



# WESTERN ECHO

Burnie, Wynyard, Sister's Beach, Stanley, Smithton, Marrawah, Waratah, Tullah, Rosebery, Zeehan, Strahan and Queenstown - The West's own newspaper



Download

**FREE**

**WE MEANS COMMUNITY**

EDITION 44 JULY 10TH, 2025

## New town clock for Zeehan?



Many of you on the West Coast will be aware that I am in the process of filling an old supermarket building (opposite the Heritage Centre museum in Zeehan) with dioramas and models, trains and slot cars and I really do have lots planned for the future.

However, with the Western Echo newspaper expansion in to the Northwest I have put the models and the shop on hold until later in the year when I will re-open. In the meantime I have re-designed the large train scene depicting the Spray Mine in the shop front windows.

This is now on a timer that sets the train in motion for five minutes every hour on the hour between 7am and 10pm. During that five minute slot you can press the button on the outside of the window to hear the train horn. There are lots of things to look at and unusual

things to find. Things that don't belong in the 1930's which this diorama depicts. Don't miss the dog running away with the toilet paper and if you look hard enough you may see a car that is most definitely 'from the future'. Wander past on the hour and have fun with it.

**Burnie**

# TOYWORLD

where the best toys come from

**Need something to do on these cold wintery days and nights?**

**Huge range of Jigsaws, games and Lego in store**

**Phone orders welcome**  
Anything in store can be placed on layby for Christmas

9 Wilson Street  
Burnie Tas 7320  
p: 03 6431 7244  
e: burnie@toyworld.com.au



# WESTERN ECHO

Burnie, Wynyard, Sister's Beach, Stanley, Smithton, Marrawah, Waratah, Tullah, Rosebery, Zeehan, Strahan and Queenstown - The West's own newspaper

**YOUR FREE NEWSPAPER**

EDITION 44 JULY 10TH, 2025



# WESTERN ECHO

Burnie, Wynyard, Sister's Beach, Stanley, Smithton, Marrawah, Waratah, Tullah, Rosebery, Zeehan, Strahan and Queenstown

## WE MEANS COMMUNITY

Editor: Alan Jennison 0488 2782 99 alan@westernecho.news

The Western Echo is available from IGA's and newsagents (as well as some other outlets) in Queenstown, Strahan, Zeehan, Rosebery, Tullah, Burnie, Stanley, Wynyard, Somerset, Ridgley, Smithton, Marrawah, Arthur River, Forest, Boat Harbour, South Riana and Waratah.

127 Main Street, Zeehan, Tasmania 7469 www.westernecho.news  
All published material is published in good faith. 12,000 copies printed monthly.

## 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.

Editor: Alan Jennison 0488 2782 99 alan@westernecho.news

Dear Editor,

I recently spent a couple of rewarding hours at a fascinating illustrated presentation about SINKHOLES of TASMANIA. The presenter was an experienced geologist and lecturer, and along with pictures and diagrams from all over the state, explanations were provided about how each sinkhole was formed, and the role the underlying geology played. I learned so much! This presentation was delivered by a member of Wynyard University of the Third Age (known as Wynyard U3A), of which I am also a member. It was only one of many activities available during the first-semester program for the year - we all share our knowledge, enthusiasms and experiences, plus enjoy a rich variety of visiting presenters from a wide range of backgrounds. If you would like to get out and about and learn something new, Wynyard U3A welcomes new members aged over 50. Find out more about us on the website: <https://wynyard.u3anet.org.au> or by emailing: [u3awynyard@gmail.com](mailto:u3awynyard@gmail.com)

After 8th August our website will show our next Semester program of excursions, presentations, musical performances, and discussions, on offer from 1 September to 1 December 2025.

H Clark, Wynyard U3A

## Big Z almost here



The 'Big Z' is almost here!

Opening at 8am on July 18th, the 'Big Z' Cafe and Restaurant will be serving coffees and great food right here in Zeehan.

Mal Basnayake and family will be running the cafe and is already known for the quality of his food, having recently run a food caravan in Zeehans Main Street.

Opening times are currently planned for 8am to 2.30pm and will of course be customer dependent. Do yourselves a favour (flavour?) and drop in to the 'Big Z', Zeehans newest cafe and restaurant.

## Labor will continue to give the West Coast a strong voice

Labor Deputy Leader and Braddon MP Anita Dow said the party was standing with local residents for better services and secure jobs.

"We've got your back, West Coast," Ms Dow said.

After 11 years of the Liberals the West Coast needs a fresh start and only a Labor Government can deliver the change Tasmania needs.

"Labor supports the West Coast's traditional industries that are crucial for local jobs. We have never wavered in our support for aquaculture and mining, and we never will."

News of the last bank branch in Queenstown closing has left the West Coast reeling, and Ms Dow said her party was up for the fight to keep services in the area.

She met Mayor Shane Pitt to discuss the impact of the decision for local people and businesses.

"It is shocking that Bendigo Bank is closing. It's easy to say people should bank online or in Burnie, but a lot of West Coasters don't have home internet or even reliable mobile coverage or transport.

"We stand with the community and will help advocate for a positive outcome and have met with Bendigo bank."

Backing for the salmon industry and the mining sector is the first item on the West Coast Council's list of election priorities, and Ms Dow said Labor was on board with all of them.

The council is also seeking a commitment to maintaining the funding for the West Coast Wilderness Railway and better local health services.

"These are really important issues for people on the West Coast," Ms Dow said.

The Wilderness Railway is one of the region's main tourism drawcards and the council wants to ensure its long-term viability.

"It's not just a visitor attraction, it's a part of West Coast history and heritage. We want to make sure it is sustainable into the future and can keep bringing people to the area."

Labor leader Dean Winter said the party would work to improve ambulance services on the West Coast by having staff based locally, not relying on relief workers from Burnie.

Labor will partner with the council and the Federal Government in delivering a pilot program for nurse practitioner and allied health services.

"We know it is challenging to deliver health services here and we will work with all levels of government to coordinate local services," Mr Winter said.

As Labor's infrastructure spokesperson, one of Ms Dow's priorities is better roads.

"Everyone remembers the 3000 potholes that appeared after the severe storms last year.

"Labor will develop new Tasmanian standards for road construction so local contractors can build roads that are fit for purpose in Tasmanian conditions."

In the state election on July 19, Ms Dow and fellow incumbent Shane Broad lead Labor's full ticket of seven candidates in Braddon.

Also running are Amanda Diprose, Cheryl Fuller, Kelly "Hooch" Hunt, Adrian Luke and Tara Woodhouse.



Anita Dow MP (centre) on the West Coast with fellow Labor candidates Cheryl Fuller and Amanda Diprose.

**NEED A SPARKY? Contact Frank at DILLON ELECTRICAL HEAT PUMPS!**

Heat pump systems require regular maintenance to ensure optimal performance. Let us help you with our servicing and cleaning solutions. We can also supply and install heat pumps to suit your requirements.

Call us to arrange a clean and service or quote for a new unit. 0417 310 028

We service the West Coast of Tasmania and will be happy to help you with all your electrical needs

# Dillon Electrical

## Ph. 0417 310 028

ECL 946095

# All i's are on Rosebery



The Rosebery Heritage Centre is now officially a part of the Tasmanian Visitor Information Network (TVIN), proudly joining as a White "i" centre as of June. This recognition places Rosebery on the map — quite literally — as an officially accredited visitor information point for travelers exploring Tasmania's West Coast. With its new status, the Rosebery Heritage Centre becomes the third White "i" centre in the region, alongside:

The Galley Museum in Queenstown

The West Coast Heritage Centre in Zeehan

And now, the Rosebery Heritage Centre

The West Coast Visitor Information Centre, located in Strahan owned and operated by West Coast Council, holds the National Accreditation yellow (i). This inclusion strengthens the region's visitor support network and It also means the centre can now offer consistent advice, local tips, maps, and brochures, in line with the standards set by Tourism Tasmania. Tge Rosebery Heritage Centre is open feom 10am - 2pm weekdays and entry costs are a donation.

In other news, Kim from the Rosebery Heritage Centre and Gray from the Rosebery Development Association attended the Tasmanian Tourism Conference in Launceston on

July 1st and 2nd. It was a fantastic opportunity to hear from experienced tourism operators, both big and small, and gather insights into how to grow and promote our local offerings. With plenty of inspiration and practical ideas, they're excited to bring it back to the west coast. It's all part of helping to put our unique corner of Tasmania on the map and sharing our story with more visitors in the future.

# Zeehan Pharmacy opening

In a quiet ceremony on Tuesday, the Zeehan Pharmacy was officially opened by new owner and pharmacist Daniel Snyder. Daniel has fifteen years as a pharmacist and looks forward to serving the region for many years to come.



Pharmacy owner Daniel Snyder and Anne Urquhart cutting the ribbon to officially open the Zeehan Pharmacy. Mayor Shane Pitt, IPA representative, Casey Oates, Chris Edwards and Philip Mione

# Last bank standing on coast

QUEENSTOWN, TAS – The West Coast will lose its final physical bank this spring, with Bendigo Bank announcing it will permanently close its Queenstown branch on Friday, 26 September 2025.

The closure comes amid what the bank describes as “changing customer banking habits” and a shift towards digital services.

In a public statement, Bendigo Bank said, “Due to changing customer banking habits and the need to invest in our broader services, we’ve made the difficult decision to close this branch.”

The decision has sparked concern among Queenstown locals, particularly given that the Bendigo branch was the last remaining brick-and-mortar bank on the West Coast.

Following the closure, residents will be directed to use Bank@Post services at the local Australia Post office, where basic transactions like cash de-

posits and withdrawals will attract fees of approximately \$2.50 for individuals and \$4 for businesses per transaction.

The nearest Bendigo Bank branch will now be located in Burnie, around a 2.5-hour drive away, and operates only on weekdays.

“Closing a branch is only ever a last resort,” the bank’s statement continued. “However, as more and more customers choose to do their banking online or over the phone, we must continue investing in products and services that meet the expectations of our customers now and into the future.”

While Bendigo Bank has pledged to support Queenstown customers through the transition, the closure marks a significant shift in how banking services will be accessed on Tasmania’s West Coast—signaling the end of an era for traditional, in-person banking in the region.



# Locals fighting to save bank

Thank you to all who turned up to have their voices heard at a recent morning meeting with Gavin Pearce.

