international influence expanded further during three years with UN Women in New York, where she collaborated with military leaders from across the Global South to increase women’s participation in peacekeeping and post-conflict rebuilding. "Working with women from conflict-affected regions showed me the unwavering determination and resilience of those facing some of the most difficult situations imaginable. It was a powerful reminder that true strength comes from within," she reflects. Following her retirement at the senior rank of Wing Commander, Llani launched her own international consulting business focused on security sector reform. Today, she continues to influence global policy through her affiliations with the Monash Global Peace and Security Centre, the International Peace Institute New

York, and UN Women. As Chair of Women Veterans Australia, the leading charity dedicated to supporting women veterans, she is also a passionate advocate for women who have served, ensuring their voices are heard, their needs understood, and their service properly recognised. "Service doesn’t stop when the uniform comes off," she says. One of the greatest gifts of service is the enduring friendships forged through shared experiences, often in the most challenging of circumstances. My journey has taken me across the globe, and along the way, I’ve built a network of incredible friends and colleagues. No matter where we are in the world, there’s always time for a catch-up when our paths cross again. "Growing up in Forest taught me resilience and heart. I’m a very proud North-West Tasmanian, and that spirit has never left me. The Air Force showed me that with those qualities, you can move mountains. I’ve always believed in saying yes to the opportunities, especially the tough ones, because they’re often what broaden your perspective and create new ways to make a meaningful impact. From small-town fields to international frontlines, Llani Kennealy’s journey proves that no dream is too big and encourages all young people to back themselves and follow their own pathways too.

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More street libraries for the Northwest

We're building ten new Street Libraries in Circular Head. Would you like to become a Street Librarian?

Circular Head Council is working with Street Library Australia to place ten-Street Libraries throughout the region of Circular Head.

We are calling for applications to make this happen, and are inviting applications from individuals, business and community-minded organisations from Rocky Cape to Woolnorth to Arthur River and everywhere in between who appreciate the importance of life-long learning.

"In Circular Head, we Learn for Life – and every Street Library is a seed of opportunity," says Program Coordinator, Kate Grey.

"Planted around our region, these little libraries grow curiosity, connection, and a love of learning. From books and games to info about local programs, they help knowledge take root and thrive. Hosting one is a simple way to help our whole community grow."

These tiny vestibules of literary happiness will be provided to the council in kit form and will be assembled and installed by members of the Circular Head Men's Shed. Successful applicants will be invited to decorate and register their Street Library, and love and

share it with the community.

If you are dedicated to fostering community connections and learning at all stages of life, and are keen to act as a learning ambassador for your community, we encourage you to apply.

To submit your application please complete the online application: <https://streetlibrary.org.au/cep-circular-head/>, email Kate to request an application: kgrey@circularhead.tas.gov.au or pop into the Smithton library to fill one out. Good Luck!



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A Year of Support



Since the official opening of the Veterans' and Families' Centre in Burnie in June last year, our mission has remained clear: to support veterans and their families across Tasmania through meaningful, holistic care. In just 12 months, we've built a community that honours service, fosters connection, and supports recovery.

We've walked alongside veterans and their families on their journey—whether accessing medical and psychological support or simply finding a safe space to connect with others who understand. Our services have grown to meet the unique needs of our community, from DVA advocacy and well-being programs to social connection events that remind us all that we're never alone.

Our outreach has extended far beyond Burnie, with team members regularly travelling across the state to meet veterans where they are—whether in remote communities or regional hubs. And back at the heart of it all, our amazing Centre Manager, Lisa, continues to hold down the fort in Burnie, offering day-to-day support, a welcoming face, and a deep commitment to every veteran and family who walks through our doors.

In a special highlight, we were recently honoured by a visit from Her Excellency the Governor-General of Australia, currently the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn

AC. Her Excellency's visit was a proud moment for our Centre and a robust recognition of the vital work being done to support those who have served and supported the veteran from home.

Looking ahead, the Centre will host a wide range of veteran and family-focused workshops, peer activities, and new outreach opportunities to continue strengthening our community fabric. From wellness days and family art sessions to targeted support groups and information nights, the Centre is more than a place—it's a growing movement.

"It is a great one-stop shop, supporting me and my family in the North West of Tasmania," A Navy Veteran testimonial.

The Veterans' and Families' Centre in Burnie offers a welcoming and supportive space for veterans and their families. With free coffee, a cosy reading corner, a dedicated children's area, and access to medical and psychological support, the Centre is designed to meet a wide range of needs. Our services include DVA advocacy, well-being programs, workshops, and a small gym to encourage healthy, active lifestyles—all under one roof.

