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Echoes travel in strait lines



That's me after finding the Western Echo newspaper onboard the Spirit ferry

I had a very short window of available spots on the Spirit of Tasmania to head to the mainland and bring back the 'new' Western Echo company car so I took the opportunity when I could (I was a bit excited and didn't want to wait another cou-

ple of weeks). I flew to Melbourne from Burnie/Wynyard airport on the Tuesday morning, picked up the car and was on the Spirit later the same night.

What a great trip I had, even though it rained non-stop start to finish.

I stayed in Wynyard on the Monday night ready for an early, 6.30am flight to Melbourne. Unfortunately, due to fog, that flight was cancelled, but a quick phone call to REX Airlines and I was on one that landed in Melbourne at 12.20pm

(Thanks REX). The flight itself was fairly smooth with a bit of turbulence near the big city but as we had a short stop in the middle I can now say I have been to King Island (even though we didn't get

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My Electorate Office is open to the Braddon community.

If you need any assistance with Federal Government services or would like to request a special birthday or anniversary message, **please contact or visit my office Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm.**



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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. These views in this newspaper, political or otherwise, are not necessarily those held by the editor or anyone professionally associated with the Western Echo.

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Meet the DIVERGE team



This is an open invitation to join a 30 minute trail run/hike, meet the team behind the new event, DIVERGE.Skyruns, which will showcase the West Coast and its epic mountains/trails in 2026.

This is the official Community Launch, and we'd love to share more about the event, its courses, planned trail work (and job opportunities for West Coasters), tourism potential and more. And we're very open to answering any ques-

tions you may have, and we're so keen to meet you!

We'll have DIVERGE cotton tees for the first 20 people to arrive & DIVERGE stickers for everyone! We hope to see you on Friday September 12.

(PS The run/hike is optional of course! We'll be back at the Geology Walk at around 4.30pm for the Meet & Greet if you'd prefer).

Animal Welfare Centre Inc Op Shop turns one this month!

Happy Birthday to AWCI Op Shop in Zeehan's main street (opposite the Post Office) To celebrate they will be having a huge sale on Saturday September 20th Don't miss it - come and say Hi and grab some bargains



Western Echo 'Wendy'

It wasn't me dad! Well... actually it was, but it's not my fault that dad keeps giving me toys with those infernal squeakers in them.

I mean, what is a dog to do? The noisy thing has to be removed and chewed until it

squeaks no more and then, and only then can I pull out all the stuffing. Dad says he is going to teach me to use the vacuum cleaner but I DO know what that is and I don't like it so that is simply NOT going to happen. Mmm... I could chase the cats with it though...

Anyway... see you next month - Woolf to you all



Get your trip off to a great start with a stay at Crayfish Creek Van & Cabin Park. Conveniently situated on the creek itself, this park puts you close to local attractions and great dining experiences.

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Market giving out funds to help west coast community

On behalf of the Queenstown Community Market, President Robert Fee, Treasurer Bob Dickerson, Secretary Robyn Dickerson and Assistant Secretary Christine Gray have donated a total of \$2200 to the following West Coast Organisations. St Joseph's Primary School, Mountain Heights Primary, Mountain Heights Secondary School, West Coast District Hospital Auxiliary, West Coast Walk of Life and United Church Presbytery of Tasmania. Cheques presented by Robyn Dickerson.



West Coast District Hospital Auxiliary donation accepted by June Potter Secretary and Helen Schulze



St Joseph's Primary School donation accepted by students Ollie and Amalie



West Coast Walk of Life donation accepted by Gill Wiggins



Mountain Heights Primary and Secondary School donation accepted by Chine Venter and students Issy and Maya



United Church Presbytery of Tasmania donation accepted by Shirley Scolyer

All opening in Zeehan

The West Coast council is holding the official opening celebration of Howards Park at 12:00 a free BBQ and kid's games/activities are provided. The Zeehan swimming & multi-purpose centre will also be getting an official opening which will include a gym equipment tour and other activities and will be taking place shortly after the parks opening at 1:30

Both are held on Sunday the 14th of September

To celebrate this the heritage centre will be having an open day for all West Coast locals which begins at 12:00 and ends on closing time at 4:00

We will also be hosting a children's scavenger hunt in the museum with prizes kindly supplied by the council.



Come along and celebrate the official opening of new facilities in Zeehan!

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Howard's Park - 12 noon

- FREE BBQ (drinks for purchase)
- Giant Jenga Savings Tower
- Putt Putt Golf
- Fairy Floss & Snow Cones (FREE for kids)
- + more



Gym & Multi-Purpose Centre* - 1.30pm * Includes swimming pool (no swimming this time)

- Afternoon tea
- Learn how to use the equipment
- FREE Fitness class at 2pm (register via QR Code)
- Facility tour
- Kids fishing comp at the pool



West Coast Heritage Centre - Scavenger Hunt + FREE open afternoon (12pm-4pm) for West Coast residents

Community activities supported by:



Big Z official launch



The 'Big Z' is proving very popular!

Recently opened, the 'Big Z' Cafe and Restaurant is serving coffee and great food right here in Zeehan.

Mal Basnayake, family and some lovely staff will be running the cafe the quality of their food is fast becoming known. Opening times are currently 8am to 2.30pm and will of course be customer dependent.

Do yourselves a favour and drop in to the 'Big Z', Zeehan's newest cafe and restaurant.

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CHArts 2025 is a go!

Congratulations on the opening of CHArts 2025! What a wonderful way to celebrate art, heritage, and culture in our community.

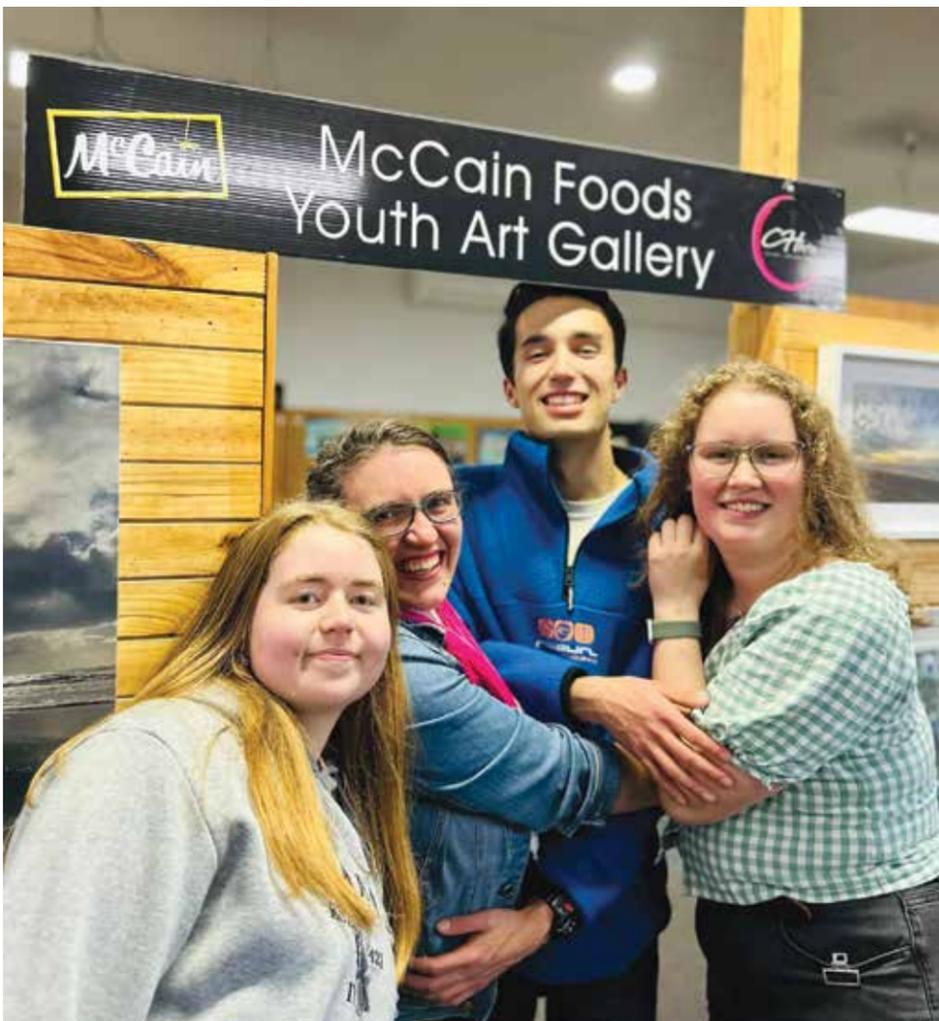
Art brings us together across generations and backgrounds, helping us connect, share stories, and keep our community spirit alive.

At McCain, we're proud to support

CHArts, especially the Youth program—because nurturing creativity today inspires the talent of tomorrow.

On a personal note, Hannah and I have a few entries and it feels truly special to experience this moment with our parents.

Congratulations to all the winners & Here's to a month of inspiration!



Early warning signs at Ocean Beach



Those who have walked along Ocean Beach on Tasmania's West Coast will have undoubtedly witnessed the dramatically eroding coastline that often crumbles before your eyes, bringing down large clumps of vegetation and exposing the dark peaty layers underneath. Researchers at UTAS analysed 70 years of aerial photos and beach profiles to reveal that the coastline has been receding approximately 1 m inland per year, with up to 35 m of recession between 1980 and 2010.

Ocean Beach is shaped by the roaring forties - winds that travel across the longest uninterrupted stretch of ocean in the world before smashing into the western Tasmanian coastline. These winds generate powerful swells and waves over 20 m tall that hit the steep foredunes, pulling sand back into the ocean as the waves recede. In the past, this same natural process also replenished the dunes, carrying sand from the ocean back onshore.

Around 1980, however, this replenishment stopped. Without fresh sand to replace what was lost, the coastline became increasingly vulnerable to ongoing erosion. The UTAS researchers examined the ancient peat layers which have been exposed due to erosion, revealing that recent shoreline recession exceeds anything seen in the past 1,800 years.

Investigations into the potential causes reveal recent-onset sea-level rise as the likely driver for tipping the balance, resulting in a 'sand budget' deficiency. The beach is receding at a faster rate due to the combination of increased sea-levels

and higher onshore wind speeds generating increased wave setup, in turn increasing the frequency of sand removal without replenishment.

While sea-level rise threatens coastlines worldwide, researchers believe Ocean Beach is an early indicator site. The conditions driving rapid shoreline retreat on the West Coast could help identify other beaches that may respond quicker to climate-driven changes, such as rising sea levels and shifting wind patterns.

Another factor in coastal erosion is the presence of Marram Grass (*Ammophila arenaria*), a European grass that was deliberately introduced to stabilise sandy coasts and is now invasive.

Marram Grass invades the foredunes, displacing native vegetation. It traps sand quickly which builds higher and steeper dunes. Its root networks are very dense, which causes the dunes to calve off in sheer blocks during storm and wave events.

Because of the increased recent erosion, Marram Grass on Ocean Beach has reduced in extent, but in other places along the Tasmanian coastline it is a threat to native coastal plant and bird species.

The Healthy Harbour Project works in Strahan and the Macquarie Harbour catchments to connect the community with local environmental issues. Learn more at <https://cradlecoast.com/projects/healthy-harbour-project/>.

Jason Cullen, Healthy Harbour Project Officer, Cradle Coast NRM



Emergency response competition at Bluestone

We're thrilled to be hosting the 2025 Tasmanian Minerals Emergency Response Competition (TMERC) at BMT-JV's Renison Bell site this October.

Hard hats on and boots laced, the toughest emergency response teams from across the state will come together to test their skills in realistic emergency scenarios like rope rescue, firefighting and search and rescue.

Due to safety regulations, the competition is not open to the public - but we will be sharing photos of the action to

our socials following the event!

This event will bring over 100 visitors - teams, families, staff - into the region over the two days, bringing a vibrant buzz to the region and our local businesses!

Bluestone is proud to support the competition which enables emergency response teams to hone critical skills to best respond to incidents both on site and within the wider community - helping make Tasmania safer for everyone.



Josh Willie visits West Coast

Josh Willie has wasted no time in getting himself to the West Coast after becoming the new Leader of Tasmanian Labor.

In his first week in the role, Mr Willie visited Queenstown, Strahan, Zeehan & Rosebery as he embarks on a mission to return Labor to government.

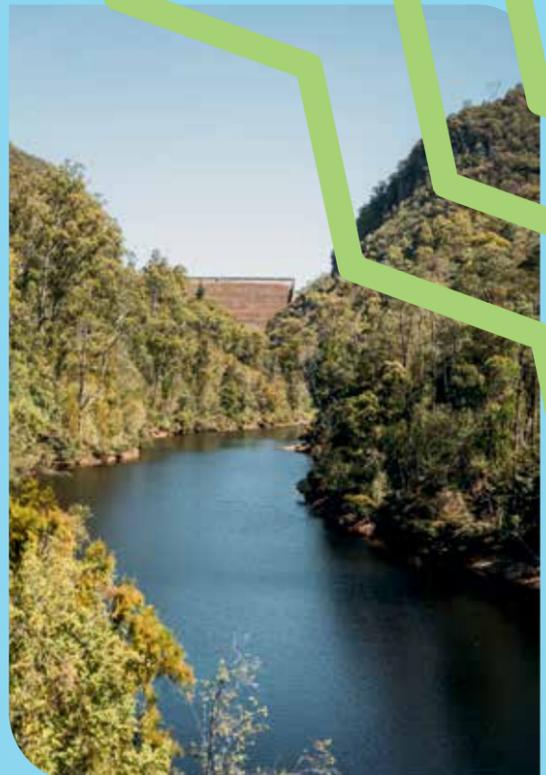
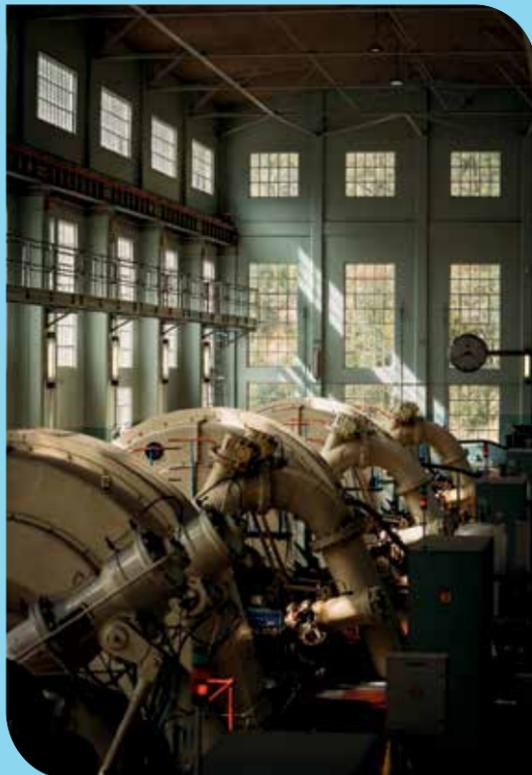
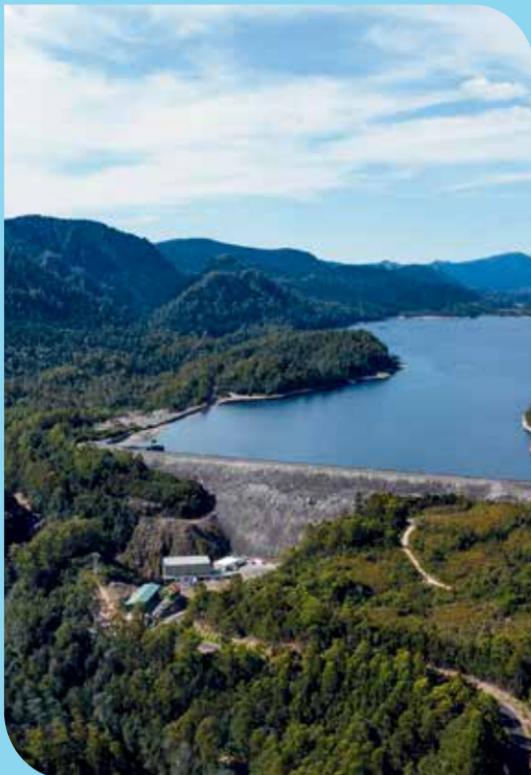
Not shying away from the scale of the challenge ahead of him, Mr Willie said reconnecting with regional Tasmanians was one of his first priorities. "As well as being the engine-room of Tasmania's economy, the West Coast is the birthplace of the Tasmanian Labor Party," he said. "I've made no secret of the fact that in order to regain the support of Tasmanians, Labor needs to get out to the regions more and meet people where they are at."