The majority of you are Bendigo Bank customers who want pressure applied to the #bendigobank by the government and media outlets such as #acurrentaffair and #sunrise.

To that end, we are asking as many West Coaster's as possible to write an impact statement. Write how the planned closure of the bank will directly impact you, your family, your business, sports group, community club or charity.

How will you be adversely impacted be it the distance to travel to Burnie, the extra costs of banking at the post office or non Bendigo Bank ATM. Write why you need a actual full service bank that has easy access. If you travel already from other West Coast towns to bank here we want to hear from you too.

Impact statements played a crucial roll in securing a bank in Smithton as #gavinpearce mentioned at the meeting.

Today wasn't about politics it was about a strong advocate for the West Coast helping our community to launch our save our bank campaign.

So come on West Coasters, don't just

be keyboard warriors, let's show them our fighting West Coast spirit.

If you know someone who may need some assistance in putting together a statement then please help them, and by all means spread the word and encourage as many people as possible to put forward an impact statement.

Next week flyers will go up with this information and I it will be emailed to Andrew at 7XS so we can reach out to as many West Coasters old and new, near or far to get on board this vital campaign for our communities future.

Impact statements can be emailed to myself at janetlay78@gmail.com

Also you can mail to Janet Lay C/O PO Box 40 Queenstown 7467 or drop off at the Queenstown RSL, if not open slide them under the back door.

Keep your eye out for the petitions which will also be circulated next week and stay posted for further updates.

Thank you to JJ's cafe for letting us hold todays meeting there, Gavin Pearce for traveling through this morning to help our campaign kick off, and for each and every one of you who took the time to come into the meeting today.

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## Volunteer with Tasmania Fire Service

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

[www.fire.tas.gov.au/volunteer](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au/volunteer)

# Vote 1-7 for your Strong Liberal Braddon Team



Tasmanian  
**Liberal**s 

## Let's finish the job for **Tasmania.**

## STAMPS, COINS & COLLECTABLES

The Burnie Stamp Coin & Collectables Club will be in Queenstown at the market on Sunday 3rd August.

The market in the Municipal Hall in Orr St is held each month and we will be operating a stall there which with your support we hope will become a regular feature.

Bob Brunetti, the facilitator of the Club, said the event was being held in Winter as people may be looking for things to do during this cold and wet season.

The event will be run along the lines of a similar event held in Deloraine and another projected for Smithton later in the year.

We believe the event will appeal to both hard core collectors and casual enthusiasts. There will be stalls for stamps, coins and other collectables. Dealers' presents will be available for appraisals

of collections as well as buying and selling.

Through our contacts we are also able to have commemorative & campaign medals cleaned and appraised as well as ribbons repaired or replaced. Miniature medals can also be arranged.

Many people have items in their cupboards which they do not know what to do with or what their value is and we are happy to advise on these matters at no charge or obligation.

There will also be a slide show on early Tasmanian postal material which will be shown throughout the day.

There will be free items available for those interested. Nothing is too small or large for us to look at and we can organise items such as catalogues or other material if required.

For appointments or advice please give Bob Brunetti a ring on 0457 336 387.



Club members Bob Brunetti & Jim Altimira doing a stamp appraisal

## New West Coast childcare initiative making childcare accessible

The West Coast is set to lead the way for a new childcare initiative.

With only one childcare centre currently operating on the West Coast, Tasmanian Labor leader Dean Winter has pledged to make it the first location in a move to boost access.

"This is about preparing young Tasmanians for the best start in life," Mr Winter said. He unveiled the initiative together with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese last month.

It will involve the state and federal governments working together to ensure childcare is available and accessible where families need it, especially in regional areas.

"The availability and cost of childcare are a really important consideration for families deciding where they want to live," said Mr Winter, who hails from Queenstown and spent his first years on the West Coast.

The initiative will help reduce the cost of childcare, which for many parents is a significant barrier for participating in the workforce.

Labor deputy leader and Braddon MP Anita Dow said in some areas around the state parents could not access care at all, and waitlists could stretch to years.

"We know there are parents who would

like to work but can't, or have to work less than they'd like to, and this can put pressure on family finances," she said.

Ms Dow said a Labor state government would get new centres up and running and then hand over to local councils or the community sector.

"We will identify regional areas that need childcare the most, starting with the West Coast," she said.

There will be an initial investment of \$500,000 over two years if Labor forms government after the July 19 state election.

Labor will require childcare to be provided in every new public school or major redevelopment, and existing childcare providers will be supported to set up facilities in schools.

A Labor government will also boost childcare before and after school hours, with at least 20 upgrades within the next two years to deliver wraparound care for children in primary school.

"Accessible, quality early education is good for our economy, good for workforce participation, good for our children and ensures they get the best start to their school life," Mr Winter said.

"It's time for a fresh start for Tasmania, and my Labor team and I are ready to deliver it."



## Western Echo 'Wendy'



Well, Dad took me to the V.E.T.S. and it was NOT what I was expecting. I sort of remember having a nap but I was very sore when I woke up. Not sure what happened there. Dad said I was getting a new collar but what a horrible collar it was. I couldn't fit through the dog door and the cats laughed at me. NOT A HAPPY PUPPY! Ok, I am all right now and don't have to wear it anymore. Dad gave me lots of cuddles and treats so that part was great. See you next month - Woof to you all



## We're now open in Devonport

Located in the heart of Devonport, our team is proud to offer face-to-face support for the following:

- Plan Management, Support Coordination, and Capacity Building for NDIS clients
- Aged Care Services

27 Rooke St, Devonport | Or call us (03) 6332 8600



ADVERTISEMENT

# Roger Jaensch

Liberal FOR Braddon

**VOTE 1** and 2-7 for the other Liberal candidates in your order of preference in Braddon.



*I support the West Coast, its community, economy and environment.*



Authorised by C. McQuestin,  
185 Invermay Rd, Invermay TAS 7248

## Burnie City Council rejoins CCA

Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) is pleased to confirm that at the Burnie City Council meeting on 24 June, Councillors voted unanimously to re-join the region's joint authority.

Once CCA receives formal acknowledgement from Burnie City Council, CCA will start the process for Burnie to re-join.

The decision restores full regional collaboration across all nine councils in the northwest and western Tasmania, strengthening the Cradle Coast's shared ability to deliver regional outcomes and advocate with a united voice.

CCA CEO Sheree Vertigan AM welcomed the decision and acknowledged the constructive approach taken by both Burnie City Council and existing Member Councils. "This is a significant and positive step forward for our region,"

Ms Vertigan said. "We've maintained a respectful working relationship with Burnie City Council throughout their time away from CCA, and we've worked together to support this return. We're delighted to welcome Burnie back as a member."

CCA Chair of the Board, Hon. Sid Sidebottom, said the return of Burnie City Council marked a renewed era of regional cohesion. "Having all nine councils at the table again puts us in the strongest possible position to deliver for our communities.

CCA's role is to support councils to work together, and Burnie's return re-

inforces that shared vision."

Mr Sidebottom said. "We're looking forward to working with all our Member Councils on key regional priorities, including ensuring the delivery of the Shared Coastal Pathway, supported by the funding commitment made by the Australian Labor Government at the last federal election." CCA Chief Representative

Mayor Mary Duniam said Burnie's return offers both symbolic and practical advantages. "Full regional collaboration means better outcomes. The work CCA does - from natural resource management to economic development - is strengthened when every council is involved,"

Mayor Duniam said. CCA is a regional organisation with a clear purpose: to strengthen the Cradle Coast by supporting collaboration across councils and communities, driving economic development and protecting and enhancing natural resources. CCA is currently owned by eight councils of north-west and western Tasmania to help them achieve regional outcomes and maintain strong local government by working together.

Through core council contributions, CCA delivers a strong return on investment, leveraging every \$1 of council funding into \$8 of state, federal or private sector support.

Over the 2022-2024 financial years, the Authority secured more than \$18.5 million in project funding.



Always wanted to make your own home compost?  
Visit our website to find out how: [www.nwrrr.com.au/homecomposting](http://www.nwrrr.com.au/homecomposting)

While you're there go into the draw to **win a \$100 gift card** by sharing your best food waste hack.



Or get your little one to enter the colouring-in competition to **win a "Banish" Garden Tool combo.**

Rotting organics put into landfill creates methane, a toxic greenhouse gas.



Healthy plants start with **"Black Gold"** and this gold isn't mined—it can be made right in your own backyard!

# Batchelor Construction Group Expands West

## A Strategic Investment in Regional Growth

Batchelor Construction Group has officially extended its footprint on the West Coast, marking a significant milestone in the company's ongoing investment in regional Tasmania.

With a strong track record of delivering high-quality civil and building works across the state, expanding operations into the West was a considered decision—but one the business knew was the right next step.

"We've worked in the region for a number of years and built strong relationships," said Director Luke Calvert. "But having a dedicated team based on the West Coast allows us to deliver more efficiently, create local employment opportunities, and support the region's growing infrastructure needs."

The establishment of Batchelor's West Coast arm of the business reflects the company's commitment to building with purpose, backing local communities while enhancing capability across both its civil and building divisions.

From small to major infrastructure and industrial builds, Batchelor's presence in the West is set to deliver long-term value, not just through construction outcomes, but through meaningful local partnerships.

"This move is about more than business, it's about backing the West with boots on the ground," Luke said. "We're here for the long haul, committed to supporting growth across the West Coast and Tasmania more broadly."

If your organisation has an upcoming capital works program, Batchelor Construction Group is ready to assist with a skilled team of project managers and industry professionals, backed by a comprehensive fleet of plant and equipment to make it happen, including access to materials from our very own quarry located in Highclere.

Batchelor Group looks forward to continuing to grow and connect with the West Coast community.



Picture from the recent networking event in Zeehan – Scott Butler, Special Projects Manager and Luke Calvert, Director.

## PumpEng appoints Blackley as Tasmanian distributor

Partnership strengthens local support for Tasmania's mining sector with access to innovative Australian-made pumping technology and the global Franklin Electric network.

TASMANIA, Australia – PumpEng, Australia's leading designer and manufacturer of underground mine dewatering pumps, today announced the appointment of Blackley Pipelines and Irrigation as its exclusive distributor for Tasmania, effective June 1, 2025.