Together, we are building a stronger, more connected future for Tasmania's veteran community—Veterans: United by Service, Strengthened by Family, Supported by Us.

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Grey May: Sharing Local Stories of Strength and Hope

May is Brain Tumour Awareness Month—also known as Grey May. It’s a time to recognise the impact of brain tumours and honour the strength, courage, and resilience of those affected.

At Soroptimist International of Circular Head, we believe the most powerful awareness comes from lived experience. This May, we were privileged to share four deeply personal stories from people in our community—each one a reminder of how profoundly a brain tumour diagnosis can change lives.

One story told of a young mum who was given just six months to live.

She was in her early twenties—fit, healthy, and mum to an 18-month-old. When baby number two didn’t come and she started feeling unusually tired, she trusted her gut and got checked.

“I wasn’t me,” she said. “My body didn’t feel right.”

A scan revealed the unthinkable: a brain tumour. Inoperable. Terminal. With her toddler by her side, she was told to prepare for the worst. Then—against medical advice—she discovered she was pregnant. Doctors urged her to terminate. “That word was so final. I didn’t want final—I wanted a miracle.”

And she got one. Nine months later, she gave birth to a healthy baby. That was 16 years ago.

She’s still here.

She stopped treatment years ago, choosing to focus on time with her chil-

dren. “I wanted quality over quantity,” she said. Her tumour remains—but so does her fight. “I will not quit. I can do anything. I am a warrior.”

Her story is about instinct, defiance, and the fierce love that gives life meaning.

The other stories shared this May also offered powerful lessons:

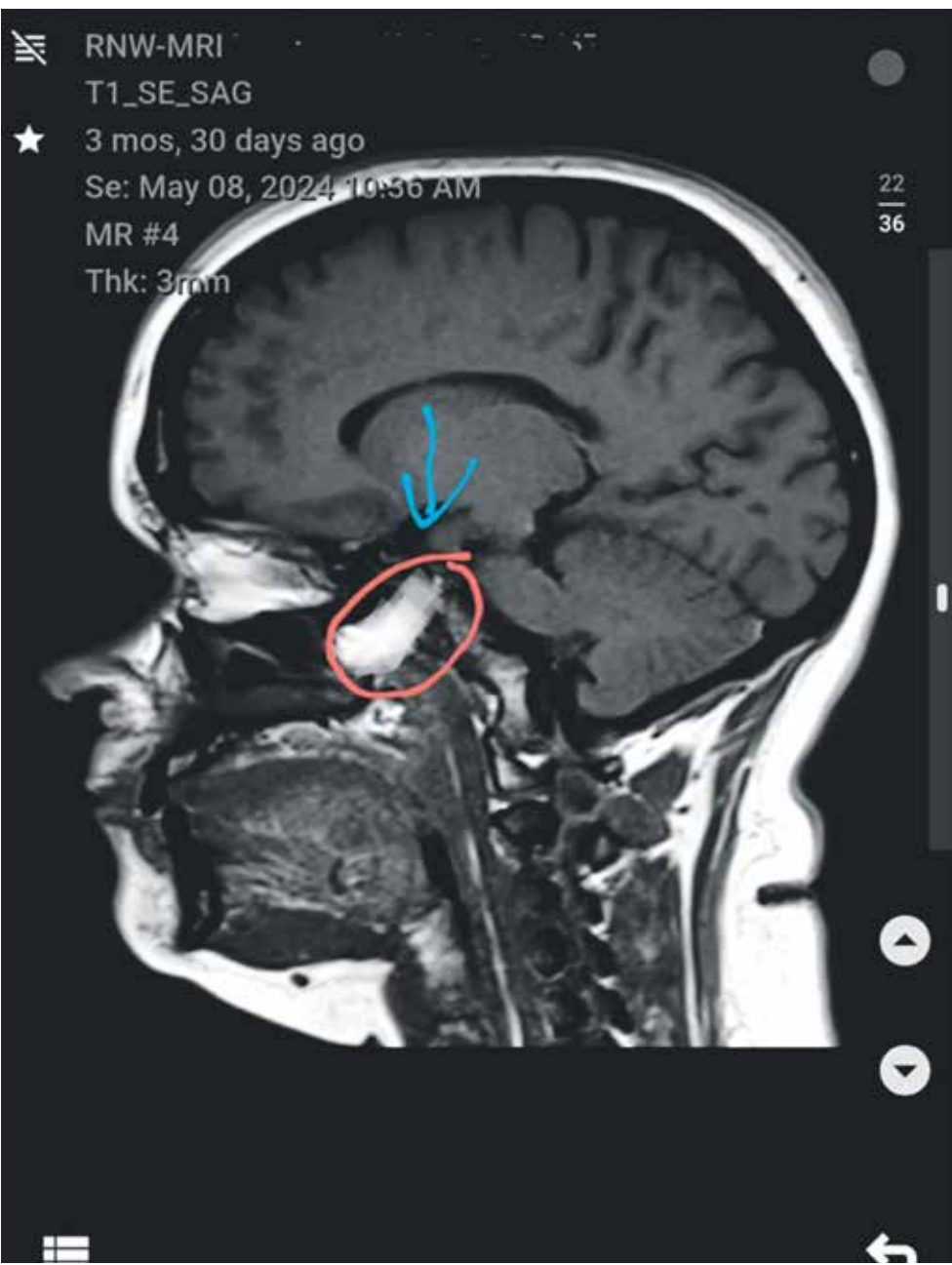
– A woman whose father was misdiagnosed reminded us to know our bodies and advocate for our health.