"Labor has a proud history of backing in Tasmania's traditional industries. I want that history to continue under my leadership, which is why I made a point of coming to speak with salmon workers in Strahan in my first week."

Mr Willie said his mix of traditional and future focused industries was key to taking Tasmania forward.

"While I'll always continue to back traditional industries, I also want to see opportunities grow in other industries - and tourism is at the forefront of that."

"Tourism has been a powerhouse industry for Tasmania, and the operators and innovators on the West Coast are going from strength to strength as the region begins to really punch above its weight."



Connect with our projects on the West Coast and across Tassie!

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News from Wyndarra

Book Week:

Support staff and clients put a lot of thought into their Book Week costumes, coming up with some really creative ideas. Congratulations to everyone who participated, you all looked amazing!

SDA Build:

The SDA build is progressing steadily, with the driveway being the latest major project to be completed.

Don't forget tickets for our Gala Dinner and Auction are now on sale. Josh "Pezza" Perry and his dedicated support people are busily putting final touches on the menu for the evening and Zac, from Zac Weeks Music is busy fine tuning songs for the evening. We have had a wonderful response from local and Tasmanian businesses donating food and auction items, but there is still time to donate to the cause.

If you would like to showcase your business with a donation or sponsorship, give Wyndarra a call on 64522722.

Stay up to date by checking the Wyndarra website, Facebook page, and Josh's media accounts as we count down to October 11th.

Loss of Emergency Relief Funding:

Wyndarra were recently informed that they had not been successful in securing Emergency Relief Funding for Circular Head.

Wyndarra has been delivering Emergency Relief for over 30 years providing support to individuals and families. We will continue to canvas

for alternative funding, but in the interim Wyndarra will continue to deliver ERF until the end of our funding period through the On Call Service.

On Call Service available during the following hours:

Monday: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tuesday to Friday: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

It is important to note that this outcome does not affect our other services. Wyndarra will continue to be available for and deliver:

Personal and Family Counselling
Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP)

Home and Community Care (HACC)
Disability Care and NDIS supports
Housing assistance and related supports



Batchelor supplying the west with quality materials

Located on Oonah Road in Highclere, Batchelor Northwest Quarry & Civil (BNQC) continues to play a vital role in the region's growth, supplying the raw materials and equipment that help shape Tasmania's roads, infrastructure, and communities.

BNQC has built a reputation as a trusted supplier of high-quality quarry and aggregate materials across Tasmania's Northwest and West Coast, from major infrastructure projects to smaller local developments.

The quarry's product range is extensive, meeting the needs of civil, industrial, and commercial projects alike. BNQC supplies everything from fine crusher dust to armour rock, along with clean aggregates from 7 mm to 75 mm.

Customers can also source roading materials, pipe bedding, scalps, ballast rock, gabion rock, foot rock, and Base 'A' directly from the site. For projects with unique requirements, BNQC can produce materials tailored to precise specifications.

Products are rigorously tested in line with NATA standards, ensuring every load meets certified quality benchmarks. This commitment to quality assurance has made BNQC a preferred supplier for contractors who demand both performance and reliability.

In addition to quarry operations, BNQC operates a Class 1 inert landfill

site near Burnie, accepting a wide range of inert waste, including building and demolition materials, and providing an environmentally responsible disposal option for the construction industry.

BNQC also offers mobile crushing services, enabling customers to process materials on-site for maximum efficiency and reduced transport costs.

Supporting these services is a modern, well-maintained fleet of plant and equipment available for short- or long-term hire on either a wet or dry basis.

The fleet includes excavators (1.7–87 tonnes), wheel loaders, graders, articulated dump trucks, dozers, vibrating rollers, water trucks, road trucks, and skid steers. BNQC's road fleet efficiently transports quarry products, contaminated soils, and demolition materials, showcasing the company's ver-

satility. As part of the Batchelor Group of Companies, BNQC can draw on a wide pool of resources to support projects of any size.

BNQC Plant & Sales Supervisor Damien Dawes said the company's focus has always been on delivering dependable products and services.

"Our aim is to ensure our customers have everything they need to build with

confidence, whether it's materials, equipment, or waste solutions. We pride ourselves on being a one-stop solution for the construction industry in Tasmania's Northwest."

For more information, visit batchelorconstructiongroup.com.au/quarry-operations/batchelor-north-west-civil or call 0414 547 044.



Island wind farm going ahead but not everyone is happy



The Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation has expressed its "heartbreak and disappointment" following the approval of a large-scale wind farm in north-west Tasmania.

Approved on Friday after years of delays — including multiple court appeals — the 100-turbine up-to-900-megawatt facility is set to be built on Robbins Island, north-west of the rural town of Smithton.

Opponents to the ACEN Australia development have cited the Island's environmental value, which is located on the known migratory path of the critically endangered orange-bellied parrot, as well as being home to a facial tumour disease-free population of Tasmanian devils.

In addition to "deep concern for the major threats to vulnerable flora and fauna," the Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) has highlighted cultural concerns it says it has raised with the Federal Government's environment department "for years".

"Robbins Island is not a place defined only by scattered physical heritage sites—it is an entire living cultural landscape of immense significance to Aboriginal people," a CHAC statement read.

"We have consistently stated that current heritage legislation does not, and cannot, protect sites of this magnitude.

"Despite countless representations over many years, from our community and other communities across Tasmania, our voices have again been dismissed.

"This decision sends a clear and painful message: our heritage and our rights are not seen as worth protecting."

Despite having Aboriginal cultural heritage significance, including being the birthplace and spiritual home of Aboriginal resistance fighter, Tunnerminnerwait, the Island does not have World Heritage or National Heritage listing.

CHAC says Robbins Island was home to the parper-loiheener people and served as a significant gathering place for up to a dozen tribes of the state's north-west.

According to CHAC, a response "only after the announcement had already been made" from Federal Minister for Environment and Water, Murray Watt, confirmed Aboriginal heritage was not considered as part of the project's approval.

"This cold, bureaucratic reasoning lays bare the reality: existing government mechanisms at every level—local, state, and federal—fail to safeguard Aboriginal heritage and uphold our rights to protect it," CHAC said.

"The approval of this development is more than a policy failure. It is a stark reminder of the yawning gap that remains between government rhetoric about 'Closing the Gap' and the lived reality of Aboriginal communities."

According to the Federal Government construction on the project is expected to begin in 2031, however ACEN Australia is reportedly hoping to commence by late 2027 or early 2028.

CHAC has labelled the outcome "heartbreaking" for Aboriginal communities across Tasmania.

"It is predictable, yes—but no less devastating," they said.

"Once again, the interests of money and industry have been prioritised over cultural preservation and our voices are silenced once again."

The Greens have condemned the project's approval, labelling Robbins Island "the worst possible place anyone could build a wind farm" due to its cultural and environmental value.

Tasmanian Greens Environment Spokesperson, Vica Bayley, said although renewable energy generation is a "big part" of climate change solutions, "it can't come at the expense of the survival of endangered wildlife and irreplaceable Aboriginal cultural heritage".

"Despite its Aboriginal significance, this project was assessed against Aboriginal Heritage laws that over four years ago, the Tasmanian Government accepted are flawed and promised to fix," Mr Bayley said.

"In the Parliament, we won't rest until we have laws which properly protect the Tasmanian environment and Palawa heritage values."

In acknowledging the decision would be divisive, Minister Watt said the project's approval "takes into account a wide range of expert scientific evidence and follows a rigorous assessment process".

"The decision includes strict conditions from both the Tasmanian and Australian governments to ensure this project will be constructed and operated in a way that safeguards nationally protected species," Mr Watt said, The Australian reports.

"This includes the orange-bellied parrot, Tasmanian devil, Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagle and protected migratory shorebirds."

CHAC says Aboriginal rights have been "deliberately excluded from consideration" throughout the project's approvals process.

"This decision widens the gap. It demonstrates, yet again, the unwillingness of governments to listen, to learn, or to understand Aboriginal culture," CHAC said.

"And it leaves us to grieve for the places that should have been protected for generations to come."

Tasmanian Minister for Energy and Renewables, Nick Duigan, said proponents and the community have been looking forward to certainty on this project "for a long time".

"It will create hundreds of jobs for our regions and provide clean, affordable energy for Tasmania and support the nation to reduce our global emissions," Minister Duigan said.

Independent member for Braddon, Craig Garland, says the project is a threat to Aboriginal heritage and it had "no social licence from the Aboriginal community," while Bob Brown Foundation patron, Christine Milne, labelled the project "neither ecologically sound nor economically viable".

Echoes travel in strait lines *Continued from front page*

off the plane).

A half hour taxi ride to go and pick up the new car and off I drove to Geelong to load said vehicle onto the ferry.

Now I love a good boat trip and have never had a bad one with TT Lines.

This one was a lot of fun. Even though the rain continued for most of the journey it was pretty smooth sailing the whole way. It was the Spirit staff that made it though, they were very courteous, pro-



fessional and lots of fun to boot.

I almost managed to talk one of the bar staff in to making an ice cream/pepperoni pizza but she was pregnant and feared she might get cravings for one at a later stage so we decided that might not be such a great idea. Nothing seemed too much trouble for the crew on the ferry, and they are to be commended for that.

Sorry for being so indulgent with this edition's front page photo but one of the highlights of the trip for me was actually seeing the Western Echo newspaper at the tourism centre on board the ferry.

It is a great feeling knowing that thousands of copies of my paper are travelling across Bass Strait every month for visitors and travelling locals to pick up and read. That's not counting the thou-

sand of papers in hire cars, IGA supermarkets, newsagents and general stores across Tasmania either

I saw quite a few people reading the Echo as I traipsed the decks and I realised that I am in some small part perhaps influencing their choices of where to travel and where to stay when they visit our amazing state.

I actually chatted to a couple who hadn't realised there was so much to see and do when travelling west, and I left them pondering ways to change their itinerary to make time to head in our direction and see what else the west has to offer. It was a good feeling.

I must say that arriving at the ferry terminal in Devonport is not the most glamorous introduction to the state and

I hope the 'new' ferry terminal will be upgraded to give visitors a bit more wow when they reach our shores.

It was still pouring with rain as I disembarked but once again the ferry staff were all smiling, very helpful and friendly and made the last part of the trip very smooth and easy.

A quick detour to Sheffield to look at more model train stuff and I was on my way back home.

It was a whirlwind trip but one I would gladly make again (ending up with the new car made it even more worthwhile of course) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank REX Airlines and TT Lines Spirit of Tasmania for a great little trip to the big island to the north

Alan - Ed



Join the WCC Employment Register

A simple way to be considered for short-term work with Council.

Council offers a diverse range of work opportunities as we work to deliver services and infrastructure for our communities. From time to time, we have short-term work available – this could be to cover leave, an increase in workload, seasonal work or during a project – and our Employment Register allows us to quickly reach out to locals for work opportunities.

To be added to the Employment Register go to our website and select the employment button on the

home page. Follow the prompts to complete and submit an application to join our Employment Register – make sure you have an electronic copy of your resume available to attach to the form. From here your name and details will then be added to our Employment Register.

Please note: The Employment Register is not a vacancy. Joining simply means you may be considered when opportunities arise, but it does not guarantee a job offer.



Community celebration in Zeehan!

Sunday 14 September

Come along and celebrate the official opening of two great new facilities in Zeehan. It's a day for all ages, packed with activities, food, and fun!

Howards Park: 12 noon

- Free BBQ (drinks available to purchase)
- Giant Jenga Savings Tower
- Putt putt golf
- Fairy floss & snow cones (free for kids!)
- Plus more family fun



Gym & Multi-Purpose Centre: 1.30pm

- Tours of the brand new facility
- Afternoon tea
- Learn how to use the equipment
- Kids' fishing competition at the pool (no swimming on the day)



Free fitness class at 2pm (register via QR code)

Bonus Event – West Coast Heritage Centre: 12pm–4pm

- Scavenger Hunt + Free Open Afternoon, 12pm–4pm
- Exclusively for West Coast residents

Don't miss this chance to explore, celebrate, and connect with your community.

Proudly supported by West Coast Council, Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre, Zeehan RSL, UTAS, State Emergency Services, West Coast Heritage Centre, Lions Club, Zeehan Golf Club, Zeehan Hardware, Anglicare Tas, Hippy West Coast, and Study Hub West Coast.

New toilet & shower access

Taking on board feedback from the community and staff, Council has moved to install technology that will see at least one toilet block in each town accessible 24 hours a day.

Implemented as part of the organisation-wide digitisation project aimed at improving accessibility of Council facilities and services, the new technology will allow people to use their mobile phones to scan a QR code to unlock the doors.

In the instance of vandalism occurring out of hours, which contributed to the decision to lock toilets nightly, Council will be able to use the technology to pinpoint timing of vandalism, based on when the QR code was scanned and the doors unlocked.