The strategic partnership combines PumpEng's innovative Australian-made pumping solutions with Blackley Pipelines and Irrigation's deep local expertise and established presence in Tasmania's mining regions, particularly the West Coast of Tasmania. This collaboration will provide Tasmanian mine managers with enhanced access to specialised dewatering equipment and consulting services.

"This partnership represents a significant step in our expansion strategy to strengthen service delivery in key Australian mining regions," said a PumpEng spokesperson. "Blackleys' local knowledge and commitment to the Tasmanian market make them an ideal partner to represent our innovative pumping solutions."

Blackley Pipelines and Irrigation brings extensive experience in designing, supplying, installing, and maintaining pipeline and pumping systems across the mining and construction sectors. The company's fully qualified staff and commitment to safety and quality standards align perfectly with PumpEng's values of technical excellence and innovation.

Enhanced Service Capabilities Through Franklin Electric Network

The partnership is further strengthened by PumpEng's membership of the Franklin Electric network, providing Tasmanian clients with access to over

75 years of water systems expertise and global technical leadership. This combination ensures mine managers benefit from both local understanding and international innovation.

"Our alignment with Franklin Electric enhances our ability to deliver superior service and cutting-edge technology to the Tasmanian market," noted Dave Strang, who manages the Franklin relationship. "Combined with PumpEng's consultative approach and Australian manufacturing excellence, we're well-positioned to support the unique needs of Tasmania's mining operations."

Comprehensive Solutions for Mine Dewatering

Through this partnership, Tasmanian mine managers will have access to:

- PumpEng's comprehensive consulting services with innovative, tailored solutions
- High-quality, Australian-made underground mine dewatering pumps
- Design, manufacturing, and service expertise
- Worldwide supply and service network support
- Local installation and maintenance services through Blackley Pipelines and Irrigation

PumpEng is an Australian company specialising in designing, manufacturing, and servicing underground mine dewatering pumps. Known for their innovative approach and consultative services, PumpEng works closely with clients to provide tailored pumping solutions. The company is a member of the Franklin Electric network, combining a strong Australian presence with global technical leadership. PumpEng has an extensive network with offices in Perth, Kalgoorlie, Townsville, Adelaide, and Idaho, covering Australia and extending to North America and Southeast Asia. This global reach allows them to offer

localised support and maintain high service standards worldwide.

Based in Tasmania, Blackley Pipelines and Irrigation provides comprehensive pipeline and pumping system solutions, including design, supply, installation, and maintenance services. With exten-

sive experience in the mining and construction sectors, the company is known for its commitment to safety, quality, and client satisfaction, supported by fully qualified staff and deep local market knowledge.





ANNOUNCEMENT
ANNOUNCEMENT

**Blackley Pipelines & Irrigation are proud to announce we have been appointed exclusive distributors for the PumpEng range of underground mine dewatering pumps.**

**PumpEng are Australia's leading designer & manufacturer of underground mine dewatering pumps that are engineered for performance & built to last.**

**Blackley Pipelines & Irrigation now offer the complete range of PumpEng mine dewatering pumps, with local backup & service.**



**For more information call**  
**Darren Lord**  
**0457 525 646**



Queenstown's *Beyond the Forest* by Alex Moss | Photo: Sammie Saltmarsh

## Light Up the West a Success

The inaugural *Light Up the West* event was held across the region throughout June. Regional tourism body, West by North West (WxNW), received funding to engage an artist to create free audio-visual displays in locations across the West and North West. On the West we had *Port to Post* in Strahan and *Beyond the Forest* in Queenstown.

The Strahan Post Office and the side of the Paragon Theatre were lit up with spectacular displays over four nights, with viewers using headphones to experience the accompanying soundscape. Artist Alex Moss worked with school students and residents to create the displays.

In Strahan, *Light Up the West* coincided with the Strahan Solstice event. Around 20 brave people accepted the challenge of plunging into the cold waters of Macquarie Harbour. Three West Coast Council team members – Deputy Mayor Robert Butterfield, Councillor Annie McKay, and Bron Wheldon from the Visitor Information Centre – took the plunge to raise money for *Speak Up! Stay ChatTY*. Another brave group participated in the early morning solstice swim at West Strahan Beach, with Annie and Bron participating again.

Zeehan and Rosebery were also on board *Light Up the West*, with businesses and community groups offering events and activities during June.

West Coast Council was pleased to support *Light Up the West*, with the West Coast Visitor Information Centre opening extended hours and members of the Council team liaising with WxNW throughout.

Overall, *Light Up the West* was successful, with people out and about. Visitors and locals enjoyed activities such as markets and matinees, art exhibitions and family movie nights, a twilight cruise, treasure hunts, night walks and live music – pulling people from inside comforts to experience the warmth of the West Coast spirit during the darker, colder winter season.

## Notice for Food Businesses



Food licences expired on 30 June and new licences are required in order to comply with the Food Act 2003.

Food licence renewals can be paid at the Council Office and agencies, and on our website.

Remember to complete and return the signed application form included with your licence renewal invoice when making payment.

Unsure if you need to register your food operation business? Visit our website for information, or contact us for assistance.

If you already have a food licence with West Coast Council and haven't yet received a renewal notice, please contact us.

## Restricted Access to Slipway Carpark



Access to areas of the slipway carpark on Strahan's Esplanade will be restricted to allow for the upgraded slipway to be unloaded and reinstalled.

- 10am–2pm, Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 August – large section closed to the public.
- Tuesday 19 to 5pm Friday 22 August – smaller section closed to the public.

The slipway upgrade will allow larger vessels to berth and undergo maintenance locally. Please adhere to the barriers and signage in place at the carpark. Access to the toilets and showers located in the carpark will not be impacted.



West Coast Landfill Site, Zeehan

## Recycling Set to Improve

West Coast Council continues to move towards more efficient and sustainable waste management across the region, with construction of a recycling shed at the Zeehan Landfill now one step closer.

At its 23 June meeting, Council awarded the recycling shed construction tender to RT & NJ Contracting. This is part of the 2024–25 Annual Plan and will provide a dedicated facility for the receiving, sorting, and temporary storage of recyclable materials.

Currently, recyclable waste is transported fortnightly to Spreyton, which incurs significant operational costs. The new shed will allow for more efficient handling and consolidation of recyclables, reducing the number of trips to two per year, lowering operational costs

This project is primarily funded by a \$635,000 State Government grant, with additional support from the Landfill Levy (\$185,000).

As residents are aware, currently if non-recyclables are placed in the yellow-lid recycling wheelie bin, it can compromise the load. In some cases, if contamination is too high, the entire truck load may need to be diverted to landfill, which is both costly and environmentally unsustainable. Whilst this new shed will help to reduce this, Council recognises that the success of our waste management strategy and the recycling shed is dependent upon a shared commitment between Council and the community.

Council is investing in infrastructure and systems, with residents also playing their part. Ideally, waste should be separated at the source – at the household level. This will help extend the life of the landfill, and reduce carbon emissions.

By separating waste correctly between the green wheelie bins and the yellow-lid recycling bins, we can collectively meet environmental compliance obligations, and work toward a more sustainable future for the West Coast.

West Coast Council offers weekly general (landfill) wheelie bin kerbside collection, and monthly recycling wheelie bin collection. For more information visit our website: [westcoast.tas.gov.au](http://westcoast.tas.gov.au).



Howard's Park, Zeehan

## New Infrastructure Almost Ready

Council has been busy throughout 2024–2025 delivering quality infrastructure across the region. A new playground was completed in Strahan whilst the Rosebery Skate Park received a refresh in line with what local youth provided in their feedback to Council.

Playground redevelopments continue with Hedley Faulk Park in Queenstown and Howard's Park in Zeehan upgraded to provide enhanced public park and playground space – both will be open to the public soon.

Construction of the new gym and multi-purpose centre in Strahan is finished, and the Zeehan gym has been upgraded to become a gym and multi-purpose centre with access to the upgraded Zeehan Swimming Pool.

Council recognises that some of these projects have been underway for some time – we will keep the community informed around official opening dates and access to the new facilities.

## 2025–2026 Rates, Annual Plan & Budget

It's the time of year where Council staff and Councillors are spending a lot of time working on the next budget, what rates will look like, and what projects and areas will be a key focus for the next financial year.

There's been a lot of work done on the rates policy to make our rating system less complicated, and fairer across all ratepayers. This policy is reviewed each year and will be presented at the July special meeting for adoption, along with the 2025–2026 Budget.

Following the invitation for community submissions earlier this year, the 2025–2026 Annual Plan has been developed and will also be presented to Council in July. We look forward to sharing more details about the budget and Annual Plan.

It is Council's intention that the rates increase will be minimal and more in line with CPI, however with

updates to our rating system some properties will receive increases. Council introduced rate capping several years ago and whilst it served a purpose when introduced, it has now created inequities between ratepayers therefore it is likely the capping will be removed.

Other key changes to our rates system include:

- Simplification of rating categories.
- Removal of storm water charge.
- Simplification of waste management charges.
- An additional \$50 rebate to ratepayers who receive the government pension remission.
- Continuation of rate remissions for not-for-profit organisations that meet the criteria, with a simplified process.
- Continuation of rebate for new home builders.

## 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 29 August 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 September 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.

## Paperless Rates Notice Option

Property owners in the West Coast Council area can register to receive their Rates Notices electronically – a faster, more reliable, and environmentally friendly alternative to paper copies. Registering is easy! Scan the QR Code on your current rates notice, or go to the Rates page on our website.

We know some people prefer a paper copy, so we'll keep posting it to anyone who hasn't signed up for email.

## Your Councillors



**Shane Pitt**, Mayor  
Phone 0419 899 667  
spitt@westcoast.tas.gov.au



**Robert Butterfield**  
Deputy Mayor  
Phone 0428 822 062



**Kerry Graham**  
Phone 0488 199 529  
kgraham@westcoast.tas.gov.au



**Annie McKay**  
AMcKay@westcoast.tas.gov.au



**Dwayne Jordan**  
Phone 0417349835  
DJordan@westcoast.tas.gov.au



**Vikki Iwanicki**  
VIwanicki@westcoast.tas.gov.au



**Scott Stringer**  
Phone 0408 109 502  
sstringer@westcoast.tas.gov.au



**Liz Hamer**  
LHamer@westcoast.tas.gov.au



**Lindsay Newman**  
0418 368 708  
lnewman@westcoast.tas.gov.au

## Council Agencies

With a municipality spread across multiple communities, including in remote locations, Council understands that not all residents are able to visit the Council office or go online to conduct Council business.