– A wife turned full-time carer urged us to check in with support people—they often carry invisible burdens.

– A teenager’s story showed how illness impacts the whole family.

To honour these stories, Soroptimist International of Circular Head has donated to the NeuroSurgical Research Foundation, supporting vital brain tumour research.

Read all four stories and follow our community work on Facebook: Soroptimist International of Circular Head



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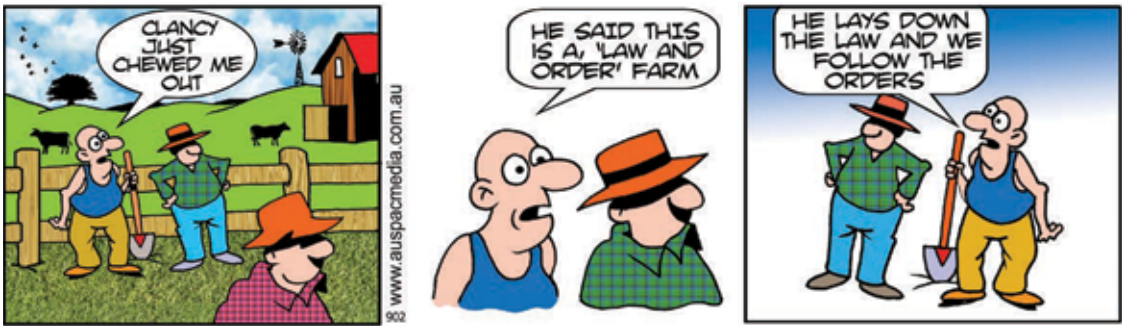
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JUMBLE No. 688

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TODAY'S TARGET
17 Words **Good**
21 Words **Very Good**
26 Words **Excellent**
31 Words **Genius**
THE RULES: How many words of 4 letters or more can you make from these 9 letters? In making a word each letter may be used only once, and the centre letter must be included. There must be at least one 9-letter word. No slang, foreign words, plurals, hyphens or apostrophes.

SUDOKU No. 009

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CROSSWORD No. 10857

- ACROSS**
- 3 Postpone
 - 6 Female bird
 - 8 Abnormally fat
 - 9 Protuberance
 - 10 Endures
 - 12 Land measure
 - 14 Efface
 - 17 Built
 - 19 Engage in thought
 - 20 Corded fabric
 - 21 Unit of inheritance
 - 22 In safe custody
 - 24 Conducted to seating
 - 27 Thin fog
 - 29 Sailor (coll)
 - 30 Emits rays
 - 32 Upholder of a heresy
 - 34 Move easily
 - 35 Limb
 - 36 Makes level
 - 37 Otherwise
 - 38 Brilliance of success
 - 39 School of whales

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- 27 Fails to hit
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- 32 Stringed instrument
- 16 Genuine
- 33 Examine
- 18 Critical
- 23 Traces from a source
- 25 Injured
- 26 Fish

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16508

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hit friends back (4)
 - 3 Scattered forests surrounding Roundhead stronghold (8)
 - 8 The Gospel to take note of (4)
 - 9 Status as a candidate (8)
 - 11 Approximate numbers of plump people? (5,7)
 - 13 The rod becomes more than very warm (3,3)
 - 14 Standard of pastel manufacture (6)
 - 17 Superbooster may be noisy and difficult to control (12)
 - 20 Barker's way, perhaps - obstinately! (8)
 - 21 The lady from 19 (4)
 - 22 Office common to church and government? (8)