Operational since late August, signs are in place at the selected sites with instructions for use. From 7am–7pm the facilities will be accessible as usual, with no need to use the QR code to access.

Whilst it is expected the highest rate of use will be during the summer tourist season, data shows out-of-hours access is already being used. 24-hour access is now available at the following locations:

Queenstown: Public toilets at Hedley Faull Park.

Tullah: Public toilets in Farrell Street

Rosebery: Public toilets in Agnes Street

Zeehan: Public toilets at Howard's Park

Strahan Slipway: Public showers* and toilets

*Shower access incurs a fee, with people able to purchase \$1 per/min – maximum 10 minutes. Previously shower tokens needed to be purchased from the West Coast Visitor Information Centre. Anyone with shower tokens can take them to the Centre for a refund.

Open drain works

The Operations Team has taken a significant step forward in enhancing efficiency, sustainability, and cost-effectiveness through open drain initiatives aimed at strengthening in-house capabilities whilst delivering improved infrastructure.

Open drains still exist in areas across the municipality, creating safety risks, environmental hazards, and labour and cost-intensive maintenance.

The Zeehan Operations crew were recently successful in closing open drains in Tarleton Street, Zeehan – completed in-house using existing resources, with the area to be finished off with a layer of topsoil and spread with grass seed.

The Tarleton Street project demonstrated the positive impact of strengthening in-house capabilities, with the team able to build stronger relationships with suppliers and use existing inventory, including headwalls, to clear stock and release tied-up capital.

With a small budget, more open drain works will be rolled out as materials are sourced, with HDPE materials

to be used for their durability and suitability. There is no set plan on how many will be completed at this stage.

This approach reflects a commitment to making the most of available inventory to reduce waste and free up capital and adopting fit-for-purpose materials and solutions that enhance long-term performance and reduce ongoing maintenance expenses.

These efforts underscore the team's dedication to continuous improvement, innovation, and responsible resource management through planning and collaboration.



Sale of properties

As in previous years, West Coast Council will be selling properties that have three years or more rates outstanding.

The current list, to be auctioned at the Council Chambers in Queenstown at 10am on 24 September, includes properties from Rosebery, Strahan and Zeehan. Property owners have until the auction date to pay the outstanding rates.

Unpaid rates auctions are permitted under the Local Government Act 1993. Prior to including properties on the sale list all efforts are made to contact the ratepayer and arrange payment of the outstanding debt. Council intends to hold unpaid rates auctions regularly as part of its debt collection processes.

Flex Realty are acting on behalf of the Council to conduct the auction and prospective buyers should contact Flex Realty on 6431 3433 with any queries. Anyone associated with the listed properties wishing to discuss the outstanding rates should contact Council.

The current listed properties are:

- 7 Hollywood Street, Rosebery
- 13 Featherstone Street, Strahan
- 20 Hurst Street, Zeehan
- Lot 3 Buller Street, Zeehan
- Lot 12 Counsel Street, Zeehan
- 10 Belstead Street, Zeehan
- 138 Main Street, Zeehan
- 4 Comet Court, Zeehan



Hedley Faull Park Update

Redevelopment of Hedley Faull Park in Queenstown is nearing completion. Works to be completed in September include asphaltting the basketball court, laying grass, painting the rotunda and final equipment installation.

This work will finish off the project, which has experienced significant delays. Council understands the disappointment regarding the length of the project, sharing community frustration that the park closure has extended into a year.

The updated space will include an undercover area, flying foxes, ball courts with multi-height hoops, nature-based play areas and fenced areas for younger children, offering residents and visitors a modern, fun, safe and enjoyable playground and park area.

As soon as the final works are finalised and inspections signed off the facility will be open to the public, with a community celebration to officially open the redeveloped space to be held at a later date.

Let's keep things tidy

We all have a part to play in keeping the West Coast clean, safe and looking its best. If you own property, especially vacant land, regular maintenance helps reduce fire risks and supports a safer community for everyone. Council conducts regular inspections and may issue Abatement Notices if overgrown grass or weeds pose a risk. Keeping on top of things now means a safer season ahead, for your property and the whole region.



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West Coast winners!

Council has launched a new way to say thanks for paying your rates on time.

If you've paid in full by 30 September 2025, you'll automatically go into the running to win one of four vouchers valued at \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, and \$500. Winners will be drawn at the October Council meeting, and vouchers can be spent at West Coast businesses. Don't want to be included? Just let Council know otherwise, you're in.

Please note: properties owned by businesses, government departments, Council staff and councillors are not eligible, but their family members are welcome to enter.

Councillors agree to equipment Sale

In the closed session of the Council meeting held 26 August Councillors considered a report relating to asset disposal to optimise Council's ability to provide services.

With approval to release details, Councillors endorsed the disposal of several pieces of heavy plant equipment, with the General Manager delegated the authority to manage the disposal process and reinvestment program.

All proposed disposal assets are in good condition with low usage for their age but have seen minimal utilisation over the past three years, incurring unnecessary maintenance and storage costs. Items to be sold include three JCB 3CX Backhoes (Rosebery, Queenstown, and Zeehan) and one Komatsu Crawler Dozer (landfill site).

Proceeds from the sale will be reinvested into the purchase of plant and equipment that will be used to improve outcomes for Council and the community.

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REMINDERS

- 12 SEPTEMBER**
Recycling collection Zeehan, Rosebery and Tullah
- 14 SEPTEMBER**
Official openings in Zeehan: Howards Park and Gym & Multi-Purpose Centre
- 30 SEPTEMBER**
Rates due (full or first instalment)
- 31 OCTOBER**
Second rates instalment due

COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 23 September
- 28 October
- 25 November



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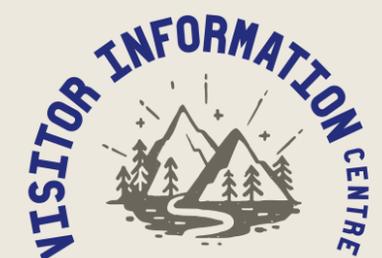
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We are currently operating from temporary premises at 29 Esplanade Strahan, while our usual location undergoes renovations.

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Rosebery Mine

Community Newsletter

September 2025



Image: MMG Rosebery's Steve Pickford and Chris Janz at Hellyer College Careers Expo

Showcasing careers in mining to the next generation

MMG Rosebery was proud to showcase the mining industry to year 11 and 12 students at the Hellyer College Careers Expo.

Hundreds of students attended the event where they were able to ask our team questions about apprenticeships and careers in the mining industry.

In attendance was Adam Pandelis, Manager Environment and Community, Sharryn Salkild, Advisor Talent Aquisition, Steve Pickford, Superintendent Metallurgy, Chris Janz, Metallurgist and Jill Richardson, Community Liaison.

For more information on student and early career opporuntites visit our website at: <https://www.mmg.com/careers/students-and-early-careers/>

Book week presentation

Quality Education is a United Nations Sustainable Development Goal and a focus for MMG Rosebery.

We were privileged to be able to present costume prizes for Book Week at St Josephs Primary school on Thursday 21st August.

Supporting Literacy across our community is essential to ensuring access to services, employment and education.

Congratulations to the students on their impressive costumes.



Image: MMG Rosebery's Jill Richardson with students

MMG Pop up Shop opens its doors this month

We invite members of the local community to visit us at our Pop Up Shop in Rosebery on Tuesday 9th - Wednesday 10th September.

Representatives from our MMG Rosebery team will be on-hand between **10am - 4pm** at Shop 2/15 Agnes Street Rosebery to provide an update on the mine.

We encourage community members to come in for a chat over a tea and coffee and we can answer any questions you may have.

Engaging STEM students

MMG Rosebery Metallurgists Steve Pickford and Chris Janz hosted Year 11 and 12 Science and Mathematics students for a pizza lunch.

They shared information about careers in mining.

We thank Sue Saunders for supporting this event.



Image: MMG Rosebery's Steve Pickford with Hellyer College students



Reminder: Round 2 sponsorships are closing 15th September 2025. For more information, please contact jill.richardson@MMG.com or ROSCommunity@mmg.com

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Unsung heroines honoured in Circular Head



Seven remarkable women have been recognised for their quiet dedication and selfless service at this year's Unsung Heroines Awards, hosted by Soroptimist International of Circular Head.

The event celebrated local women whose behind-the-scenes contributions often go unnoticed, yet deeply enrich and strengthen the community.

Nominated by Life Without Barriers, Steph Johnson was admired for her humility, warmth, and child-centred care. She was recognised for her tireless commitment as a kinship and foster carer, providing a safe home and mentoring new carers.

Another recipient, Mikayla House, one of the youngest awardees, was praised for her drive to build connections. She brings people together by coordinating the Community Christmas Lunch, running games nights, leading the Heart Foundation's "Steps to Connect" walking group, and volunteering with Vinnies.

Claire Porteus was celebrated for decades of service across countless organisations, from football clubs and Sunshine Homes to the Garden Club and Soroptimist International. Claire has given her time and leadership freely, all while championing campaigns such as Walk the Talk against domestic violence.

Known for her generosity, Doreen Crosswell was honoured for her compassionate outreach. Whether visiting the unwell with food and comfort, or sewing more than 1,500 garments for children in Fiji, Vanu-

atu, Papua New Guinea, and Samoa, Doreen's quiet acts of kindness echo far beyond Circular Head.

Described as the "heart of the Redpa Football Club," Penny King received her award for over 15 years of service as captain manager. Penny's humour, tireless work ethic, and warmth make her a cornerstone of both the club and her community, whether organising stock or serving her famous chicken burgers.

Lynette Jenkins, a Life Member of both the Netball and Softball Associations, continues to umpire and mentor younger players, leaving a lasting mark on local sport. Beyond this, her loyalty as a friend and caregiver exemplifies the spirit of an unsung heroine.

Finally, Marion Blake was recognised for her warmth and dedication, most visible through her leadership of Katie's Corner community meals at CHAC. She is also active with STICH, helping create safe spaces for conversations around mental health.

Soroptimist International of Circular Head celebrates each of these recipients — women whose dedication, kindness, and strength continue to inspire, as they are true Unsung Heroines. Their stories remind us that the heart of a community beats strongest through the quiet contributions of those who give without seeking recognition.

To keep up to date with Soroptimist International of Circular Head and our projects, follow us on Facebook.

CWA Circular head style

The Circular Head Branch of the Country Womens Association reformed recently. After consultation with the North-West Group President Lucy Murfett, we started officially meeting in July 2024 at the Emmerton Park Clubhouse and would warmly welcome new members. The CWA has many facets and is well known for craft and cooking. However, each branch decides independently what direction it will take. While we are still in our infancy, we have already participated the Circular Head Agricultural Show last year and will again participate in November this year. Our president Tricia Florent and Secretary Judith Howard will attend the annual state conference in Launceston on 5th and 6th of September. This is a great opportunity to meet members from other branches and get ideas for projects for our branch. They will then be reporting back to the local branch. The state conference is also an opportunity to have our say on topics of interest

for our state. At the conference they will be voting on such topics as approaching the Department of State Growth and the Tasmanian Police Department re advertising and policing of E scooter road rules and The State Government re installation of more street lighting in some unlit areas of the Brooker Highway. While these may not affect our area directly, other motions put through last year concerned more childcare and dentistry services in rural areas.

Our meetings are very social and planning is underway for us to implement a new category award for the show this year so come along and help us decide what to sponsor.

Our next meeting will be held at Emmerton Park Clubhouse Upper Grant Street Smithton on Wednesday 15th October at 1pm. New members would be most welcome.

For more information, please contact Tricia Florent on 0409 979 430.

Devonport wins silver in the Australian Tourism Awards

This morning, I had the privilege of joining representatives at Parliament House in Canberra from the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania, Tourism Australia and Local Government representatives at the Australian Tourism Awards in Canberra, where two towns in Braddon were nominated.

Devonport won silver in the Australia's Top Tourism Town of 2025.

Stanley was also nominated in the Australia's Top Tiny Tourism Town Award category.

"In recent years, Devonport has gone from strength to strength, it not only welcomes visitors off the Spirit of Tasmania but also provides visitors with a plethora of things to see and do.

From the reopening of the Tiagarra Cultural Centre, the development of the Bass Strait Maritime Centre, and the from Sky to Sea Light Show, Devonport really is punching above its weight."

"With almost 150 towns from across Australia nominated, this win is a true testament to the region that we live in, and why tourists are drawn to our region."

Anne Urquhart MP



The new 2025 Tasmania Fire Service Bushfire-Ready Challenge is coming this Spring!

Register now and receive weekly challenges across a 4-week program, helping your household plan and prepare for bushfire season!

Join us at: www.bushfire.tas.gov.au/bushfire-challenge/bushfire-ready-challenge Take it on. Be prepared.


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From left: Melissa Smith, Roving Curator from Arts Tasmania, Rosemary Dick, Kim Kecely, Chris Dick, Anne Dunham and Nicarli Clarke.

Spotlight on Waratah Courthouse Museum

The Waratah Courthouse Museum has been buzzing with activity thanks to the Roving Curators program, which connects local museums and collections with professional expertise.

Recently, Melissa Smith from the program visited Waratah, offering invaluable advice and insights to local volunteers.

A much-loved, volunteer-run attraction open seven days a week, the museum shares the rich mining history

of Tasmania's west coast. Visitors can explore fascinating artefacts, photos and personal stories that tell the tale of pioneering courage and entrepreneurial spirit that once saw Waratah host the richest tin mine in the world.

Housed in the historic former Courthouse building, the museum also features a replica of 'Philosopher' Smith's Hut, giving a glimpse into the conditions faced by miners during the early days.

It is a true community treasure, preserving the stories that helped shape not just Waratah, but Tasmania's economy and culture.

Located at the eastern gateway to the Tarkine Wilderness, Waratah offers more than just history. The township itself boasts a waterfall in the main street, while nearby attractions such as Philosopher Falls and Whyte Hills Lookout invite visitors to discover the natural wonders of the region.



Call for Artists: Bring the Sensory Garden to Life!

Wynyard Tasmania

Waratah-Wynyard Council is inviting Tasmanian artists to help transform the new & upcoming Wynyard Foreshore Sensory Garden with a brand-new mural.

We're looking for a creative design that celebrates community, colour and connection, something that will make people smile, spark curiosity and add even more vibrancy to this much-loved public space.

The mural will be painted on the amenities block within the Sensory Garden and will become a permanent feature for locals and visitors to enjoy. Think nature, playfulness, and imagination, a piece of art that truly reflects the welcoming spirit of Wynyard.

Applications close 1 October 2025. The mural is to be completed by mid-December.

This is a fantastic opportunity to leave your mark on one of our most unique community spaces.