For many years we have partnered with local businesses outside of Queenstown to provide services to those residents. Staff at these businesses are not Council employees and are not trained to provide specific Council information. However, our agencies do provide access to key Council information, providing hard copies of various Council forms and accepting some payments, including:

- Gym memberships
- Dog registrations
- Food licences

Documents relating to advertised development applications are also available at agencies when applicable.

### West Coast Council office:

11 Sticht Street, Queenstown  
Open Monday–Friday  
8.30am–5pm (closed Public Holidays)

### COUNCIL AGENCIES ARE LOCATED:

#### Rosebery District School

Open Monday–Friday 8am–4pm  
7–11 Morrisby Street, Rosebery  
Phone: (03) 6473 1223

#### Strahan Post Office

Open Monday–Friday  
Jun to August: 9am–4:30pm  
September to May: 9am–5pm  
13 Esplanade Strahan  
Phone: (03) 6471 7171

#### Zeehan Post Office

Open Monday–Friday  
Jun to August: 9am to 4:30pm  
September to May: 9am to 5pm  
114 Main Street, Zeehan  
Phone: (03) 6471 6361

## COUNCIL MEETINGS



08 July (special meeting)  
22 July  
26 August  
23 September

## Advertising Opportunities

Partner with the West Coast Visitor Information Centre (WCVIC) to promote your business to thousands of Tasmanian and interstate visitors.

The WCVIC offers a range of advertising options to suit all businesses including the capacity to book accommodation and activities. Businesses from across Tassie advertise at the WCVIC with incentives such as fee discounts and free listings on [www.westcoasttas.com](http://www.westcoasttas.com) for eligible West Coast businesses. To find out more, contact Bron at the WCVIC.

## REMINDERS

### 1 JULY

Dog registrations due

### 1 JULY

Food permits due

### 4 JULY

Recycling collection Queenstown, Gormanston/Linda & Strahan

### 11 JULY

Recycling collection Zeehan, Rosebery & Tullah

### 1 AUGUST

Recycling collection Queenstown, Gormanston/Linda & Strahan

### 8 AUGUST

Recycling collection Zeehan, Rosebery & Tullah

### 29 AUGUST

Rates due (full or 1st instalment)

## NEW DIGS, SAME LOCAL KNOW-HOW



**ADVICE & BOOKINGS**



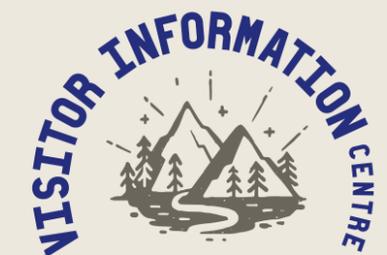
**WEST COAST MERCHANDISE**



**LOCAL GIFTS**

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

Drop in for local advice, bookings, and to browse our West Coast-branded gear. Or visit the website for everything you need to explore our region. Locals and visitors welcome. We're here to help!



WEST COAST TAS

Phone: 03 6472 6800  
tourism@westcoast.gov.au

[westcoasttas.com](http://westcoasttas.com)  
#westcoasttas



Rosebery Mine

# Community Newsletter

July 2025



Image: MMG Rosebery team with winner Jessie Cooke and Finalist Makenzie Emmerton

## MMG Rosebery employee wins award

Superintendent, Mine Engineering Jessie Cooke won the Exceptional Women in Tasmanian Resources award at TMEC's Women in Resources and Manufacturing Awards 2025 at an event held in Launceston last month.

Jess was recognised by the judges for overcoming professional and personal obstacles since joining the mining industry 18 years ago.

She will now represent Tasmania at the national awards in Brisbane in September.

We also want to recognise Makenzie Emmerton, who was a finalist in the Outstanding Tradeswoman, Operator, Technician in Tasmanian Resources.

We are proud of the contribution Jess and Makenzie make to Rosebery Mine.

## School Food Matters

MMG Community Liaison Coordinator Jill Richardson joined Alison and Kirsty from School Food Matters to discuss the Hot Lunch Program at Rosebery District School.

MMG Rosebery provides the school with weekly fresh fruit for all students during the school year.

This supports the nutrition and learning readiness of students.

The meeting explored the food program at Rosebery Neighbourhood House with Tania and discussed ways in which food is distributed, and the community is supported.

This work aligns to MMG's United Nation, Sustainable Development Goal focus 2 and 3, Zero Hunger and Health and Wellbeing.



Image: L-R MMG's Jill Richardson, RHN Coordinator Tania Blake, Alison Holstrom - School Food Matters.

## Supporting UTAS research

MMG Rosebery hosted researchers from the University of Tasmania last month.

They are looking into phytoremediation, which is a process whereby native plants absorb metals from the environment into their roots, stems and flowers.

The researchers are looking at using these plants for remediating mine sites. They are also exploring if identifying these plants in the environment can help find new areas to conduct exploration.

MMG is happy to support UTAS with this research and look forward to hosting Dr. Tatiana Lobato de Magalhães and Dr Paula Montoya Lopera again in October to collect plant species.



Image: Dr. Tatiana Lobato de Magalhães from UTAS

## Business and Brews

MMG recently attended the Business and Brews Night at the Central Hotel in Zeehan. It was a great opportunity to network with organisations, who support our local business owners and entrepreneurs.

## Community bus

Discussions are continuing on a community bus for Rosebery. A SWOT analysis has been conducted as part of a plan to build a business case. To join the working group contact Jill Richardson on 1800 767 664.

# Taking the winter solstice plunge in Strahan



Shopkeepers, councillors, fire brigade crews and many others took the plunge into the freezing waters of Maquarie Harbour in Strahan recently as part of the Winter Solstice celebrations held across the west coast.

There were about fifteen brave souls, many of them dressed in strange ways that jumped off the back of the Gordon River Cruises boat, emerging shivering, but with huge smiles.

The plunge was organised to raise funds for 'Speak Up Stay Chatty'. The town held a street market for most of

the day and it was very well attended by people from all over the state (and a few from interstate too). The CWA women had a great stall, full of fresh jams and produce but there were wood products, soaps, candle, jewellery, artwork, dog treats and biscuits, toffee apples and popcorn. The weather was perfect, almost Tee shirt weather and everyone made the most of it.

I would like to thank the young skipper of the MV Sophia for taking me out on the water to get the photos of the plunge that you see at left. *Alan/Ed*



2025-2026 TO 2027-2028

## Three Year Wood Production Plan INVITATION FOR FEEDBACK

Sustainable Timber Tasmania has released the annual update to its Three Year Wood Production Plan 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 to the Tasmanian community for feedback.

The Three Year Plan identifies forest coupes in Tasmania's public production forests that are available across a three-year period from which a schedule of harvesting, roading and regeneration operations will be developed.

The release of the Three Year Plan provides an opportunity for stakeholders to identify which forest coupes and future operations may be of interest.

Inviting community feedback on the Plan is part of Sustainable Timber Tasmania's commitment to engaging with local stakeholders. Your feedback will be considered during detailed operational planning and decision making processes.

### How to provide feedback

 Visit [sttas.com.au](http://sttas.com.au)

 Read the Three Year Wood Production Plan

 View the Access Map to identify which forest coupes may be of interest to you

 Contact us with your feedback at [stakeholder@sttas.com.au](mailto:stakeholder@sttas.com.au) or (03) 6169 2800



Please visit [sttas.com.au](http://sttas.com.au) for more information about the Three Year Wood Production Plan



BC-STT028

GORDON RIVER  
CRUISES

## KIDS CRUISE FREE THIS WINTER

BOOK NOW



Use code 'KIDS' when booking a cruise departing 13-31 July, and get one free child tickets for every adult ticket purchased.\*

\*Valid for children aged 3-16 years. Excludes Premier Upper Deck. Subject to availability.

## Community Spirit on Show at Inglis River Tree Planting Day

Wynyard Tasmania

More than 450 native plants were added to the Inglis River corridor during a recent community planting day in Wynyard, as part of ongoing environmental works supported by Waratah-Wynyard Council.

The event, held 7th June 2025, was led by Wynyard Landcare and attracted strong participation from local volunteers. Over the course of just two hours, participants helped revegetate priority areas along the riverbank, contributing to the long-term health and resilience of the landscape.

The planting day forms part of the broader Inglis River Walking Track upgrade, a Council capital works project focused on improving access and environmental outcomes along the popular riverside path. While Council is managing the upgrade works, the community-led planting effort was organised and delivered by Wynyard Landcare, with Council providing



On the day: Wynyard Landcare, Community Members and Council join to plant more than 450 native plants along Inglis River.

logistical and promotional support.

The new vegetation will help stabilise embankments and improve biodiversity

in key sections of the corridor, which supports a range of native wildlife, including the azure kingfisher.

For more information about Council's environmental programs, visit: [www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/environment/](http://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/environment/)



Waratah-Wynyard Council Depot Crew setting up for the Gather & Glow Night Market. Photo Waratah-Wynyard Council.

## Crowds Flock to Wynyard's Winter-Warming Gather & Glow

Wynyard Tasmania

Last Friday 4 July, an estimated 2,500 people rugged up and streamed into Goldie Street for Council's Gather & Glow night market.

Fire pots warmed the roadway, children lined up for glow-in-the-dark face painting and families tucked into brisket burgers from Inglis River Meats. The Vault's Hawker Night pop-up kept chefs busy as diners gathered around open grills.

Late-trading retailers reported a welcome mid-winter boost, while

surprise glow performers added extra sparkle to the street-wide celebration.

Council has thanked the event organisers, the local community, its Activation Department and the depot team for turning the concept into a true winter success. A closing acoustic set at Black Cat Records wrapped up the night on a mellow high.

Gather & Glow forms part of the statewide Permission to Trespass campaign, encouraging Tasmanians to embrace after-hours experiences across the North-West Coast.






Sarah Gardner (Yr 11 student and local community member), Lyn Pilchner (local business owner and Yolla Hall Committee member), Peter Willis (Chairman of the Yolla Hall Committee) and Brian Alderson (a passionate and long-standing resident of Yolla).

## New public toilet a welcome addition in Yolla

### Yolla Tasmania

Yolla's community hall precinct has received a much-welcomed upgrade, with the official opening of a new all-abilities public toilet last week.