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- DOWN**
- 1 Sort of hat that makes for being gloomy or uplifted (8)
 - 2 A reason for being stranded (7)
 - 4 Get out in boat (6)
 - 5 Get in due to being unable to speak (6-4)
 - 6 The pick of the literary world (5)
 - 7 Long story of an air-like fluid ascending (4)
 - 10 Dexterity may be no disaster (10)
 - 12 About 500 debates about framework for rest (8)
 - 15 In favour of temple for pagan (7)
 - 16 Trader who ensures everybody's cards are on the table (6)
 - 18 Start for example in container (5)
 - 19 Made up cheese (4)

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

Crossword No. 11018	Sudoku No. 170	Cryptic No. 16669
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Jumble No. 849
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The Nut Chairlift Stanley

The team at The Nut Chairlift wish to advise our last operating day for the season was Monday 9th June.

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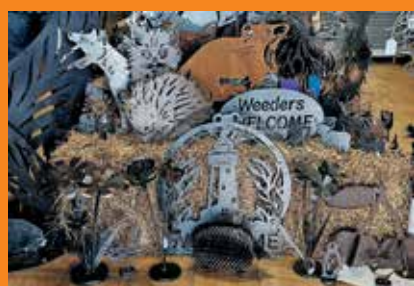
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Forage Festival a hit in Stanley



The Stanley Forage Street Feast...

The name invokes the feeling of being able to wander from food stall to food stall and sample the delights of the area and boy, did it deliver. The food vendors were well organised in the extreme cold preparing a cornucopia of delightful meals for people to purchase.

The food was beautiful, freshly made and cooked to order, though often there was a wait of around 15 to 20 minutes for the food in a queue of shivering people on arguably the coldest night of the year so far and this may have been avoided to some extent, if the vendors had planned their meals a little better and put on more staff. It would have been nice to have a free taster too for those who weren't quite

sure what to partake of.

Still, we were spoiled for choice. There was everything to choose from, including cheeses to seafood, little pancakes to kimchi and everything inbetween.

As I walked around I thought that the event could benefit from the addition of a few market stalls for people to browse through and purchase from while waiting for their food orders.

There were a few shops open, apart from food and alcohol vendors and they did a roaring trade. I have to thank the lovely ladies at the Hearts and Crafts shop for saving me with the fortuitous use of their fan heater and being able to buy the last pair of fingerless gloves of the night to save my frozen fingers!

Still, as I made my way from fire pit

to fire pit and often huddled in amongst strangers for warmth, I must make note of how people rose to the occasion.

There were parents with their babies and toddlers, bundled up in winter woollies and almost cryovaccated, encapsulated in their strollers against the cold, still happily bopping along to the string of bands.

People donned their beanies and balaclavas determined to enjoy the night, and they did. Under the coloured fairy lights and an incredibly clear star spangled night people interacted.

I saw mobile phones gradually go into pockets as the effects of alcohol lowered inhibitions in most of the adults and this of course allowed the children to have a ball too. It was a wonderful thing to

watch and be a part of. People from all walks of life danced, talked, stole kisses and moderately rearranged art scapes.

This all culminated for the die hard eighty or so people who actually made it to the last two bands, they were treated to "Shayena", a fantastic rhythm / funk crossover were a joy to watch followed by, in my opinion, the best band of the night, a reggae rap infusion and possibly one of the best bands in Tasmania, certainly the tightest musically, "Boil Up".

On the whole, the night was a kaleidoscope of colour and sound that lit up the frigid darkness, and I hope to see more of these events put on to draw people from their homes and out of their winter blues.

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Forage Festival a hit in Stanley



It wasn't all about the street party either, there were numerous events on over the course of the week from a Degustation Dinner with Josh Perry at Highfield House, a 'Meet the Producers' dinner at Marley's Sticks & Stones, Shells & Bones to 'Scrounging Along the Way' an exhibition by Bert Spinks and much more. Don't miss the next Forage Festival!



Thank You for an Incredible Forage Festival!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the 2025 Forage Festival such a huge success. From the buzzing Street Feast to the unforgettable dinner events and live entertainment – it was truly a celebration of everything we love about our region.