Interested? Head to the Council website to read the artist brief and find out how to apply.

www.warwyn.tas.gov.au

FREE

DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK
15 SEP 2025



Dementia Awareness Expo

Virtual Reality Experience

This session enhances knowledge of dementia through virtual reality technology that allows participants to see the world through the eyes of a person living with dementia.

Session 1: 10:30am-12:00pm
Session 2: 1:00pm - 2:30pm

To book the VR experience, contact:
 ph: 0418 634 699
allison.mcmahon@dementia.org.au



Also on offer:

- Wynyard Historical Society Photo Display
- Vinyl records playing
- Information stalls
- Tea/coffee and light refreshments

Location: Wynyard Yacht Club
 For more info:
 6443 8333

Wonders of Wynyard
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wondersofwynyard.com
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WARATAH WYNARD SCHOOL HOLIDAYS EVENT

POP 'N' PLAY **FREE**

THURSDAY 9 OCT
 @ Gutteridge Gardens
 10:00am-12:00pm

Come join us!
 Make bubbles and play lawn games in the gardens.

For more information, contact Council ph:6443 8333

FREE MOVE AND MINGLE

Waratah Wynyard Council are hosting a **Third Age Fitness Agility Class**.

Follow along with an online instructor to this standing, movement class, to build strength and boost energy levels.

Bring along small weights if desired.

Enjoy a cuppa and light refreshments afterwards.

TUESDAY 14 OCT
 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Location: Council Chambers
 2: Saunders Street, Wynyard

Contact Waratah Wynyard Council
 6443 8333

Kids on the Cape Fun Run!

Run through tulip fields and over farm obstacles. 1.5km, 3km and 5km events

Win 1 of 5 Impi Sportswear vouchers!

Table Cape Tulip Farm
 Friday October 3
 3-6 PM
 Ages: 7-16
 Entry Fee: \$22
 Entry Contact:
 0419 568 910 or scan the QR Code

WARATAH WYNARD COUNCIL PRESENTS

DRIVE-IN MOVIE **FREE ENTRY!**

SHREK 6:30PM
NATIONAL TREASURE 9:00PM

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER
 Frederick St Reserve, Wynyard

FOOD VAN **MOVIE TREATS**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COUNCIL ON 6443 8333

OPEN DAY SENIOR'S CITZ CLUB **FREE!**

15 OCT 2025

To celebrate Senior's Week, come along and discover the joy of connection, laughter, and community at Wynyard Senior Citizens Club's Open Day!

10:30am - 12:00pm

Showcasing the club's vibrant atmosphere and encouraging newcomers to see what activities are available in their community.

Enjoy a cuppa and light refreshments.

MORE INFORMATION
 phone council on 6443 8333
 Senior Citizen Building on Jackson Street, Wynyard

JOIN LOCAL ARTIST JESSICA WEBSTER

Chalk Art Creative Session

Mon 29 Sept 2025
 10:00am - 12:00pm
 drop in anytime

FREE event for both kids and grown-ups alike to collaborate on vibrant designs!

Come get creative on the path outside the Council Chambers, Saunders Street Wynyard

WARATAH WYNARD

For more information:
 council@warwyn.tas.gov.au
 6443 8333

Suitcase Rummage MARKET **FREE ENTRY**

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School Holiday Activity

Upcycle & Fly Kite Making Workshop **FREE EVENT**

A fun, creative and hands on activity for children ages 5 - 12 (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

All materials provided

10:00AM - 12:00PM
THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER

WYNYARD YACHT CLUB
2A OLD BASS HIGHWAY
WYNYARD

Bookings Essential
 Contact Michelle Williamson
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Tales from Emmerton Park - meet the residents

My Story – Laurie Porteus



When I was nine, I kept ferrets in an old chook shed for rabbit hunting. Lucky for the rest of the family, the shed was far from the house – ferrets have quite a smell about them! I hunted with the ferrets during the day, and at night I went out with my greyhound. I'd peg out the rabbit skins and sell them for pocket money.

I left school at sixteen and went to work in the milk factory. But when Dad started having fertility problems with our dairy herd, I wanted to help. I went to Cressy Farm for six months to learn all about artificial insemination and fertility. When I came home, I worked alongside Dad to fix the herd. It wasn't long before I was offered a job with the Agricultural

Department in Launceston. I had a lot of success there and eventually began training others in the job.

To fill my evenings, I took night classes at Launceston College in art and craft, focusing on sketching and carving. I'd always had a passion for wildlife and nature, and my wildlife sketches even won several competitions.

When I was younger, I used to feed sugar gliders peanut butter and honey. Later in life, I carved a sugar glider into my walking stick – it always sparks conversation wherever I go.

I was born in Wynyard, but our family home was at Edith Creek. There were ten of us kids, I had six sisters and three brothers and I was number four. Mum and Dad ran a dairy farm with about twenty cows. In those days, we milked by hand, and once we were old enough, we all pitched in. The milk went to the Edith Creek milk factory, which was owned by Cadbury's.

When I was just a baby, I had treatment for a problem with my cheek. Sadly, by my early teens, that treatment caused me to gradually lose the sight in my right eye. Eventually, I lost the eye altogether.

It was in Launceston that I first saw Patricia, my future wife. She worked in the laboratory next to mine, I spotted her before she noticed me! After a couple of years of courting, Patricia and I married. Wanting to raise our family in the place we loved, we moved back to Edith Creek. There we had our four daughters Karen, Nikki, Donna, and Seona. They were all good girls, and I loved them dearly.

We had two farms, one up the hill with the dairy cows and another on the Duck River, where we raised Charolais beef cattle.

Wildlife was abundant on our farms, possums, wallabies, rabbits, hares, Tasmanian devils, and countless bird species, including sea and wedge-tailed eagles. My camera had a real workout back in those days.

My love of nature eventually led me to photography. My friend Simon Plowright and I often went to Woolnorth on the far north-west tip of Tasmania, setting up hides in the bush to photograph Tasmanian devils and spotted quolls at night. I remember one trip when a young devil walked straight across the floor of an old building and right between my legs. I stood like a statue, in awe of the little creature.

Photography became a constant in my life. I carried two backpacks full of cameras and gear everywhere, especially on

my volunteering trips with the SES. We travelled all over Queenstown, Zeehan, Tullah, Waratah, Corinna, and even as far as the east coast to Bicheno. Wherever I went, there was always a chance to capture the beauty of both the wildlife and the majestic scenery. I followed sea eagles and wedge-tailed eagles up and down the coast, reporting nesting sites to the wildlife department.

It wasn't always easy. One day, I got a call from the Agricultural Department about a farmer who had snared a large wedge-tailed eagle. It was spooking his cattle at Rocky Cape flushing out rabbits and causing some cattle to panic and fall off the cliff. When I arrived, I wasn't sure how to handle him. He was a big, angry bird. I put on my leather gloves and grabbed him, but as I tried to get him into the cage, he clamped his talons into my wrist. My word, he was strong. The more I tried to free myself, the tighter he gripped. His talons went through my gloves and deep into my wrist, right to the bone. Eventually, I got him into the cage and, relieved, he let go. I drove him to the East Coast and released him. Unfortunately, I ended up with a nasty infection in my wrist and made many trips to the hospital.

I've had plenty of adventures in my life – and I'm sure there are more to come.



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Circular Head - North West Tasmania

CHAC mural celebrates culture, connection and community

The Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) is proud to unveil a powerful new mural, created in partnership with local Indigenous artist Gypsy Draven, a proud Bundjalung woman. The artwork, now standing proudly where our front fence once was, is the first stage of an exciting façade upgrade designed to strengthen the visitor experience at our organisation.

This project was made possible thanks to the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) through its Strengthening Rural Communities program. We commend FRRR for their generosity, patience, flexibility, and true spirit of partnership in supporting this project from vision to completion.

The mural is rich in meaning and symbolism, offering a visual story of the 12 tribes of the Northwest Nation and the songlines that connected them across Country. Represented through yarning circles, waterways, and sacred places, the mural speaks to deep cultural ties and enduring connections.

Animal figures feature prominently, each chosen with care to reflect the inseparable relationship between land, sea, and sky. The wombat embodies resilience and belonging to Country, the wedge-tailed eagle watches over the skies as a guardian of ancestors, and the stingray glides gracefully through waters that mirror the pathways of time. Together, they honour the ancient and ongoing responsibility to care for Country in all its forms.

Elements of the mural also highlight the significance of the Arthur and Pieman Rivers, the sacred mountain Preminghana, and the stars above—acknowledging the first astronomers of this land who mapped the seasons, journeys, and stories written across the night sky.

“This mural is more than artwork—it is a living story,” said Rochelle Godwin. “It reflects who we are, where we come from, and the deep connections that continue to guide our community today. We are proud to share this with all who visit CHAC.”

Thank you to Seen Signs, who helped to turn our design into a reality. Their work ensures that this vision will stand the test of time, ensuring that not only looks seamless, but also durable for our westerly weather.

The mural stands as a vibrant expression of culture, identity, and unity—an

enduring reminder that land, water, and sky are not separate, but one interconnected whole. It marks the beginning of CHAC’s vision to create a welcoming, meaningful space that honours Aboriginal culture and history for generations to come.



Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

MAN FALLS FROM BRIDGE WHILE RETURNING TO HIS CAMP LATE AT NIGHT

William Kinsella, aged 48, was walking back to his camp after leaving the Mount Read Hotel on Monday, June 10, 1912, when he accidentally fell from a bridge to his death. He was a married man with two children, and he had three married sisters (Mrs James Fahey, Mrs R. Hill, and Mrs John Rose), as well as three unmarried sisters, all of whom lived in Zeehan.

A coronial enquiry was held two days later at 11 a.m. at the Williamsford Police Station before Coroner E.V. Goldsmid.

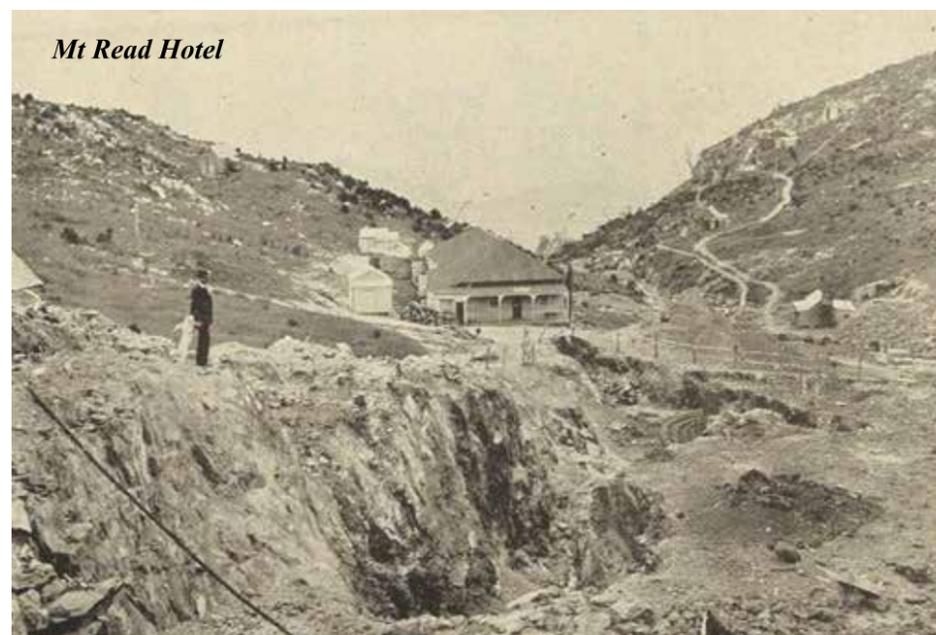
Superintendent Beresford conducted the enquiry on behalf of the police and stated that there was not the slightest suspicion of foul play.

Lewis Jones, licensee of the Mount Read Hotel, said that Kinsella and some other men had visited his hotel at about 4 p.m., consumed two or three drinks, and left about 5 p.m. They returned between 8 and 9 p.m., and had some more drinks while listening to the gramophone, then left together at about 10:45 p.m.

Sometime after midnight he was woken up and he heard someone say that Kinsella was missing. A search party left the hotel before he got dressed. He noticed John Massey in the hotel after they had gone. He was about to leave and join the search party when they returned, carrying Kinsella’s body.

John Massey, a miner at the Hercules mine, stated that the deceased and Dennis Callaghan occupied a camp close to his. He and Kinsella had gone to the Mount Read Hotel

about 1 p.m., where they had two small beers each, and the witness ate dinner. Later they walked back to their respective camps before returning to the hotel a little after 6 p.m., where witness had his tea. They amused themselves with the gramophone until they left together sometime before 12 o’clock, with Kinsella walking about [9 metres]



Mt Read Hotel

ahead of him carrying a lantern. At some point he could no longer see the light, but he kept walking another [400 metres] down to the Hercules’ blacksmith’s shop. Kinsella was not there so he returned to the hotel, finding the lantern about [9 metres] on the hotel side of the bridge on the way. The bottom had fallen out of the lantern. At the hotel he saw Monteith and Barnett and told them to wake up Mr Jones. Some men went looking for Kinsella, returning in about a

quarter of an hour with his body. He added he had known Kinsella for about 20 years, they had been neighbours for about 6 months, and they had left the hotel on good terms. He had not seen anyone else after they left the hotel.

When questioned over how many drinks they had consumed, he wasn’t sure, but he didn’t think

towards the hotel. George Liddlecoat went down into the creek, and found Kinsella’s body, his head was lying in water about [30 cm] deep. The bridge was about [2.5 metres] wide, with no handrails; and it was about [3.3 metres] above the ground. Massey had told them to look for Kinsella at a place about [180 metres] further on.

Dr. Gilbert E. Butler stated he had examined the body, and found several minor wounds on the left wrist, on both legs, and on the right side of the forehead. Over the left temple there was an extensive wound about [75mm] long. It was his opinion that this wound would have rendered the deceased unconscious and cause him to drown after falling into water.

Williamsford constable Victor McShane, said he was notified of the fatality about 2 a.m. on Tuesday, and proceeded to Mount Read. He examined the body and searched the clothes where he found 15 one-pound notes, and 14s 3d in silver, and various other articles.

After hearing all the evidence, the Coroner delivered his verdict, saying William Kinsella died from suffocation, caused by falling into a creek.

The funeral left the residence of his three unmarried sisters in Stops Street at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 13 June. It is known where he is buried but today no physical evidence remains.

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

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Free financial literacy workshops visiting schools on the West Coast

Ecstra Foundation's Talk Money financial literacy program is visiting Tasmania's West Coast this week. Talk Money teaches school students foundational money lessons for life, helps them gain confidence to discuss money matters with family and friends, and provides tools and strategies to make informed financial decisions.