The project, delivered through a collaboration between Council, the Yolla Hall Committee and the local community, provides the town's first dedicated public toilet facility — addressing a long-standing gap for both residents and travellers alike.

Located on the main street beside the community hall, the facility is already proving a valuable addition. Its position near the local school bus stop has made it particularly useful for travelling students, while families and residents now have a convenient place to stop, rest and connect.

The toilet includes baby change facilities, accessible design features such as handrails and wide entry points, and a designated disabled parking bay directly outside. Council will oversee the ongoing maintenance and cleaning to ensure the facility remains in good condition.

The project also received strong support from local residents, with students, business owners and long-time community members attending the opening and celebrating the new addition.

The facility is now open to the public and is expected to encourage more travellers to stop and explore the township, known for its scenic surrounds and country hospitality.

For more on Council's infrastructure projects, visit [www.warwyn.tas.gov.au](http://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au).

### Rates notices arriving soon - Switch to eNotices today!

Waratah-Wynyard residents are reminded that 2025/26 rates notices will soon be arriving in the post, with dog registration renewals having already been sent earlier last month.

Council is encouraging residents to make the switch to eNotices, a faster and more convenient way to receive rates and dog notices by email. Signing up is quick and easy via the Council website.

A new Waste Collection Brochure is also now available on the Council's website.

For more information or assistance, visit [www.warwyn.tas.gov.au](http://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au) or contact Council directly on (03) 6443 8333.

### Council seeks new members for Accessibility Working Group

Waratah-Wynyard Council is inviting expressions of interest to join its next Accessibility Working Group.

The group advises Council on accessibility issues, supports the Accessibility Strategy, and contributes to the Health and Wellbeing Plan. Up to ten community members will be appointed for a two-year term, with meetings held quarterly.

Applications are open to anyone who lives, works or volunteers in the region.

Nominations close at 4 pm on Friday, 29 August 2025. Forms and more information are available at [www.warwyn.tas.gov.au](http://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au) or by contacting Council on (03) 6443 8333.



Author Jo Crothers and Mayor Dr. Mary Duniam at the Wonders of Wynyard book launch.

## New Book Unearths Hidden Geological Wonders of Wynyard's Coastline

Wynyard's deep-time secrets took centre stage last Friday 4 July, with the official launch of Jo Crothers' second geology book, *Boat Harbour & Sisters Beach: Exploring the Wonders of Wynyard's Most Ancient Rocks*.

Held at the Wonders of Wynyard Visitor Information Centre, the launch attracted a crowd of around 50 geology buffs, local residents and curious visitors. The event was officially opened by Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Dr Mary Duniam, who congratulated Jo on her continued efforts to make complex geological history accessible and engaging for the community.

The book explores the internationally significant Rocky Cape Group —

billion-year-old rock formations found at Boat Harbour and Sisters Beach — and their remarkable geological links to East Antarctica and the Grand Canyon.

This new volume builds on the success of Jo's first publication, with easy-to-follow walking guides, vivid illustrations and insightful commentary. It's a fascinating read for anyone wanting to better understand the ancient forces that shaped our local landscape.

*Boat Harbour & Sisters Beach* is available now from the Wonders of Wynyard.

*8 Exhibition Link, Wynyard Open 7 Days.*

## Supporting Community Resilience Through Emergency Preparedness

Waratah-Wynyard Council is pleased to acknowledge the support of the Tasmanian Government through the Department of Premier and Cabinet, which has provided targeted funding to help strengthen the region's emergency preparedness.

As part of a North West initiative aimed at building local resilience, Waratah-Wynyard was one of six councils selected to receive Evacuation Centre Resource Funding. The Council received \$13,783.00, enabling the purchase of essential equipment and supplies for evacuation and recovery centres.

These centres provide critical support to residents impacted by emergencies such as severe weather events, bushfires, or flooding.

The funding has allowed Council to invest in practical resources including bedding, signage, hygiene supplies and communication tools that will assist in delivering safe and accessible spaces when required.

This investment enhances the readiness of our emergency centres and contributes to the broader goal of building community resilience. By increasing our capacity to respond effectively in a crisis, Council is better placed to safeguard the wellbeing of residents and support local recovery efforts.

Council thanks the Tasmanian Government and the Department of Premier and Cabinet for their continued commitment to emergency management and regional communities.

# Tales from Emmerton Park - meet the residents

## They call me Stumpy



stuck my hand down a hole and thought I felt a snake. I didn't bother checking again, just moved on to the next one.

Dad owned the Marrawah Cheese Factory. We had a 50-acre farm with 30 cows to start off with. Dad made the best cheese around. When I left school at 14, I went to work there with another young bloke, Ted Murphy. We went batching together, sharing a house. He was a great bloke — liked a scrap, though. Lucky for me, we were mates. Sadly, Ted died in a farming accident when he was just 17. That hit hard.

Dad's health started to go downhill, and I didn't see myself continuing in the cheese-making business, so he sold the factory. The new bloke didn't last long — his cheese wasn't as good as Dads. The old factory stood abandoned for years until one day, it was just gone.

At 13, I started playing junior football for Marrawah. When that team folded, I went on to play for Redpa. I played full-back, trying to stop goals going through. It was rough and tumble in the goal square back then. I only ever missed one game — got into a scrap with a big ginger-haired fella who played rough. Can't remember his name, but we gave each other a good go. He copped two weeks, and I got one.

We moved to Redpa to a 300-acre farm I ran with my brother Archibald. We had

to clear a lot of it ourselves. Started with 20 cows and built up to 140, which was a fair number back in the day. Redpa was a lively place, always good dances going on. We drank a bit, but we behaved ourselves. I always had three Roo dogs on the farm — one of them, Fly, was the best. She could round up cattle better than most.

I met my late wife, Hellen Pinner, at the movies. She was a good sort, and we hit it off right away. After 18 months of courting, we got married. I really loved her. She liked doing the things I liked, and I liked doing the things she liked. It wasn't unusual to come home from work and find a note on the table saying: "Gone lobstering." She always brought home a good catch, often with some mountain trout to go with it.

We had two kids — Liz and Ashley. One of each. They were good kids and loved growing up on the farm. Hellen and I would be working in the dairy, and they'd be up early, cook their breakfast, and be on the school bus by 7:30 AM.

We sold the farm in the '80s and moved to Devonport. I got a job as the groundsman and cleaner at Hillcrest Primary School. I stayed there for the next twenty-two years. I spent most lunchtimes on the oval, kicking the footy around with the kids. They were good kids too - they called me Stumpy as well.

I was born in Wynyard, but we lived in Marrawah. I had two brothers and two sisters. I got my nickname while staying at my Auntie Maggie and Uncle Tom Grey's place. I was round and fat with pitch-black hair, and Uncle Tom reckoned I looked like a little black stump. I've been called Stumpy ever since — I'm 87 now, so I guess it stuck.

I spent most of my younger years getting into mischief, as young boys tend to do. I loved ferreting for rabbits, shooting, and fishing for tiddlers. Later, we'd go mutton birding on Walker's Island. I remember one time out mutton birding, I

## Around the churches

In June, the West Coast Gathering was held in Zeehan. A gathering that had come full circle as July 2024 also saw this held in the township of Zeehan.

The Gathering is an open hall get-together for all denominations of the west coast.

It's since been held in Queenstown, Strahan and Rosebery.

Approximately 40 people attended this time for games, songs, lunch and a catch up on what's happening in each town. The next gathering is to be held at Rosebery on the 30th of August, at the Lions Club Hollywood Hall.

For further information, contact Buck 0466011913.

### Regular services:

The Rosebery service at 2pm shop 3 (behind pharmacy), Bible study. 10.30am Fridays

Queenstown service, 9am

Zeehan Wilson Street, town hall, 10am Strahan, 23 Harvey Street on the fourth Sunday of each month.

We would also like to welcome the new Queenstown minister and his wife, who start in September.



**Kick start your career with a Hydro Tasmania Apprenticeship**

**Applications COMING SOON**

Register your interest

# 2025 Circular Head Show planning underway

It was very pleasing to have a good attendance at the recent Annual General Meeting of the Circular Head Agricultural Society. After ten years of steering the Circular Head Show through Covid, rising costs and slow economic times, President Tony Hine handed the role to Smithton Veterinary, Craig Dwyer. Vice Presidents elected were Scott van Norden and Heath Wells.

Outgoing President, Tony Hine commented that it is with a high degree of confidence that I pass the baton on to some of the younger generation of our Committee which should guarantee the continuation of the one day family show that Circular Head is well known for.

The Show is now only one of three within the northwest region, so it is important that this tradition is ongoing for future generations. I look forward to continuing on as an executive member of the Society and thank everyone that has been involved with the Society for their support during my time as President. It has been a privilege to work alongside and with a dedicated passionate team of volunteers.

Over more recent years, grant funding, together with the Society's own contribution of over \$100,000, has ensured that the Society now has the infrastruc-

ture that will sustain us well into the future.

Incoming President, Craig Dwyer, said it is a real honour to take on the role of President of the Circular Head Show Society and many thanks to all who have gone before me over the past 114 years and especially Tony who has guided us at the helm for the past 10 years. Tony never stopped thinking about the Show and was always coming up with ideas to run past the committee with the aim of improving the show and amenities for the community.

My aim as President is to keep playing to the Circular Head Show's strengths of a family show with strong agricultural roots which allows people to reconnect with where their food comes from.

We have a fabulous group of volunteers which are the only reason the show can go on and whilst I have the leadership role it is these people who deserve the real credit for all the time and effort they put in every year but we can always use more help so if anyone can give back feel free to contact the committee.

This year we again will have a strong animal focus, great food, entertainment and displays and this will provide an ideal environment for a great family day out at the show.

Planning is already well underway for the 115th Circular Head Show on the 29th November. Josh Perry of Perry's Quality Meats and 2024 Masterchef Runner up will again showcase and feature local produce with the Graze the Region segment. Along with traditional competition areas of an agricultural

show including Dairy, Stud Beef, Equestrian and Home Industries, there will be something happening all day to entertain the entire family.