- To everyone who attended – your energy and support brought the festival to life.
- To our talented food and alcohol producers – thank you for sharing your passion and produce.
- To the incredible food vendors at the Street Feast – your delicious creations were a highlight of the weekend.
- To the amazing chefs who crafted the dinner events – your creativity and skill turned every plate into an experience.
- To the musicians who helped us dance, sing and celebrate – thank you for filling our streets with rhythm and joy.
- To the local shops that stayed open

and joined in the festivities – we value your support.

- To Circular Head Council – thank you for allowing us to celebrate in the heart of our streets.
 - To the SES – your presence and support helped ensure a safe and smooth weekend for all.
 - To the bump-in crew and every single helper behind the scenes & front of gate – your hard work made everything possible.
 - To the dedicated CHTA committee and all our sponsors – we are grateful for your contributions.
- And a very special thank you to Matt Woodham – your vision, leadership and professionalism were at the heart of this festival's success.
- From everyone at CHTA – thank you for helping us celebrate local culture, flavours and community spirit. We can't wait to do it all again!



The Forage Festival culminated at the Stanley Harvest Market, on the Sunday where you could purchase all manner of food and crafts and even cuddle a baby goat.

WE PLAY MOTOCROSS

Photos by Alan Jennison

A recent ride day at the Circular Head Motorcycle Club saw around 80 riders racing around the course with a few taking on the nipper's course on their quad bikes. The weather was perfect, the ladies in the canteen did a great job and there really are some great riders in the Northwest. I dropped in to take a few photos and stayed all day. Look for the Circular Head Motorcycle Club on facebook for more info.



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WE PLAY QUEENSTOWN JUNIOR BASKETBALL

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Friday 30th saw the 2025 season come to a close, with our grand finals and award presentation's being held.

All games were closely contested and held in great spirit, the under 16 girls game being decided on the buzzer with a packed stadium showing plenty of excitement throughout each game.

Grand Final results:

U12 girls: Rubies 25 def Opals 14
U12 boys: Pumas 35 def All Stars 29
U16 girls: Liberty 21 def Fever 20
U16 boys: Hawks 52 def Celtics 43

I hope all players had an enjoyable season, gaining valuable experience and development both on and off the court.

It's sad to see the season come to an end but the committee would like to express how thankful we are to the parents getting their children to games each week and a special mention to all those from Strahan & Zeehan with the task of

a school pick up then travelling through to Queenstown.

Congratulations to all the award winners.

Upcoming events:

- 19th June Aussie Hoops program
- 22nd June Jack Jumpers mini ants & skills session clinics

Don't forget to register via the links on our facebook page

The committee would like to sincerely thank all the coaches, bench staff, umpires, cleaner, canteen & raffle personal and a special mention to our sponsors for their valued contrubition to making season 2025 successful.

Personally a huge thankyou to all the committee members for putting your hand up and making our little association what it is today!

President
Brett Schulze



WE PLAY QUEENSTOWN JUNIOR BASKETBALL

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WE PLAY CIRCULAR HEAD HOCKEY

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As many of you will have noticed, I really enjoy taking photographs of sporting events (and have done for newspapers across Australia) and love sharing them across the Western Echo pages. These are a few from a fairly recent game of Hockey at Smithton. This is Smithton Hockey Club versus Launceston (Mens and Womens).



WE PLAY CIRCULAR HEAD HOCKEY

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Zeehan Netball gears up for 2025

We're thrilled to announce that the Zeehan Netball Association is ready to take the court for an exciting 2025 season!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our major sponsor, Hydro Tasmania. Their incredible generosity has made it possible for us to welcome all new players with brand-new uniforms, cover stadium hire costs, and purchase much-needed equipment. It's support like this that helps keep grassroots sport alive on the West Coast, providing our kids with the opportunity to play, grow, and thrive in a team environment.

We're also grateful for the continued support of our local community. Special thanks to Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre and Silver City Earthmoving for their contributions toward our player awards—your backing helps us celebrate the hard work and achievements of our teams each week.

And it doesn't stop there—thanks to the efforts of Glenn, Sheldon, Brad, and the team at

GBE, we've received a generous upgrade to our netball poles, ensuring our facilities match the passion and enthusiasm of our players.

The spirit of community is well and truly alive in Zeehan, and we're proud to be part of it. Here's to a fantastic season ahead—see you on the court!



WE PLAY WEST COAST JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Photos by Alan Jennison

Photos of recent West Coast Junior Football Association games with Zeehan versus Queenstown. The Grand finals are being held in Strahan on Sunday 15th June. This should be a great days footy so we hope to see you there supporting these fearless teams.



Western Echo photos and more

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