The program will deliver 16 workshops and reach over 380 students across five local schools during the roadshow week. Participating schools include Mountain Heights School, Strahan Primary School, St Joseph's Catholic School – Rosebery, Rosebery District School, and Zeehan Primary School.

Talk Money is the largest free face to face schools based financial education program offered in schools across Australia. This is Ecstra's third visit to Tasmania, and the team is pleased to be including a trip to the West Coast, organised through a collaboration with the University of Tasmania's Tax Clinic.

The interactive workshops are tailored to different year groups with each module focusing on different topics: Talking about money (Year 5 and 6 students), Spending and saving money (Year 7 and 8 students), and Making money work (Year 9 and 10 students). The programs and resources are evidence-based and aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer and Financial Literacy Framework. Donovan Castelyn, Director of the University of Tasmania's Tax Clinic and project leader for the University led financial literacy initiative on the West Coast, said that financial literacy programs are vital to Tasmania.

"Fifty-one per cent of Tasmanians have indicated a low understanding of financial matters. This is particularly concentrated on the West Coast, which has significant social and economic impacts on the community".

"Access to financial literacy can be life-changing," Mr Castelyn said. "We are seeing how practical support and education can make a real difference by helping individuals, families, and small businesses to thrive and contributing to the long-term well-being of the whole community."

For primary school students, our workshops help teach money related skills including understanding the importance of saving, methods and goals and that each person's money story is different.

"Improving financial wellbeing has positive impacts on people's physical, mental, and social wellbeing and outcomes in communities. However, we won't see substantive progress in financial literacy if the current gap in financial education isn't recognised and addressed."

"Schools play a vital role in teaching money skills and Talk Money helps by providing resources and tools to support teachers in the classroom. We see first-hand how powerful financial education can be for student outcomes," Dr West says.

Since launching in 2022 Talk Money has engaged 1,533 schools, delivered over 12,000 workshops with more than 469,000 student bookings and continues to expand to schools nationally.

More information, including bookings, is available at: <https://talkmoney.org.au/>

WYNYARD CAMERA CLUB – 70 AND NOT OUT!

2025 celebrates 70 years of the Wynyard Camera Club—a remarkable milestone that highlights the passion and creativity of our local photographic community.

For decades, members have captured the world around them, enriching the cultural life of Wynyard's and surrounding communities cultural life through their lenses.

As ever, the Club continues to explore new photographic techniques, share knowledge, and capture community events with enthusiasm and skill.

The Club has around 30 members and meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Sports Complex Building, Lowe Street, Wynyard. Outings and workshops are held from time to time.

People are welcome to come along to a club night regardless their photography

skills. 'Improve your image' by sending an email to wynyardcameraclub@gmail.com, viewing our Facebook page or phoning President Michael on 0476 170 124.

Besides club meetings, activities for the rest of the year include:

August 14: A birthday luncheon at Lanigan's Vineyard Cafe at Rocky Cape

September 3: A pop-up stall at the Adult Learning Festival at Burnie Library to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Adult Learners' Week.

October 11: An exhibition at Wynyard Community Church, Hogg Street, Wynyard as part of the Tulip Festival

November: A month-long 'Terrific Tassie' exhibition at the Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition and Visitor Information Centre, 8 Exhibition Link, Wynyard

TBA: Outing to Woolnorth



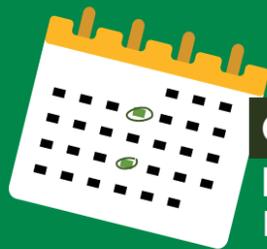
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Circular Head
Kerbside Waste Changes
 From September 2025



We have changes to waste and recovery services for Smithton & Stanley

From **18th September 2025**, Smithton & Stanley is moving to a fortnightly collection service for all three kerbside bins.

For more information about why we are moving to the **regional** fortnightly collection schedule visit nwrrr.com.au

How our New Council service rolls



LANDFILL BIN

Collection days remain the same day for all urban residents.

Moves to Fortnightly from 18 September 2025.



RECYCLING

Collection day will now be collected on a Friday.

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FOGO BIN

Your new FOGO bin will be collected on a Friday.

This Friday collection will alternate with your recycling bin fortnightly.

3 steps for using 3 bins

1.

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2.

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3.

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Step 2. Check your local kerbside advice

Step 3. Check for better away from home solutions

Step 4. Receive directions

My Local Services App

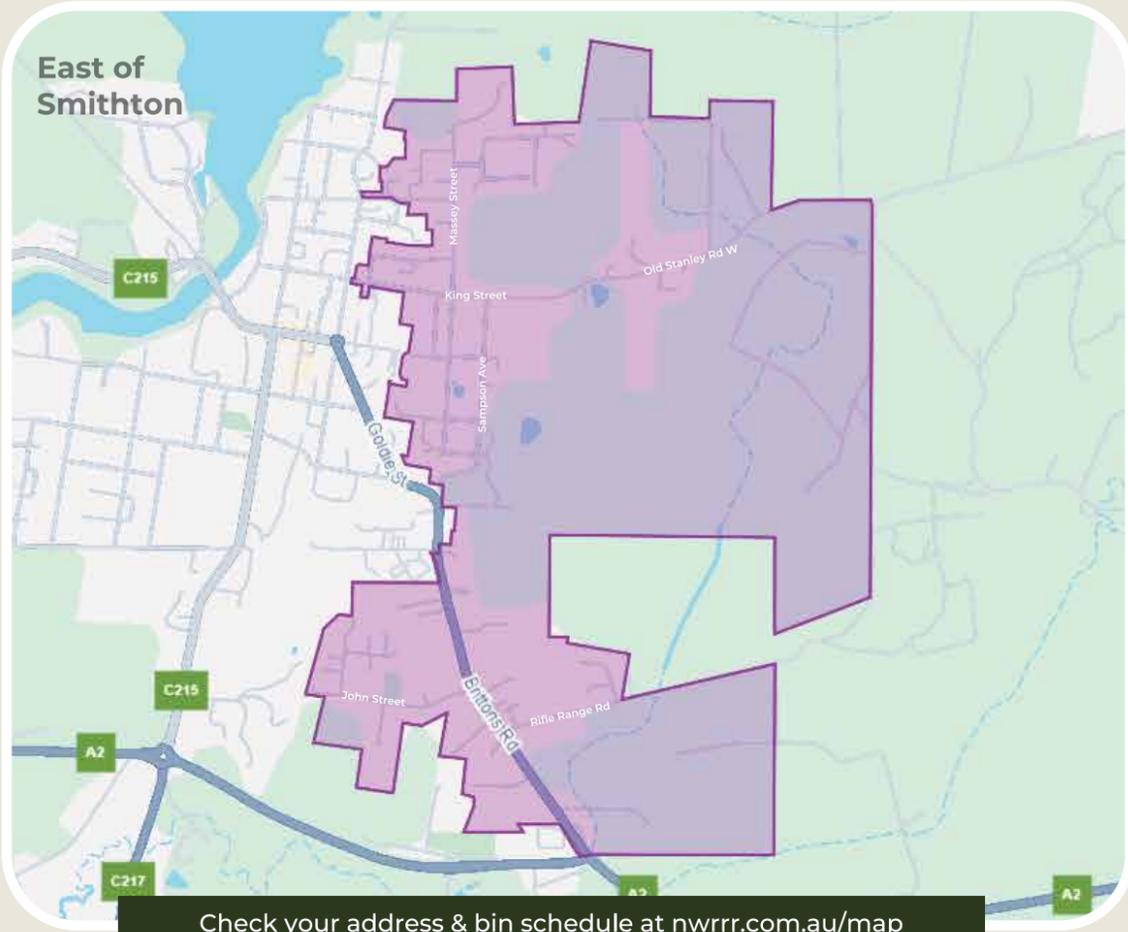
Which bin goes out this week?

We'll tell you, every week.

Get the My Local Services App and turn on bin notifications



Smithton East
Kerbside Waste Changes
 From September 2025



Check your address & bin schedule at nwrrr.com.au/map



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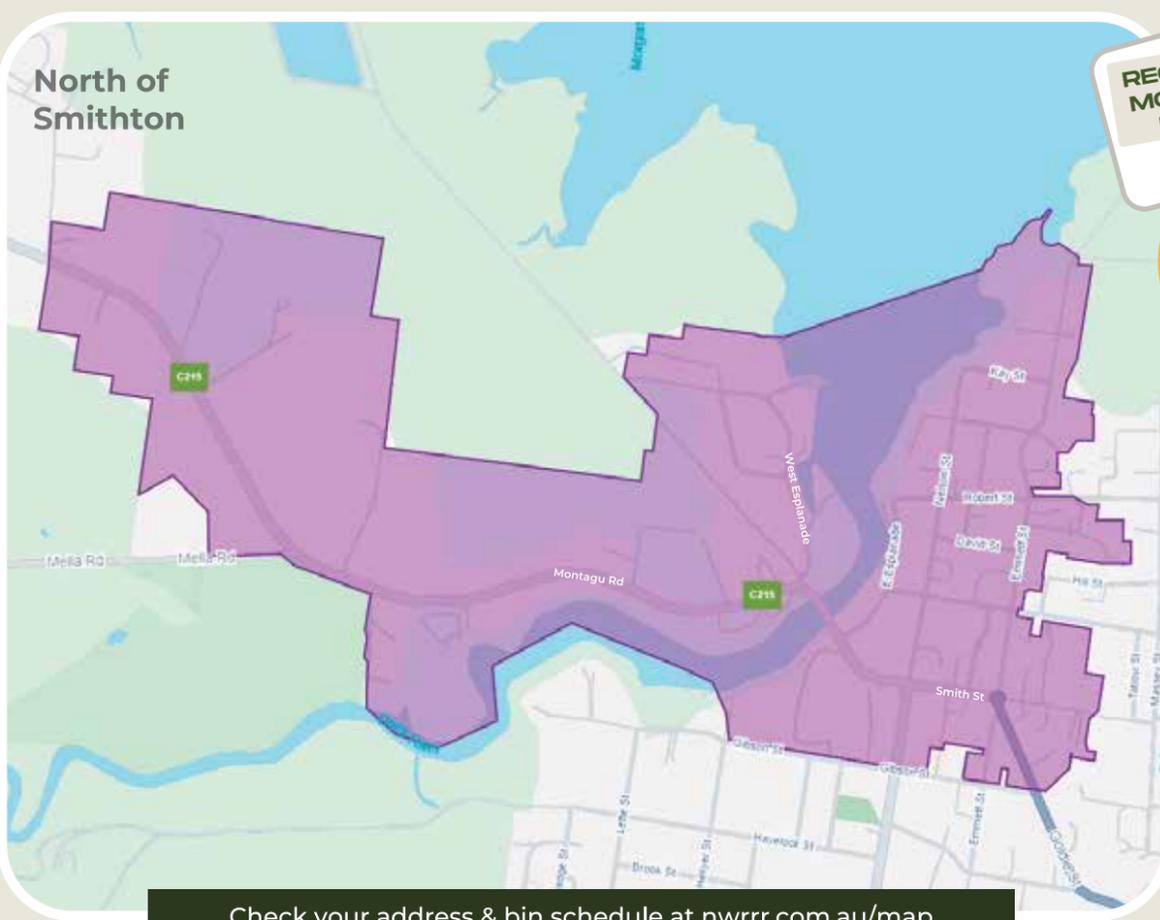
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Smithton North
Kerbside Waste Changes
 From September 2025



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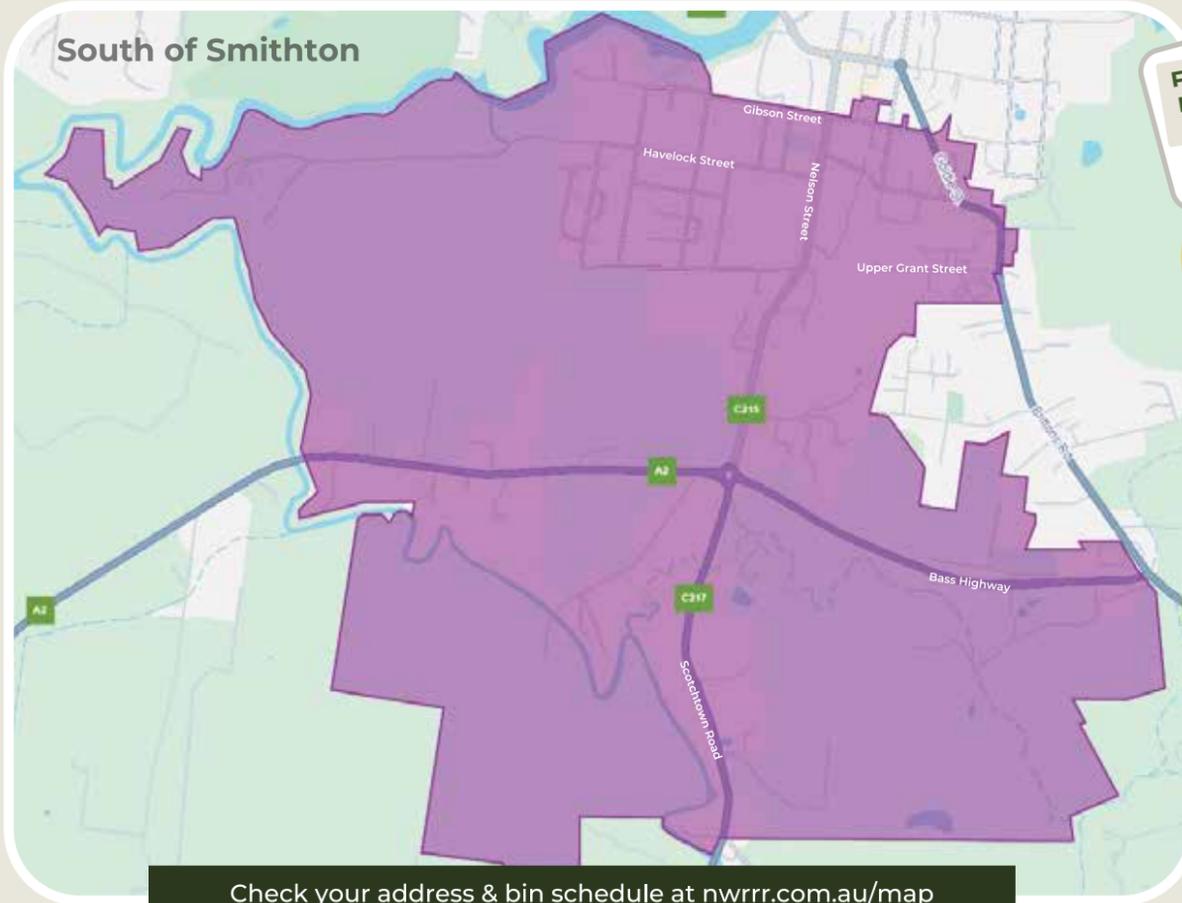
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Smithton South
Kerbside Waste Changes
From September 2025