For further information, please visit [www.circularheadshow.com.au](http://www.circularheadshow.com.au) or email: [chagsociety@gmail.com](mailto:chagsociety@gmail.com)



Outgoing president Tony Hine with new office bearers Back from L - T. Hine, H. Wells, C. Dwyer Front: K. Monson, S. Chatwin, S. van Norden

## Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

### A WOMAN'S TRAGIC LATE NIGHT DROWNING IN THE FLORENCE DAM

A rather mysterious, and somewhat suspicious death occurred at Zeehan about 11p.m. on Monday, December 12 1910, when Elizabeth Clabburn, a married woman aged 27, drowned in the dam at the Florence Mine situated about 0.8km south west of Zeehan. The dam was about (37 by 15 metres), and at its deepest part was some (2.5 metres) deep.

An inquest was held the next afternoon before Coroner E.W. Turner, and the first witness called was Rowland Clabburn, husband of the deceased, who stated he had last seen his wife alive at about 8p.m. talking to her sister. He had spoken to her earlier, telling her he had some business to conduct that would take three or four hours, and that he would not be coming home but his mate John Llewellyn would be. Elizabeth was not happy with this, and so he told her he would cancel his business and come home.

Both he and Llewellyn were perfectly sober when they left McDonald's Hotel at about 10:40p.m. to walk along the Florence tramway back to his home, which was on the Balstrup Manganese Hill about 1.7km south west of Zeehan. As they were walking he looked back and saw a woman behind them, but he could not tell who it was. He remarked to Llewellyn that he was tired, and after walking about (five or six metres) off the track he sat down, and then he noticed the woman he had seen before walk past, but he did not recognise her as his wife. After sitting for about 10 minutes, they continued on and at about 11p.m.

he saw someone in the dam. He went down and saw two hands above the water; then heard a gurgling sound, and the hands disappeared. He described how he was going to attempt a rescue but Llewellyn stopped him.

He then saw some clothes lying on the bank. He waited about 45 minutes until Llewellyn returned with assistance, and it was only when the body was recovered that he realised it was his wife. Elizabeth had told him several times she would like to swim in the dam. He denied striking his wife earlier on the Monday, and stated he and his wife had a happy marriage.

John Llewellyn deposed he had been staying at the Clabburn's. The two men spent most of that Monday together and had eaten tea at Clabburn's house. Later they went into Zeehan, and he was with Clabburn off and on all evening, but he did not see the deceased, nor did he see Clabburn speaking to a woman. At about 11p.m. they started walking back to Clabburn's. Clabburn complained about being tired, so they sat down near the dam embankment for about five minutes. He did not see anyone walk past.

Continuing on, he heard a splash, and he thought he saw a dog swimming in the dam. He heard a gurgling noise, and Clabburn said, "We must go down; there is someone in trouble." He went down to the water's edge, but could see nothing in the water. Suddenly Clabburn called out, "My God, it is my wife; here's her clothes." He then noticed some clothing on the embankment.

He detailed how Clabburn attempted to rescue his wife and he had to hold him back, then calm him down and run for help. He returned about half an hour later with the police.

He added while he had been staying with the Clabburns he thought they seemed happy together.

Dr. Gilbert Butler said he had examined the body which was naked except for socks and boots. There were no external signs of violence. He could confidently state that death was caused by drowning. The body was well nourished.

Elsie Jones, sister of the deceased, deposed that Elizabeth had regularly complained about her husband ill-treating her, and she had seen her being mistreated. About 8p.m. she

had seen Elizabeth talking to her husband. She believed he had told her to go home, as he had to go and peg a section, or something to that effect, and she replied that she would not go home while there was a strange man in the house. She parted from Elizabeth, who was then in good spirits, about 10:20p.m. Another witness Ada Loring said that deceased had told her that she had been badly treated, and sometimes did not have enough to eat. Deceased had also mentioned that Clabburn called her such bad names that she felt inclined to do away with herself.

Constable William Wilson deposed he had been notified by a man named Llewellyn at about midnight that there was a woman drowned in the Florence dam. He attended the scene and with some help recovered the body at 12:55a.m. The dam was about (two metres) deep where the body was recovered, and it was about (three metres) from the bank. The clothes were nearby, about (three metres) from the bank. Delivering his verdict, the Coroner said he could only bring in a verdict that death was due to drowning at the stated time and place and he could not say whether her death was by her own act, or accidental, or otherwise. Elizabeth's funeral took place on the following Wednesday at 4:30p.m. Her final resting place is unknown.

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





**THE CHARTS FESTIVAL 2025**  
**AUGUST 31 TO OCTOBER 5**

**Circular Head - North West Tasmania**



# If you want to get to SurplusTown, would you start from here?

There's a sliver of hope—just a glimmer—that when the dust settles on this election, the battered survivors might finally face up to the fiscal mess Tasmania is in. But it's a long shot. Because right now, neither major party seems to grasp the depth of the hole we're in, let alone how to climb out of it.

The risk? That once the post-election spin dies down, our fiscal crisis will be tossed out with the campaign signs - forgotten, ignored, and unresolved.

Take the Premier's appearance on Stateline last Friday, he claimed Tasmania could "very easily" bring the budget back into surplus by cutting health spending from \$10 million to \$7 million a day. Obviously not something he is going to do, but the point is that's a tidy saving of about \$1 billion a year. The problem is this wouldn't be enough to find a path to surplus. And it certainly isn't "very easy".

If he'd read Treasury's Pre-Election Financial Outlook (PEFO), page 30, he'd know the real gap is \$2.7 billion per year. That's the figure required to return to surplus "quickly," as he stated. And even if he's aiming for a 2030 target, that's only five years away. The scale of the challenge is almost three times greater than he's claimed. That's not a rounding error. That's a fiscal fantasy.

It all calls to mind the old Irish joke about a lost tourist:

"How do I get to SurplusTown?"

"Well, I wouldn't start from here."

But here we are. And until the political parties acknowledge where "here" is, every roadmap to recovery is just another bit of campaign cartography drawn with a crayon.

Labor, for its part, claimed to find \$1 billion in savings over four years as

part of its "Fresh Start Strategy". That's about \$250 million a year. It's not nothing, but nor is it enough. Worse, much of it is based on shaky assumptions.

Take the \$50 million Labor expects to save by capping travel budgets. It seems this number was arrived at by looking at a one-year overspend in 2024/25 of \$46.4 million actual versus \$33.7 million budgeted. That \$12.7 million difference was simply multiplied out over four years. But there's no solid basis for this forecast. Travel allocations don't appear in future budgets. They only show up in retrospect via financial reports.

It's easy to paint public servants as globe-trotting freeloaders—but applying arbitrary caps without knowing future needs or allocations is performative, not practical.

And if Labor had been using the 2020-21 numbers - when COVID kept travel spending under budget - they'd have shown a loss, not a gain.

The first step is to know where you're standing. What's desperately needed post-election, whoever ends up forming government, is a cross-party commitment to establish an agreed set of fiscal facts. Is the shortfall \$1 billion a year, as the Premier says? Or \$2.7 billion, as Treasury states? It's a basic question. And the answer profoundly shapes what comes next.

From there, we need a medium-term plan, spanning five to eight years, to close the gap sensibly and sustainably. That plan should mix better budget control, own-source revenue measures, a review of federal-state arrangements, and perhaps even a case for Commonwealth debt relief. That's serious work. It demands serious leadership.

Let's say, for argument's sake, we aim

for one-third of that \$2.7 billion gap, around \$900 million, from spending restraint. The rest would need to come from smarter budgeting and new revenue. Either way, it requires clarity and honesty. Two qualities in short supply so far.

The deeper problem is that government overspending has become the norm, not the exception. Between 2019/20 and 2021/22, the so-called COVID years, the general government overspend was relatively restrained: \$262 million. Scrutiny was tighter, spending more targeted, and parliamentary committees and the Audit Office were actively monitoring emergency outlays.

But in the three years since? Overspending has ballooned to \$2.3 billion, nine times the COVID-era total. Health alone accounts for \$1.2 billion. We have seen a \$3 billion overspend over the past seven years in the General Government sector, that is \$3 billion above what parliament approved in the budget. Some of which was tied to important measures like abuse survivor compensation, but much of which wasn't

And let's not forget the cost of democracy. According to PEFO, the three state elections in the past seven years have cost Tasmanians \$4.4 billion in additional spending, largely tied to pork-barrel promises made to win votes. That's a stadium and a half every time we go to the polls.

We need to get back to basics and exercise some budget and spending discipline.

The COVID years actually showed us what's possible. Evidence shows spending over the 2019/20 - 2021/22 years was closer to budget, had more robust scrutiny, and emergency outlays

that were at least tracked and explained. What changed? It seems spending discipline disappeared. Two early elections suspended Parliament and paused all committee work. Oversight stopped. So did restraint.

And the culture shifted. Today, it seems departments spend freely, expecting Parliament will eventually approve the extra cash often after the money's already spent—or committed.

What's needed now is a renewed commitment to spending only what Parliament has approved—and treating the budget like a binding contract, not a loose intention. No more blank cheques signed after the fact.

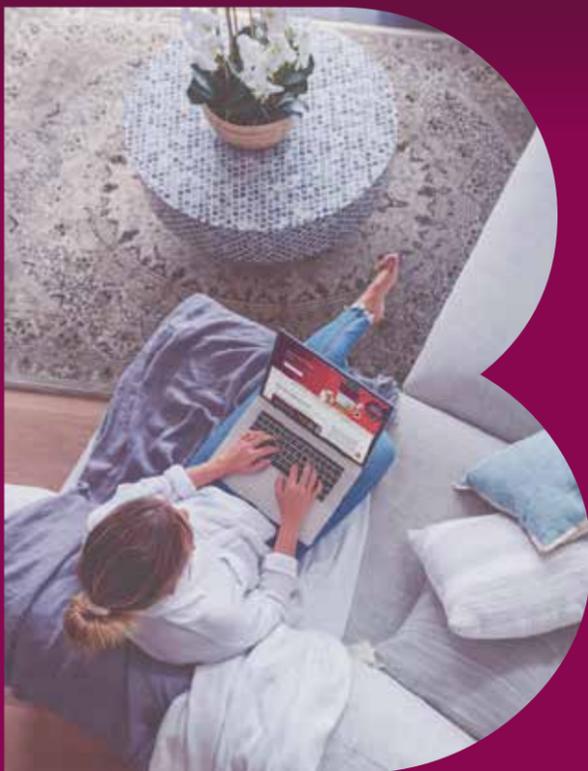
One critical step in restoring discipline is the creation of an independent Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO). The Public Accounts Committee has been inquiring into a PBO for Tasmania for some time, and it's encouraging that both major parties now support it. But it must be genuinely independent, properly resourced, and empowered to cost all major policy announcements and election promises—before they're turned into fiscal reality.

We need to bust the myth that COVID wrecked our revenue base. It didn't. Tasmania's problem is much more runaway spending and a political culture that's forgotten how to say "no".

If we want to get to SurplusTown, it's time to admit where we're standing. Then, finally, we can start the hard, grown-up work of planning the journey. Let's hope this election delivers leaders willing to walk that path.

**Hon Ruth Forrest MLC**

**Independent Member for Murchison**



## How healthy is your home loan?

With the current cost of living, there's never been a better time to review your home loan.

We'll look at your rate, term, repayments, and equity, giving your loan a full check-up to make sure it's still right for you and your current needs.

Enquire online at [bendigobank.com.au/healthcheck](https://www.bendigobank.com.au/healthcheck) or visit your nearest branch.

📍 Community Bank · Smithton & Districts

**Bendigo Bank**  
The better big bank



26Ten Community Coordinator Kate Grey with members of Rural Health Tas in Smithton.

## Walking, Talking, and Learning: Circular Head Steps Up Literacy Efforts

Smithton, Tasmania

A new section of the Walking Words Literacy Trail has opened in Smithton, as part of Circular Head Council's broader commitment to improving literacy across the community.

Stretching from the Scout Hall on East Esplanade to the corner of Davis Street, the second section of the trail features two new activities. Count the Fish is a number game that encourages participants to identify fish in groups from one to ten. Find the Colours is a visual challenge to spot a variety of hues along the path. The trail is designed to make learning playful, accessible and visible in everyday public spaces.

The Walking Words project is one of several actions now underway under the Circular Head Learn for Life – Literacy Action Plan 2025 to 2028. The plan aims to raise awareness about adult literacy and create more opportunities

for learning throughout the community.

Council is also offering free Literacy Awareness Workshops for local businesses, community groups and service providers. Kate Grey, 26Ten Community Coordinator, recently held a session with staff at Rural Health Tasmania in Smithton, helping participants explore the links between literacy and everyday life, including health, work and community participation.

The Literacy Trail will eventually include five interactive sections, each adding colour and activity to different parts of the township. Council says the trail is intended to spark everyday conversations about literacy and learning, while making the subject more visible and approachable.

To book a free Literacy Awareness Workshop, contact Kate Grey on 0498 746 605 or email

[kgrey@circularhead.tas.gov.au](mailto:kgrey@circularhead.tas.gov.au)  
<https://26ten.tas.gov.au/>



Plans from the Smithton Town Centre Plan, now calling for community feedback.

## Council Seeks Community Input on Smithton Town Centre Challenges

Smithton, Tasmania

Circular Head Council is calling on the community to help shape the future of Smithton's heart, with the release of a detailed Issues Paper that sets the stage for the new Smithton Town Centre Plan.

The paper, now open for public comment, presents a candid overview of the current challenges facing Smithton's commercial and civic core. From disconnected public spaces and a rigid street layout to limited riverfront access and a lack of community amenities, the document outlines the key issues driving the need for change.

It highlights concerns around large, low-density blocks, limited pedestrian links, outdated planning zones and underutilised heritage features. The town's identity and character are said to be overshadowed by industrial uses and a fragmented public realm, with poor

wayfinding and minimal spaces for gathering or play.

Despite these challenges, the paper notes that Smithton has strong foundations — including a central location, natural beauty and an engaged community — that can support a more vibrant, accessible and welcoming town centre.

Council has prepared the paper to prompt discussion and guide the development of the Smithton Town Centre Plan, which will set a long-term vision for land use, public space improvements and future investment. Residents, business owners and visitors are encouraged to review the document and share their feedback.

The full Smithton Town Centre Plan – Issues Paper is available at [www.circularhead.tas.gov.au](http://www.circularhead.tas.gov.au) with printed copies also available from the Council Chambers.

Public submissions are open until 11.59 pm on Tuesday 22 July 2025.

**JUST A FARMER**

SMITHTON SPECIAL SCREENING  
24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST  
LEILA MCDUGALL

Supported by  
FRRR Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal  
Greenham

RESERVE TICKETS  
[www.justafarmer.tas.com.au](http://www.justafarmer.tas.com.au)

## Literacy Awareness Workshops

**What will I learn in a workshop?**

The workshop will help you find out more about:

- The impact of low levels of literacy
- The extent of the issue in Tasmania
- What is being done to support adult literacy
- What you and your organisation can do to help.

**What is literacy & why is it important?**

Literacy refers to more than reading, writing and numeracy. It means being able to use these skills along with talking, and creative thinking, to meet the demands of everyday life.

**How do I book a free workshop?**

Contact Kate Grey: 0498 746 605 [kgrey@circularhead.tas.gov.au](mailto:kgrey@circularhead.tas.gov.au)

**Learn for Life**  
a 26Ten Community

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789

26Ter  
Get the Tools for Life

## SMITHTON VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

**A VISITOR CENTRE WITH A DIFFERENCE!**

Open Daily 9 am - 5 pm  
Sat, Sun, Public Holidays 10 am - 2 pm

- Free Information, Brochures, Maps
- Accommodation & Tour Bookings
- Robotic Dairy Tours
- Milk Sales, Cheese Tastings & Sales
- National Parks Passes
- Free WIFI & Computer Usage
- Giftware & Souvenirs
- Theatre, Cafe, & Museum

Our back paddock

Museum Kids under 15 FREE

Cheese, Honey tastings and sales. Milk fresh from the dairy

Pavilions Cafe Milkshakes and treats

See the cows being milked by robots

CONTACT US: 03 64 135 333  
12 Nelson Street, Smithton, Tasmania  
[www.stanleyandtarkine.com.au](http://www.stanleyandtarkine.com.au)  
[www.discoverthetarkine.com.au](http://www.discoverthetarkine.com.au)



Winners of last years Soroptimist Unsung Heroine Award: Mary Saville, Margaret Williams, Stacey Monson, Amy Wilson, Anita Hine, Alicia Dudman and Ali Dennison.

## Nominations Open for 2025 Soroptimist Awards Honouring Local Women

Circular Head, Tasmania

Circular Head Council and Soroptimist International of Circular Head are calling on the community to nominate outstanding local women for the 2025 Soroptimist Awards. These awards celebrate women who make significant, often unrecognised, contributions to the community.

Whether it's someone who volunteers behind the scenes or a woman who has shown remarkable resilience through challenging circumstances, this is an opportunity to acknowledge their impact.

Nominations are open until Thursday, 31 July 2025. The award ceremony will be held on Friday, 22 August 2025, at the Hall of Fame, Circular Head Recreation Centre, Nelson Street, Smithton.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Circular Head Council website or collected from the Council reception or Smithton Library. Completed forms can be submitted via email to [council@circularhead.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@circularhead.tas.gov.au) or delivered in person to the Smithton Library.

Let's come together to celebrate the women who make Circular Head a stronger, kinder, and more connected community.

# STRINGS ON FIRE



*The music of Queen and Coldplay*

Saturday 13 September - 7pm at Stanley Town Hall  
\$40 - Tickets via Humanitix



# GET IN THE MOO'D

FOR A DAY OF FOOD, FUN & FLAVOUR!

FEATURING TASSIE'S BEST BEEF COOKED BY  
2024 MASTER CHEF RUNNER-UP JOSH 'PEZZA' PERRY



Cape Grim Beef - Robbins Island Wagyu - Perry's Quality Meats

Free La Cantara Artisan Cheeses Tasting

Free Robotic Dairy Tours - Pavilions Cafe House Made Meals and Desserts

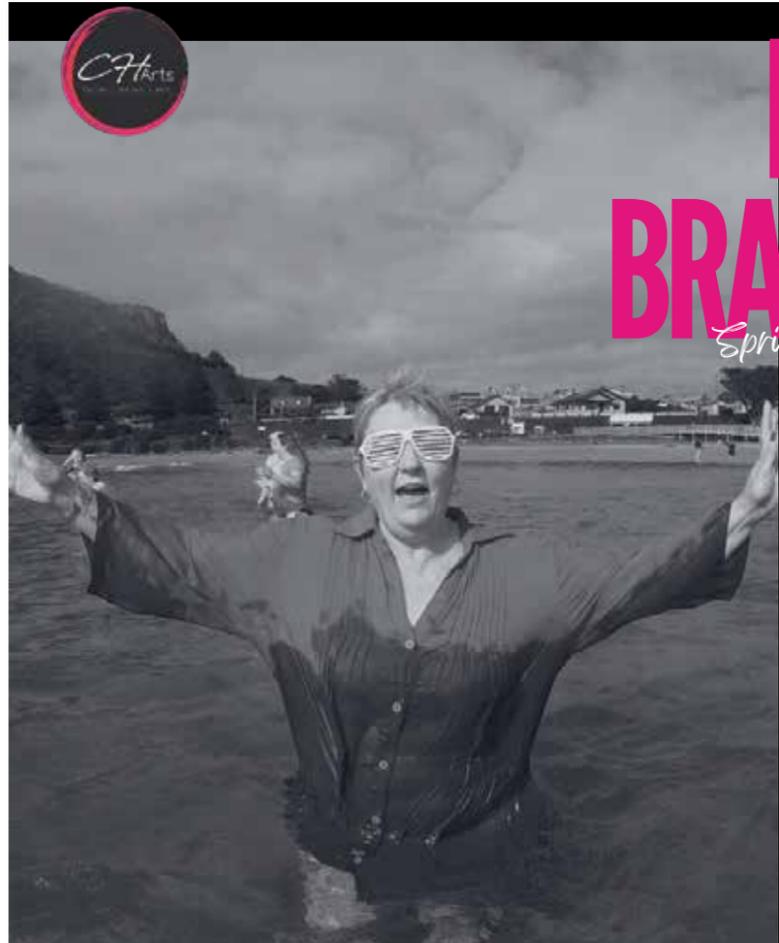
Market Stalls - Live Music - Games - Face Painting - Art and Craft Activities