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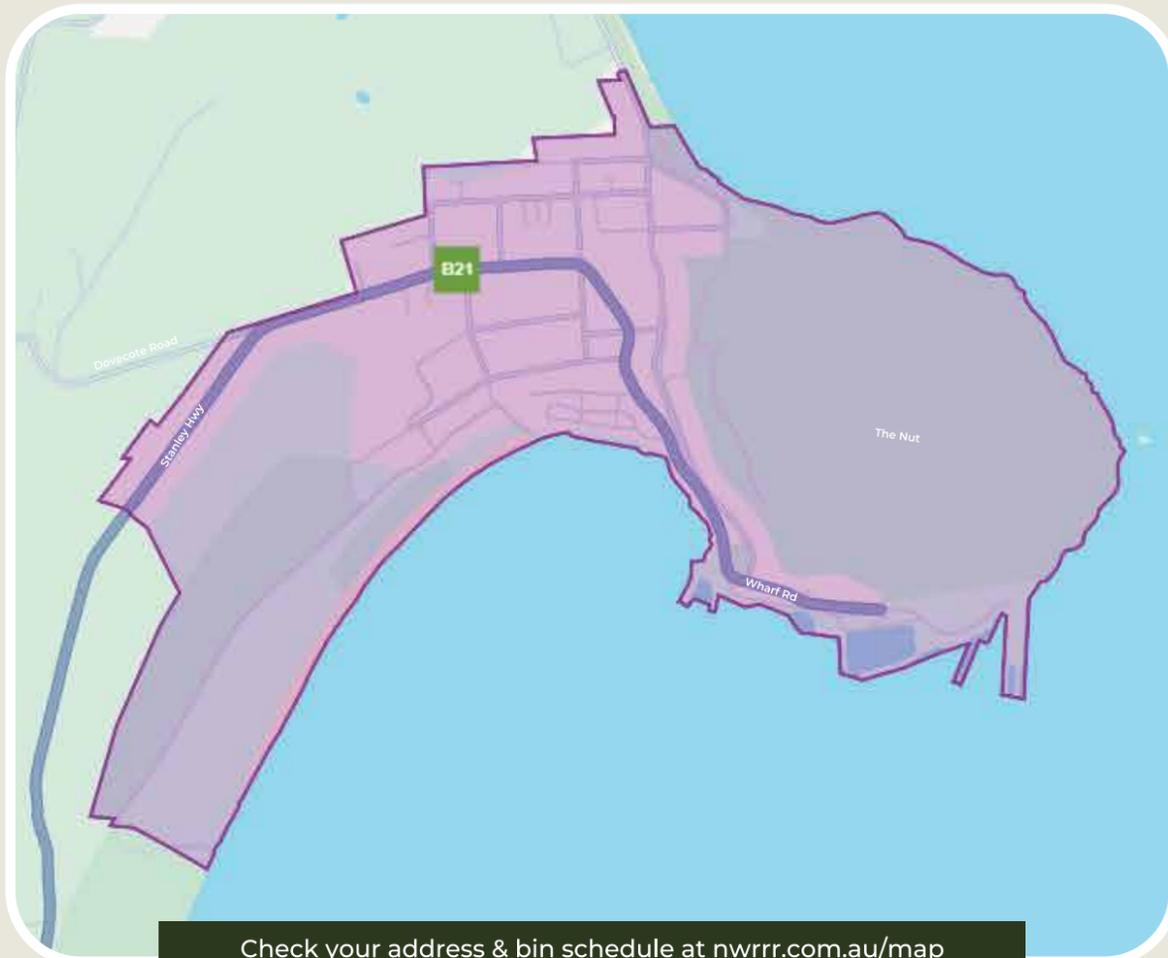
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Stanley
Kerbside Waste Changes
From September 2025



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The Unconformity Festival Program Launched in Queenstown

On Thursday 21 August, the Queenstown Crows Clubrooms were abuzz as the festival community gathered to celebrate the launch of The Unconformity 2025 program. The launch was a chance to come together, share in the excitement, and see what's in store for October. The night featured performances by Iris and The 99 Bends, as well as DENNI, for a full house of festival artists, partners, board members, and staff.

This year's festival program spans more than 60 events across more than 45 venues, featuring over 120 Tasmanian artists, more than 25 national artists, 65 local West Coast creatives, 15 world premieres and over 15 newly commissioned works—many developed through long-term residencies and collaborations on the West Coast.

The festival team has been working in collaboration with the West Coast community for many months to shape this year's program. With more than 80% of events free to attend, and a mix of homegrown projects and bold artistic experiences, there's something for everyone. Tickets for ticketed events are now available online, with special West Coast concession pricing to ensure locals are at the forefront of the action. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone on the West Coast for being a part of The Unconformity.

The Unconformity festival takes place 16–19 October 2025. To view the full program and purchase tickets, visit 2025.theunconformity.com.au ■



Amy Groves Bosworth, Gena Cantwell



Sarah Eden, David Fitzpatrick



Annie Venables, Ian Bradshaw, Scott Riley



Iris and the 99 Bends



Daz Irvine, Louisa Gordon, Darren Szumski



Tim Stone, Raymond Arnold



Emma Porteus, Shane Pitt, Jess Maynard, Alex Hullah

The Unconformity Cup – The West vs. The Rest

Do you have what it takes to run out onto the hallowed gravel? Registrations are now open for The Unconformity Cup—the legendary biennial clash of grit, pride and community spirit that sees The West's ultimate homeground advantage put to the test against the visiting side.

This is your chance to help bring the trophy (and bragging rights) back home after The Rest claimed the win in 2023. Register online to secure your place in the team and be part of this much-loved tradition, or grab a ticket and cheer on the almighty West from the sidelines. All ticket sales go directly to supporting the Queenstown Crows Football Club.

The Unconformity Cup
12pm kick off, Sunday 19 October 2025
Queenstown Football Ground (The Gravel)
Register: 2025.theunconformity.com.au/the-unconformity-cup ■

Join the festival as a Volunteer

Do you want to be part of something truly special for the West Coast community? The Unconformity is now recruiting volunteers for this year's festival. Volunteers are the beating heart of the event, helping create an unforgettable experience for artists, visitors and locals alike.

A range of roles are available, from welcoming audiences to assisting artists, and every volunteer will receive training through Hospitality Tasmania's Great Customer Experience Program. It's a fantastic opportunity to build skills, meet new people, and connect with some of the incredible artists and visitors who will descend on Queenstown this October.

To find out more and sign up, visit the festival website: 2025.theunconformity.com.au/volunteer ■

Letter from Artistic Director Loren Kronemyer

I am so excited to finally be able to share the program for The Unconformity 2025 with you. In it, you will find both grand gestures and intimate moments, the result of deep collaboration with people and place. I want to extend my thanks to all those reading for welcoming this work into your lives.

It means the world to me that our program remains inclusive, which is why we are offering up 80% fully free events, and our special No Barriers: Pay it Forward ticketing initiative that allows audiences to request or share free tickets. We are also working to ensure The Unconformity is accessible for all ages. As I write this, we have artist Emma Bugg hosting a school workshop, by invitation from local children, who requested that she return to capture their stories in the form of a growing charm necklace for the project

Elemental Memories. We also have the dancers of Mature Artist Dance Experience (MADE) working with Lyell House to offer movement opportunities for residents there, fostering creativity that transcends age and ability.

In my first year as Artistic Director of The Unconformity, my job is to deliver an incredible and memorable program for 2025, while also laying the foundation of the work that will continue in years to come. We have artists, adventurers, musicians, businesses, storytellers, and visionaries of all kinds developing their creations for October, and this is only the beginning. The diversity of creativity on the West Coast is as wild and varied as a rainforest, and you are part of it.

Thank you again for your participation, collaboration, and spirit.

Yours truly,
Loren Kronemyer
Artistic Director, The Unconformity.

THE **UNCONFORMITY**

Spectacular success... the Hercules

The 'herculean' haulage that was built in 1898 up the side of Mount Read and still operating nearly 90 years later was an indication of the mineral wealth that lay beneath the gossan outcrop found by Joseph Will in 1894. For all the mines on top of the mountain, the zinc in their ore was problematic. However, the Hercules, rich in gold, silver and lead, survived. It was to become a mainstay of the field. A self-acting tramway (allowed loaded ore carts or skips to pull the unloaded ones up) was constructed in 1898. Even by today's standards, it was an impressive piece of engineering. Over 1.6 kilometres long, it ran 500 metres down the side of Mount Read from the Hercules mine to Williamsford. Until the depression

years, the ore was shipped to Zeehan for processing. In 1920 the EZ Company built an aerial ropeway from the foot of the haulage to the mill in Rosebery. The ropeway became one of the landmarks of the district. 2 million tons of ore was carried during its life. It was also known to carry the occasional, intoxicated miner! While the Mount Read mining company folded, the Hercules would survive to become an important contributor to Rosebery's success. Apart from the shut-down during 1930-1936, the haulage and ropeway operated until 1982. In 1981, road transport to the mill was introduced. The mine closed in 1985. The Hercules was reopened in 1996 to extract remnant ore, closing again in 2001.



Iconic Tasmanian railway recognised as a national cultural attraction



Tasmania's iconic West Coast Wilderness Railway has been officially accepted into Tourism Australia's Cultural Attractions of Australia collective.

This national collective showcases Australia's most significant cultural experiences and targets travellers with niche interests. Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Kerry Vincent, said inclusion of the state-owned railway in the program reflected the railway's rich cultural heritage and artistic innovation.

"It is a credit to the West Coast Wilderness Railway to be accepted into this prestigious collective," Minister Vincent said. "This achievement follows a record-breaking summer and shoulder season for the West Coast Wilderness Railway, underlining its growing appeal to local and international visitors."

"Originally built in the 1890s to transport copper and gold from Queenstown to the port of Strahan, the West Coast Wilderness Railway is one of the few Abt rack and pinion railways in the world. It is the only one operating in the Southern Hemisphere." Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events, Jane Howlett said today, the railway operates as a working heritage attraction that delivers immersive small-group rail journeys through rainforest and mountain landscapes. "The West Coast Wilderness Railway is a key attraction on the West

Coast, generating economic benefits for Queenstown and the broader West Coast region," Minister Howlett said.

"Its inclusion in the program also aligns with Tourism Australia's goal to attract travellers seeking authentic and meaningful connections."

"We have delivered on our commitment to restore this important tourism business on the West Coast, to keep our state moving forward."

As part of its inclusion in the collective, the West Coast Wilderness Railway will offer three bespoke experiences:

- Beyond the Line – a premium rail journey and a behind-the-scenes workshop tour
- One on Each End – a two-day hosted itinerary combining rail, storytelling and dining
- Live Like the Railway GM – a three-day hosted stay at Queenstown's Penghana, the heritage residence of former Mt Lyell Mining and Railway Company General Managers.

These exclusive experiences can be booked directly through the Cultural Attractions of Australia website here.

The West Coast Wilderness Railway joins two fellow Tasmanian members with exclusive offerings under the Cultural Attractions of Australia collective: MONA – Museum of Old and New Art and the Port Arthur Historic Site.



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WYNYARD HIGH SCHOOL **Koala poo paper? Yep, it's a thing**

A BRIEF HISTORY



Wynyard High School commenced in 1960. For the first year, classes were held at the Wynyard State School in Hogg Street. The State School incorporated the Primary School (Grades 1-6) and the Modern School (Grades 7-9).

At that time high school grades were denoted by letters instead of numbers, so the first year was "E" Class, followed by "D" Class, "C" Class and "B" Class being the fourth and final year.

The initial "E" Class comprised 103 students. It was made up mainly from pupils from the Wynyard Primary School, plus others from surrounding areas who came from Area Schools.

There were also some pupils who had completed Grade 7 at the Modern School, but who elected to repeat the year so that they could complete the full High School course. The remaining Grade 8 and 9 students of the Modern School took on the names "D" Class and "C" Class, but they continued the Modern School curriculum and finished at the end of their third year (Grade 9) with a secondary school certificate.

The first headmaster was Mr Frank Stocks, who was the headmaster of the State School. He was a prime mover in the establishment of a High School at Wynyard, along with the district education officer Mr L O Stubs. Other staff members were Mr Graham Clements (senior master), Mr Bruce Allen, Mr Kenneth Ling, Mr Frederick Duncan, Mr William Webster, Miss Margaret Lambert and Miss Susanne Lee.

A Parents and Friends' Association

was formed in February 1960, the first president being Mr E Roberts Thomson, secretary Mr C G Rees and treasurer Mr R Bugg. In February 1961 the school moved to new premises in Church Street. The main building consisted of a number of classrooms plus a science laboratory, art room, home arts section, and staff rooms. A separate building housed locker rooms and toilets. The grounds were undeveloped and very wet in the winter.

There was a new headmaster, Mr Stan Harvey and a new uniform was adopted – royal blue blazer with grey trousers for boys and a grey tunic for girls. There was a new badge - the badge depicted a lighthouse as a symbol of the Table Cape district, also a sheep, which represented the local agricultural industries, and a book, representing the learning we would hopefully achieve.

Four school houses were formed, named after Bass Strait ships – Nairana, Loongana, Taroonah and Oonah.

In 1961 students made an excursion on the train to Rosebery and were shown through the Electrolytic Zinc Co mill.

The first school magazine was produced at the end of 1962.

The school developed over the years with the addition of a new science block in 1966 and a library and administration block in 1970. In 1985 there was a major new development consisting of a gymnasium, auditorium, student centre, staffrooms, medical room, canteen and toilets. Peak enrolment was achieved in 1985 with 615 students, but by 1989 this had dropped back to 484.

Creative Paper Tasmania launches new Koala Poo Paper in partnership with Wings Wildlife Park

Wynyard, Tasmania – Creative Paper Tasmania has added a uniquely Australian twist to its handmade paper range with the launch of Koala Poo Paper, created in partnership with Wings Wildlife Park in Gunns Plains. The fibre is sourced from none other than Wings' resident koala, Blinky.

This quirky addition joins Creative Paper Tasmania's already popular collection of "poo papers" made from kangaroo, wombat, and bull manure. Beyond the humour, the range highlights sustainability, creativity, and Tasmania's unique wildlife.

Owner and papermaker Darren Simpson says the collaboration is about creating something fun while raising awareness of papermaking and recycling unusual resources.

"It always brings a smile when people first hear about our 'poo paper,'" says Darren. "Working with Wings Wildlife Park and their star koala Blinky has been fantastic – it gives us a chance to create something truly Tasmanian, with a story that connects people to our wildlife in a memorable way."

Each sheet of Koala Poo Paper is handmade at Creative Paper Tasmania's Wynyard workshop, where visitors can see the process in action during daily tours. The paper is available in a variety of products including journals, cards, bookmarks, and specialty sheets, making it a perfect gift or conversation starter. The addition of koala fibre is expected to be a favourite among locals and tourists alike, helping to further put Wynyard and Tasmania on the map as a destination for unique, creative experiences.

Creative Paper Tasmania has been producing handmade paper products for over 20 years, using sustainable practices and locally sourced fibres. Alongside its quirky "poo paper" range, the studio also creates elegant writing paper, folios, cards, and art supplies, and offers tours where visitors can experience the ancient craft of papermaking firsthand.

Wings Wildlife Park, located in Gunns Plains, Tasmania, is home to a wide range of native and exotic animals. Visitors can get up close to Tasmanian devils, reptiles, farm animals, and of course, the much-loved koala, 'Blinky'. The park is dedicated to wildlife care, conservation and education.





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WESTERN REGIONAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

NETWORK EVENT

INDUSTRY PROJECT UPDATES & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES



Wednesday 22 October 2025
 5:00pm - 7:00pm
 Study Hub West Coast
 Light Supper & Refreshments Provided
 RSVP by COB Friday 17th October

Contact Us 0438 716 248
 More Information liz.youd@rdatasmania.org.au

Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre Annual General Meeting 2025

The Management Committee would welcome your attendance at our Annual General Meeting
Thursday 23rd October 2025 1pm
 Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre, Belstead Street, Zeehan
 (Light refreshments will be provided)
 RSVP: 13th October 2025
 PO Box 72, Zeehan TAS 7469 Telephone: 6471 6108
 Email: manager.znc@zeehan.net.au
 \$5.00 is due on this day for 2025/2026 Financial Membership

The Rosebery Development Association will be holding their AGM meeting at the Top Pub Rosebery on October 7th, 6pm for a 6.30pm start.
 All positions are open for nominations.
 Forms available by email roseberyda@gmail.com or message the Rosebery Development Association Facebook page.
 All are invited to stay and purchase dinner after the meeting. Membership forms are available from the Rosebery Heritage Centre.


School Holiday MORNING IN THE PARK KIDS PLAY SESSION!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NORTHWEST

Smithton Basketball Club

Notice of Annual General Meeting
 Wednesday October 8th 6.30pm
 110 Nelson Street, Smithton
 Upstairs club rooms area

The Circular Head Tourism Association Inc. will hold its Annual General Meeting at Stanley Town Hall on 20th October 2025 at 5.00pm

All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant, and nominations are invited from financial members.

Following the meeting, members and guests are invited to join for dinner at the Stanley Hotel from 6.00pm

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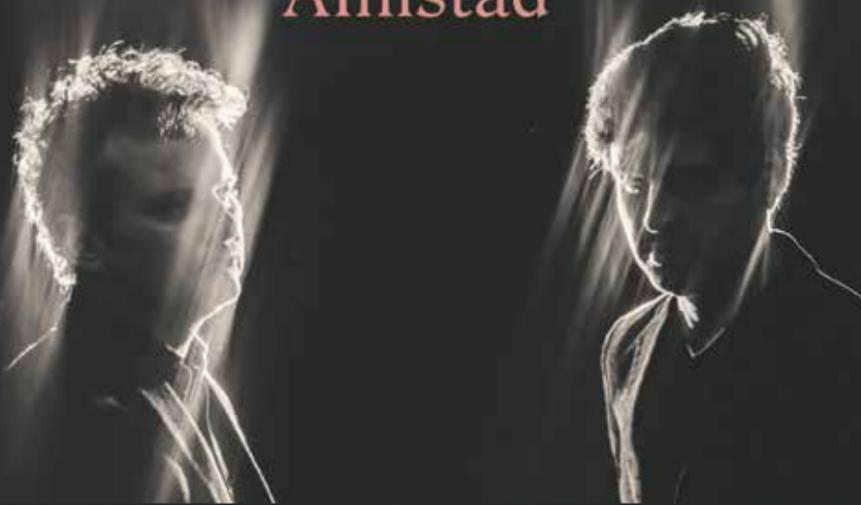


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 New album 'Amistad' out now



'Amistad' is the new album from acclaimed guitar duo, the Grigoryan Brothers. Slava and Leonard are taking this new project to audiences across Australia. With a repertoire spanning centuries, continents, and genres, displaying amazing telepathy and the ability to evoke emotion from every note, Slava & Leonard Grigoryan are justifiably regarded as Australia's finest classical guitarists.

Throughout their musical journey spanning over two decades, Slava and Leonard have forged connections with like-minded souls worldwide. Each track on 'Amistad', released by Decca, is a gift from composers met during their travels, some tailored specifically for the brothers, while others find new life through their unique interpretations.

Contributions have come from such diverse composers as Cuban guitarist Leo Brouwer, legendary jazz guitarist Ralph Towner, Sting's guitarist Dominic Miller, guitarist Gus Isidore (Seal, Peter Gabriel), Australian neo-classical pianists Luke Howard and Nat Bartsch, and more. Crafted with love, respect, and a profound understanding, these compositions symbolise the reciprocal appreciation between the composers and the Grigoryan Brothers. Amistad, meaning 'friendship' in Spanish, is a celebration of camaraderie — a project resonating with respect and connection which is a heartfelt tribute from the brothers.

This performance will feature tracks from Amistad as well as pieces from their extensive back catalogue.

GALA
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Opening of Aboriginal and Multicultural Health Service in Queenstown



The West Coast Aboriginal and Multicultural Health Service was pleased to announce the official opening of its new centre on 13 August 2025 at 12:00pm, located at 29 Orr Street, Queenstown, Tasmania.

This pioneering initiative delivers integrated and coordinated inclusive healthcare that honors and respects the diverse cultures of the West Coast, ensuring all community members receive care tailored to their specific needs.

By recruiting Aboriginal and multicultural staff, the Centre fosters an environment where cultural understanding, awareness, and respect are at the forefront. This approach supports genuine reconciliation while encouraging collaboration and mutual learning.

At the heart of this vision is Robert Wa-

terman, CEO of Rural Health Tasmania, whose longstanding dream has been to create a workplace where every individual, regardless of background or culture, feels respected, cared for, listened to and culturally safe. "It has always been my goal to provide a service setting where we celebrate our differences and learn from one another, creating a truly inclusive health service," says Mr Waterman.

The new centre will act as a vital health and wellbeing hub, coordinating care for chronic conditions including cancer, respiratory and circulatory conditions, skeletal conditions and injuries, and mental health services ranging from mild and moderate to severe and complex conditions.

The centre will also provide health education, preventive care, psycho-social services such as the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY), and a range of community engagement activities and visiting allied health and wellbeing services. Page 2

The centre aims to break down traditional barriers and outdated service models that have historically divided services and communities.

By offering integrated and coordinated



healthcare services under one roof, the centre creates equal access for Aboriginal, multicultural, and non-Indigenous Australians alike, delivered by a diverse team of Registered Nurses and allied healthcare professionals. Tasmanian Aboriginal Health Service Indigenous Corporation (TAHSIC), a relatively new Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (ACCHO), has already demonstrated its commitment to collaboration and integration by co-locating in the new centre with Rural Health Tasmania (RHT).

The West Coast Aboriginal and Multicultural Health Service ensures that all people receive the right care at the right

time in the right place. It brings people and services together, ensuring that everyone has access to quality care and the opportunity to share knowledge and experience. This collaborative spirit is key to improving health outcomes and building a stronger, healthier West Coast community.

"The opening of the Centre marks more than just the launch of a new facility," Mr Waterman said. "It represents a meaningful commitment to change and to the creation of a future where all people can thrive in a supportive, inclusive and culturally safe environment."

Study Hub Update

Study Centre Circular Head has been buzzing with activity this month. We hosted three popular First Aid courses, plus a specialised Anaphylaxis First Aid session. Nursing students benefited from a hands-on workshop led by Belinda Beavan from the University of Tasmania's School of Nursing, and students came together for a Patchwork Paint activity with our new UTAS Student Experience Leader.

We proudly took part in the Circular Head Science Gig, connecting with future science students and showcasing the Study Centre as a welcoming and supportive place to learn. Continuing the science theme, we partnered with the University of Tasmania to deliver an engaging STEMM Expo for Year 8 students from Smithton High and Circular Head Christian School. The event was supported through an Inspiring Australia science grant and strongly backed by local industries, offering students a chance to explore real-world applications of science and technology.

We welcome everyone to call past on Sunday September 21st to visit the CHArts Moo'd festival – it's going to be udderly enjoyable! Email students@studycentrech.com.au to get in touch.

Study Hub West Coast News

August was a busy month at the Study Hub West Coast. We hosted training in Assisting Clients with Medications, First Aid for a local business, Food Safety, and WHS for Managers and Supervisors. We also welcomed new students who are now diving into their studies.

Tracie and Yolande are working hard to bring more training opportunities to the region, including Fire Warden, Fire Extinguisher, Conduct Manual Tasks Safely, Working at Heights, and Confined Space Training.

We're also planning a Careers and Education Expo in November — stay tuned for details. To receive updates, email info@studyhubwestcoast.com.au.

King Island News

Study King Island is now open as a dedicated service, separate from the King Island Hub. You'll find us at the Hub Annex, 38 Lighthouse Street. While staff hours are limited, registered students can access study space seven days a week. Registration is free for anyone enrolled at an Australian university or registered training organisation.

In collaboration with Phoenix House's Access to Health Services (A2HS) project, we're supporting students interested in improving community health outcomes. While Physiotherapy isn't currently available online, Clinical Exercise Physiology is a great starting point. If you're keen to make a difference, contact Emily at learn@studyki.com.au for guidance on enrolment and study support.

The best way to keep up to date with our hubs is to follow us on social media! Look for Study Centre Circular Head, Study Hub West Coast, and Study King Island on Facebook and Instagram.



Contact the Hub in your area for support and training

Learn and Study Local

Just keep breathing



Shannon McGurgan moved to Tasmania 4 years ago to escape Victoria's lockdowns. He teaches Buteyko Breathing, a technique developed by Russian medical doctor Constantine Buteyko in the 1950's, initially to treat return servicemen with PTSD and later as a method to assist with a myriad of conditions.

So, what brings someone to an obscure alternative health practice? For Shannon it was 30 years as a circus performer. Working all over the world, he found that modern medicine, while great at treating acute injury and illness, was lacking the ability to maintain a healthy body in a physically demanding profession. With injury and overuse taking its toll Shannon took a journey through the treacherous but often misunderstood world of alternative therapies.

"I tried all sorts of things. Most had some kind of benefit, others none and occasionally, worse"

His journey finally led to the concept of the breath. "You breathe 20,000 times a day. A subtle change made to every one of these, can have a profound effect over

the long term."

Shannon's interest in health began long ago. Upon leaving high school he studied nursing and was registered for 12 years including 18 months nursing in the US. This was where he discovered a passion for circus.

He shares his skills, running retreats on a property in Middleton, 45 ks south of Hobart. As well as circus retreats, he runs events for men, sharing his health journey and encouraging them to take responsibility for their own health.

"Men know they need to change but often do not know where to start. These events present them with tools as a starting point for their own journey." The move to Strahan was predicated on a desire for stability. Opportunity to work full time in the arts is a rare and what better a job than Australia's longest running play, "The Ship That Never Was".

You can see Shannon 3 days a week performing in Strahan and he remains available for consults about anything breathing. Shannon can be contacted on 0457 388 137 for more information.

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AGAINST THE GRAIN



JUMBLE No. 691

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TODAY'S TARGET
 17 Words **Good**
 24 Words **Very Good**
 31 Words **Excellent**
 38 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. 012

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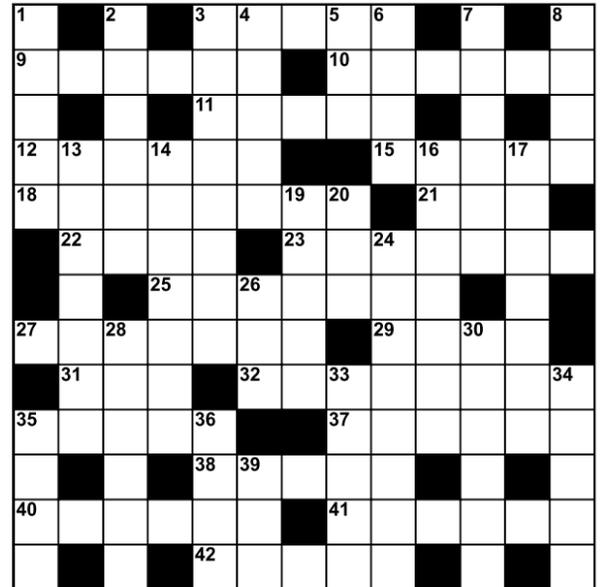
CROSSWORD No. 10860

ACROSS

- 3 Ventured
- 9 National song
- 10 Area
- 11 Army chaplain
- 12 Fragrances
- 15 Measure of length
- 18 Moves in contrary direction
- 21 Contend in rivalry
- 22 Fuel cut from bogs
- 23 Remembers
- 25 Nullifies
- 27 Determines
- 29 Girl's name
- 31 Make brown
- 32 Transmit picture and sound
- 35 Edge
- 37 Egg dish
- 38 Zodiac sign
- 40 Light rainfall
- 41 Mean to do
- 42 French city

DOWN

- 1 Radiolocation
- 2 Tried hard

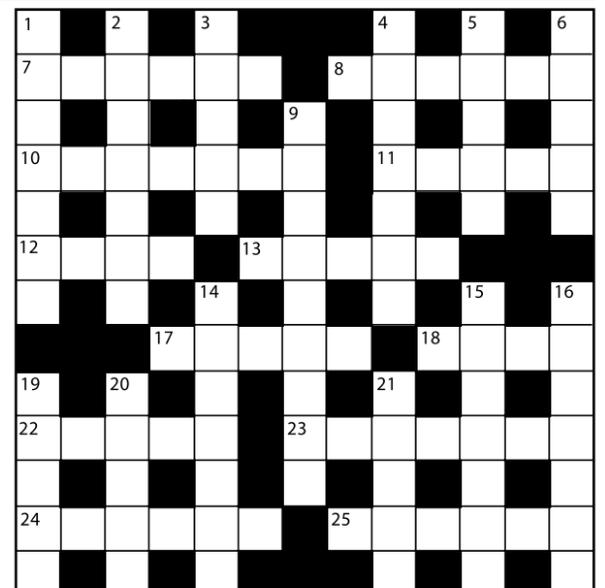


- 4 Gather for oneself
- 5 Do wrong
- 6 Judge
- 7 Flower's seedbearing organ
- 8 Single occasion
- 13 Full
- 14 Import
- 16 Elusive
- 17 Set free
- 19 Rub out
- 20 Become firm
- 24 Formal observance
- 26 Secure
- 28 Vegetable
- 30 Rudder bar
- 33 Sound reasoning
- 34 Musical study piece
- 35 Immense
- 36 Level
- 39 Irish Republican Army (init)

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16511

ACROSS

- 7 Concurred with a great desire (6)
- 8 Fruit devoured by automatons (6)
- 10 Possibly train as an empress (7)
- 11 Having a thing about a period of darkness (5)
- 12 Flat built in the seventies? (4)
- 13 Possibly slain creature (5)
- 17 A political get-together (5)
- 18 I run around a tumbledown building (4)
- 22 Trade vessel (5)
- 23 A person's little creature or reflexive form of one (7)
- 24 It may be sweet, but it's not worth much (6)
- 25 Mend as a marriage guidance counsellor may? (6)



DOWN

- 1 Broken-hearted, but protected from shock (7)
- 2 Makes a fuss when a secret is found out (7)
- 3 Study I am making of fabric (5)
- 4 Sole reinforcement? (7)
- 5 Scope for anger, perhaps (5)
- 6 Point to one involved in the Irangate Affair (5)
- 9 Motoring people to buttonhole? (9)
- 14 Crayons made out of staples (7)
- 15 Possibly one rule man has broken (7)
- 16 Even soldiers assume it (7)
- 19 Writer seen in Anne Hathaway's cottage (5)
- 20 Fast, clear round for father making a comeback (5)
- 21 Odd number seen to be divided by five (5)

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

Crossword No. 10859

S	A	H	I	R	E	D	A
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W	R	E	S	T	L	E	S
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G	R	E	C	U	R	E	G

Sudoku No. 011

8	2	3	4	7	1	9	6	5
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4	8	6	7	1	5	2	3	9
9	1	7	3	2	4	6	5	8
3	5	2	8	6	9	7	4	1
7	9	8	1	4	6	5	2	3
6	4	5	9	3	2	8	1	7
2	3	1	5	8	7	4	9	6

Cryptic No. 16510

Across: 1 Basil; 4 Deposit; 8 Tartars; 9 Drank; 10 Last; 11 Fraction; 13 Deal; 14 Frog; 16 Accented; 17 Calf; 20 Romeo; 21 Protein; 22 Deleted; 23 Title.
Down: 1 Battle-scarred; 2 Sorts; 3 Leap; 4 Desert; 5 Pedicure; 6 Sealing; 7 Taking offence; 12 Raincoat; 13 Decimal; 15 Heaped; 18 Alert; 19 Post.

Jumble 690

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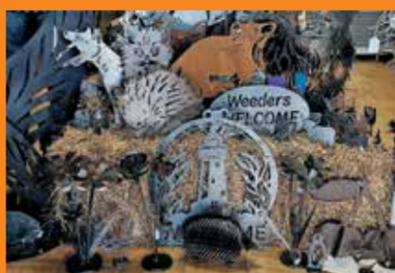
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WE PLAY ROSEBERY HOCKEY GRAND FINAL

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Saturday the 30th of August saw the Rosebery Women's Hockey Association Blues vs Shamrocks face off in the grand final. Shamrocks were coming into this game as the reigning premiers, whereas Blues were looking to shake things up. Considering the weather during the week preceding the game, the ground conditions were looking fairly dry. During the game, Blues earned some penalty corners and had some great passages of play down the field, but in the end the Shamrocks came away with a 4-0-win, capitalising on the strength they had built throughout the season. That evening saw players and officials join together for the presentation dinner. Association award winners on the night were:

Best & Fairest – Amanda Sansom (Blues)
Runner Up Best & Fairest – Kristy Fellows (Browns)

Under 17 Best & Fairest – Gabby Fraser (Shamrocks)
Runner Up Under 17 Best & Fairest – Ava McDermott (Blues)
Veterans Award – Kristy Fellows (Browns)
Goalie Award – Allison Hamill (Blues)
Best in Final – Brooke Chandler (Shamrocks)
Leading Goal Striker – Amanda Sansom, 16 goals (Blues)

The association is currently made up of three teams, but we would love to welcome another team into the fixture again. If anyone is interested in forming a new team, or joining an existing team, please reach out to one of our association committee members – Natasha Norman (Blues), President. Nikki Aitken (Browns), Vice President. Kelsi Jarvis (Shamrocks), Secretary.



WE PLAY ROSEBERY HOCKEY GRAND FINAL

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WE PLAY JUNIOR NETBALL GRAND FINAL

Photos by Alan Jennison

The 2025 season of Zeehan Junior Netball has been hailed as the most successful yet, with participants travelling from towns across the West Coast to take part in what has been a truly outstanding year for the sport.

The season culminated in an exciting Grand Final, where the two top teams Blue & Red went head-to-head in a thrilling match. Both sides battled goal-for-goal right until the final whistle, with team Blue securing victory by two points.

Standout performances included Jake Nicholson, who made some remarkable intercepts, and Makenzie Fisher, who impressed the crowd with her accurate shooting. Coaches and supporters alike were extremely proud of the commitment, skill and sportsmanship shown by all players.

This season's major award winners were: Best & Fairest: Jaxx Armstrong
Runner Up: Jasmine McCudden

The Kindergarten to Grade 1 training program was another highlight of the season, providing an introduction to netball for our youngest players. With plenty of enthusiasm and talent already on display, the future of netball in Zeehan looks bright.

We are honoured to coach and mentor these amazing kids each year. We're incredibly proud of every single one of them, and they should be proud too – knowing they learned their netball right here in Zeehan.

The Association extends its gratitude to Hydro Tasmania, Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre & Silvercity Earthmoving for their generous support. Without such contributions, it would not be possible to continue providing this program free of charge for local children.

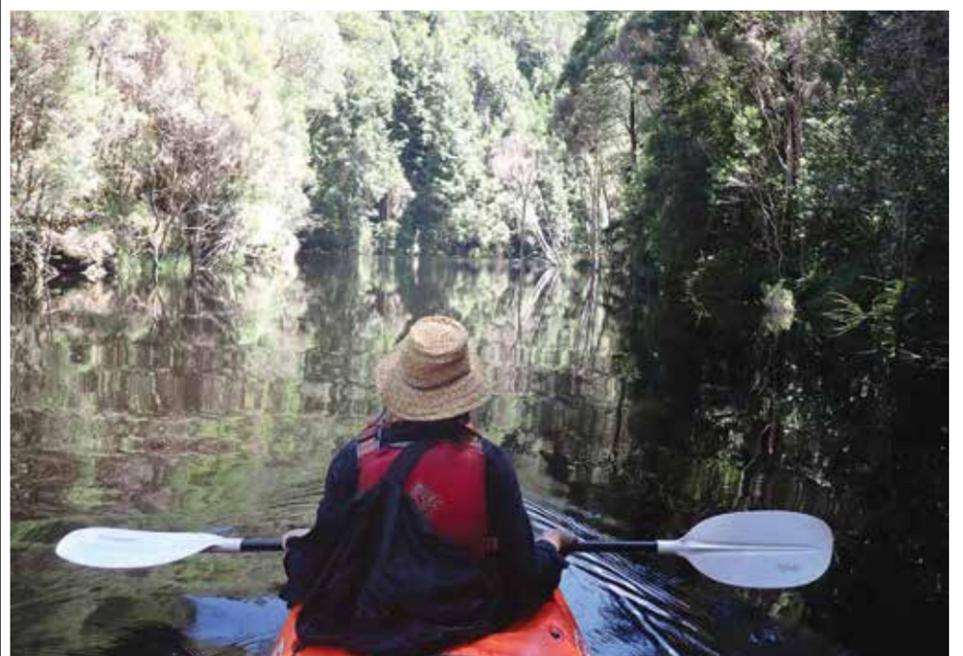
The Association thanks all players, families, and volunteers who contributed to making 2025 such a successful season, and looks forward to welcoming everyone back next year.



WE PLAY JUNIOR NETBALL GRAND FINAL *Photos by Alan Jennison*



Paddle Club news



The West Coast Paddle Club will be holding its Annual General meeting at the Paragon Theatre in Queenstown at 6.30 pm on Saturday 20 September, followed by some videos on the big screen. Drinks will be available at the bar and order in your Delish Pizza. This is an opportunity to find out more about the Paddle Club and opportunities to get out on our West Coast lakes & rivers.

Membership of the club is not expensive and benefits include the use of club

boats free to members, insurance whilst out paddling and access to Paddle Tasmania training courses. For those already paddling come along and meet like minded people and for those new to the game come along and see how to get into it. Find us on Facebook and get in touch or just turn up at the AGM.

The weekend will also feature an easy Come & Try paddle on Lake Burbury on Saturday and a paddle up the King River to Teepookana on Sunday.

WE PLAY DARWIN FOOTY ASSOC GRAND FINALS

Photos by Alan Jennison

From Yambacoona to Yolla, Redpa to Roseberry and from Tullah to Tewkesbury, footy as we know it has been the social lifeblood of the northwest and west communities for just about ever, near enough.

Today, as you can see, 72 wild D.F.A. fellas were meticulously belting the hell out of each other in order to take home the cherished Wivenhoe medals but for half them fellas it needs reminding that none of them would be here today were it not for the truly incredible volunteer efforts of the Crow's retiring foundation secretary/treasurer of 31 years, the illustrious and much loved Cheryl Gamble.

In the 130 year history of gravel football there has never ever been a more committed, industrious and multi skilled committee member to have served her community and teams than her.

A grand local man with over sixty years of gravel expertise put it this way, "Without her there would be no Crow's to stone, that is for absolute fair dinkum certain".

Known and appreciated far and wide and having seen off multiple president's, dozen's of coaches and many hundred's of wild western fellas it is her time to hang up the boot's and ride off into the

Tasmanian history books with numerous flags under her belt, a club at it's peak.

That is why us westies say, "Go Crow's and do our Cheryl and her loving partner, Dasher Quinn, proud.



Well done to Yolla Reserves on winning their grand final against Queenstown Reserves. Score was 76 - 44.

Well done also to South Burnie who took on the Crows in the grand final and won 107 - 51. Both games were well worth watching with some greaty footy but very deserved wins for both Yolla and South Burnie. I imagine there were some sore heads that night



WE PLAY DARWIN FOOTY ASSOC GRAND FINALS

Photos by Alan Jennison



Boxing takes Rylen to Darwin



For Queenstown teenager Rylen Snell, boxing isn't just a sport — it's a passion, a discipline, and now, an opportunity to represent Tasmania on the national stage. Later this month, Rylen will travel north to compete in the Australian Schoolboy Boxing Championships, held in Darwin from 30 September to 3 October 2025.

The championships will pit the state's most promising young fighters against each other, and Rylen is preparing for at least five competitive bouts across the four-day tournament. It's a challenge he has embraced with determination.

"It's a huge honour to wear Tasmania's colours and represent my community," Rylen said. "I've been training hard, and I'm ready to give it everything."

Rylen trains out of the Van Diemen's Boxing Club in Queenstown — a proud, family-run club established and coached by his father, Glenn Snell. Glenn will also accompany him to Darwin, guiding him through what will be the biggest competition of his young career so far.

"Rylen has put in an incredible amount of work," Glenn said. "This isn't just about turning up on the day — it's the result of months of commitment, early mornings, and discipline. Win or lose, stepping into the ring in Tasmania's colours is already a huge achievement."

The Snell family has built Van Diemen's Boxing Club into a safe, supportive environment where young people in Queenstown can build fitness, confidence, and discipline. Alongside Rylen, the club has nurtured other promising boxers, including Stormm Stebbings and Jayden Latham, who are carving out

their own reputations on the Tasmanian boxing scene.

Though still young, Rylen is no stranger to tough competition. Over recent years, he has developed a reputation for his sharp footwork, disciplined training style, and ability to remain calm under pressure — qualities that have made him one of the brightest prospects in the state.

The Australian Schoolboy Championships are considered a key stepping stone for young athletes, opening pathways to junior national squads and, eventually, international representation. For Rylen, it's a chance to measure himself against the best, but also a reminder of how far he has come since first stepping into the ring in Queenstown.

Travelling to Darwin, however, comes with its challenges. Between flights, accommodation, and tournament expenses, the costs quickly add up. To help make the trip possible, Rylen and his team are reaching out to the community and local businesses for sponsorship support.

"Queenstown has always been about community," Glenn said. "Every bit of support means the world — not just for Rylen, but for the club and the next generation of young boxers coming through."

If you or your business would like to back Rylen and show your support for a dedicated young athlete representing Queenstown and Tasmania, please contact the Queenstown Van Diemens Boxing club Facebook page. Your support will help Rylen step confidently into the ring and chase his dream.

CHGC brings home the medals

August has been a massive month for the Circular Head Gymnastics Club, with athletes competing across multiple competitions and venues, proudly bringing home medals and team results.

In Devonport, CHGC's level 3 and level 4 WAG gymnasts delivered outstanding performances. The level 4 team dominated their division claiming 1st place overall with gold on beam and floor, silver on bars and bronze on vault. Their consistency and hard work were on full display, showing just how much the group has improved this season. The Level 3 athletes were equally strong. The White Team tied for 1st on floor, while the Teal Team tied for 1st on floor, secured 1st on beam, and finished 3rd overall. Notably, all eight gymnasts placed in the top 12 on floor, highlighting the club's depth of talent in this event.

On the same weekend, in Launceston, CHGC sent a team of 12 athletes to compete in trampoline and tumbling. For many, this was their very first trampoline competition and they delivered strong performances. We had many athletes featuring on the podium across multiple divisions:

- Level 1 Men's Tumbling: Gold - Fletcher, Silver - Ethan, Bronze - Riley
- Level 1 Women's Tumbling: Silver - Lexi Sharman, Bronze - Matilda Cartwright

- Level 1 Men's Double Mini Trampoline: Silver - Riley, Bronze - Zane

- Level 1 Women's Double Mini Trampoline: Bronze - Matilda

- Level 2 Men's Double Mini Trampoline: Silver-Fletcher

- Level 2 Women's Double Mini Trampoline: Gold - Ava, Bronze - Ezra

- Level 1 Women's Trampoline: Gold - Ezra

- Level 1 Men's Trampoline: Gold - Zane, Bronze - Riley

- Level 2 Men's Trampoline: Silver - Fletcher

- Level 3 Women's Trampoline: Bronze - Ady

Across both competitions CHGC athletes displayed commitment, sportsmanship and skill, making their coaches, families and community proud. With the Hobart State Championships coming up in September, we are full of confidence and excitement. Congratulations to all athletes and thank you to the coaches, parents and volunteers who made these competitions possible.



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