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 11AM - 3PM  
DUCK RIVER PAVILIONS, 12 NELSON STREET, SMITHTON



# BE BRAVE

Spring Swim



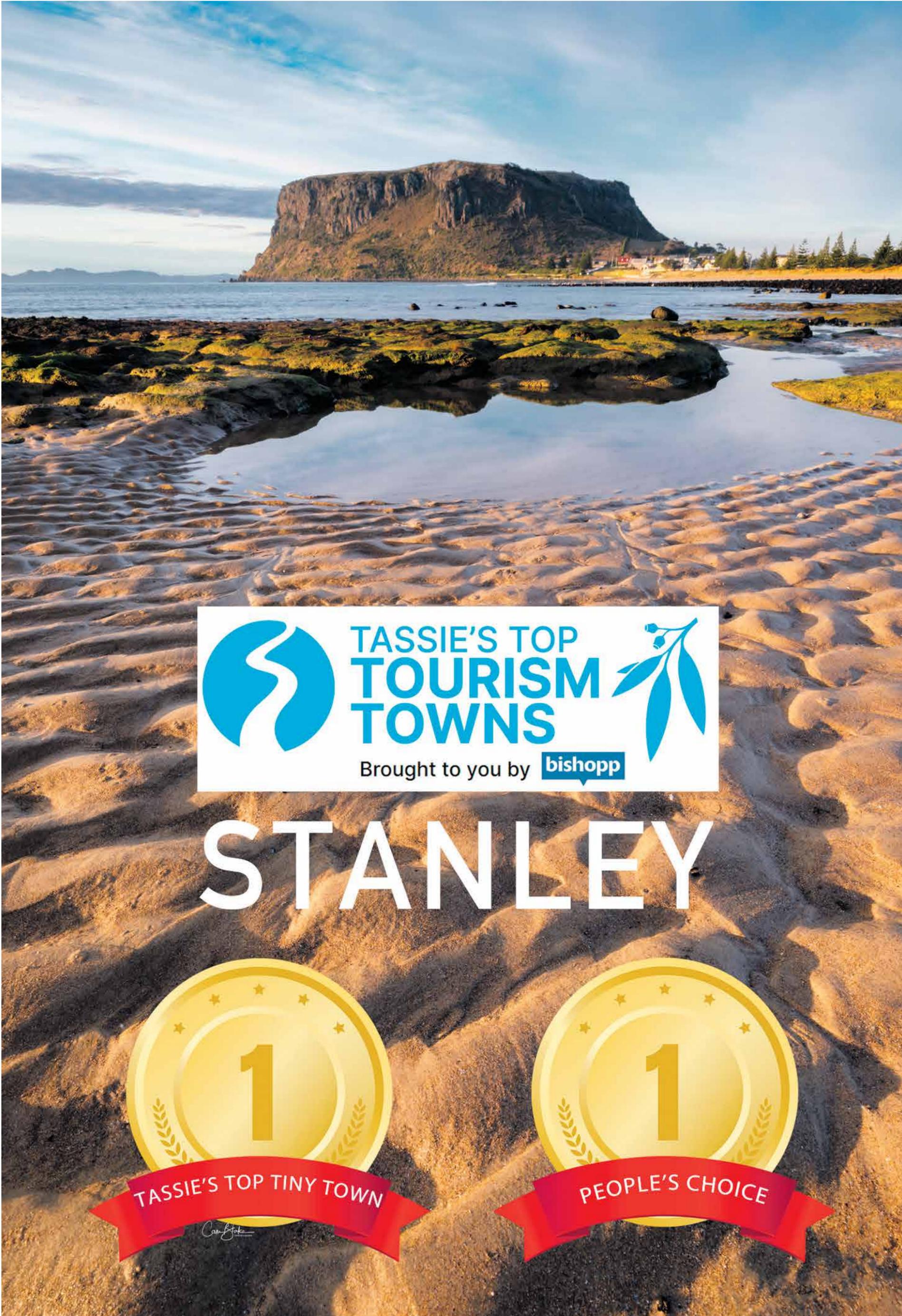
SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER, 2PM

GODFREY'S BEACH, STANLEY

Wear pink for this cold water plunge and a chance to win \$100!

Register early to save time on the day.






**TASSIE'S TOP  
TOURISM  
TOWNS**



Brought to you by **bishopp**

# STANLEY



**TASSIE'S TOP TINY TOWN**




**PEOPLE'S CHOICE**



## EXPLORE THE MAGIC OF THE OFF SEASON!

DISCOVER THE SERENE BEAUTY OF NORTH WEST TASMANIA DURING THE OFF SEASON. AS THE CROWDS DISPERSE, THE REGION TAKES ON A TRANQUIL CHARM, INVITING VISITORS TO EXPLORE ITS HIDDEN TREASURES AT THEIR OWN PACE. FROM THE RUGGED COASTLINE TO THE LUSH HINTERLANDS, NORTH WEST TASMANIA OFFERS A WEALTH OF NATURAL WONDERS WAITING TO BE UNCOVERED. EMBRACE THE QUIETUDE OF QUAIN COASTAL TOWNS, WHERE HISTORIC CHARM MEETS BREATHTAKING SCENERY.



OFFER

**TALL TIMBERS TASMANIA**

COSY REJUVENATING RETREAT



OFFER

**TALL TIMBERS ADVENTURE TOURS**

SENSORY JOURNEY



[STANLEYANDTARKINE.COM.AU](http://STANLEYANDTARKINE.COM.AU)



OFFER

**SHIP INN STANLEY**

THE ULTIMATE  
NUT-TY ADVENTURE



OFFER

**DUCK RIVER MEADOWS ROBOTIC DAIRY**

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN  
ROBOTS MILKING COWS?



OFFER

**STANLEY HOTEL**

CELLAR TABLE AT  
THE STANLEY HOTEL



OFFER

**BIG4 TASSIE GETAWAY PARKS**

STANLEY'S COASTAL  
HERITAGE ADVENTURE



OFFER

**STANLEY SEAVIEW INN**

STANLEY AND THE WILD WEST:  
DAY TRIP SURVIVAL PACK



OFFER

**POET'S COTTAGE STANLEY**

SECRETS OF THE CELLAR



OFFER

**BORRADALE STANLEY**

BE A FARMING MIDWIFE  
THIS WINTER



OFFER

**HORIZON DELUXE APARTMENTS**

FREE PREMIUM TASSIE BUBBLY  
AND CHEESE ON ARRIVAL



OFFER

**TALL TIMBERS BISTRO**

EMBRACE THE  
MAGIC OF WINTER



OFFER

**HURSEY SEAFOODS RESTAURANT**

TRUFFLE BY THE SEA



OFFER

**TARKINE FRESH OYSTERS**

TASTE THE TARKINE WITH  
HOT SHELLS AND SPICY SIPS



OFFER

**HANLON GUEST HOUSE**

COASTAL HERITAGE COMFORT



# The Unconformity Returns

Image: Jesse Hunniford

## An Update From the Artistic Director

By Loren Kronemyer, Artistic Director

As we prepare for the 2025 edition of The Unconformity, I'm excited to share a glimpse into how the festival is taking shape. This October marks 15 years since we first reimagined Queenstown as a stage for bold, unconventional creative experiences. We're almost ready to share our 2025 program, shaped by love for place, spirit, history, and landscapes of the West Coast.

Over the past few months, our team has been working closely with artists, community members and partners across the region – and the world – to create a festival that's deeply embedded in place, but never limited by expectation. We've welcomed new team members into the fold, and we're continuing to collaborate with local businesses, creatives and community members to make something extraordinary happen here, together. At the time of writing, we are embarking on commissioning local writers through the Moonland Retreat program, bringing Music Tasmania to the West Coast to collaborate with our extraordinary local musicians, and inviting photographers who live here to join our team in paid roles to document the festival.

This year, we're also introducing a free festival bus service, running daily from Burnie through to Queenstown, with stops in Tullah, Rosebery, Zeehan and Strahan. With Queenstown accommodation filling up quickly, this service allows friends and family to stay in surrounding towns and travel to the festival each day. Thanks to Events Tasmania for supporting this important accessibility initiative. Bus registrations will open in August, and we encourage visitors to connect with the West Coast Visitor Information Centre to plan their journey.

We look forward to sharing the full program with you soon. In the meantime, join us at our presale launch event, keep an eye out for opportunities, and, as always, if you're interested in being involved, please reach out. ■



Image: Jesse Hunniford

## Program Launch and Ticketing: Early Access For West Coasters

We're excited to launch the 2025 program with a special event in Queenstown – and give locals first access to tickets and discounts. We're also pleased to welcome Jess Curtain, our new Ticketing and Marketing Coordinator, who'll be your go-to for all things ticketing and available at the presale to help you navigate the program. Over 80% of our festival program is free. West Coast locals will have access to discounted tickets both online and in person.

Event	Date + Time	Where
Community Program Launch Event	Thu 21 Aug, 6pm	Queenstown Crows Clubrooms, Wilsdon Street Queenstown
Online Program Launch	Fri 22 Aug, 10am	theunconformity.com.au
Local Presale	Tue 26 Aug, 10am–5pm	The Unconformity Hall, 35 Cutten Street Queenstown
Public Tickets On Sale	Fri 29 Aug, 10am	theunconformity.com.au

## Calling West Coast Photographers

The Unconformity is seeking expressions of interest from West Coast-based photographers to join a mentorship program focused on arts and events documentation.

Participants will receive a paid honorarium, work alongside professional photographer Jesse Hunniford, and gain hands-on experience documenting the 2025 festival. This is a chance to build your portfolio, develop new skills, and explore pathways into the arts and tourism sectors.

This opportunity is open to photographers with their own equipment and an enthusiasm to expand their practice. More information is available at [theunconformity.com.au](https://theunconformity.com.au) ■



Image: Jesse Hunniford



Image: Rémi Chauvin

## Hospitality Businesses: Opportunities to Collaborate

The festival attracts thousands of visitors to the West Coast – and we want to ensure they're well-fed, warmly welcomed, and eager to return.

The Unconformity's newly appointed Tourism and Hospitality Business Coordinator, Steph Wiltshire, is here to connect with local operators and help showcase your offerings as part of the festival experience.

If you run a café, bar, restaurant, accommodation, or tourism experience throughout the West Coast region and would like to collaborate or feature in our festival promotions, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to [steph@theunconformity.com.au](mailto:steph@theunconformity.com.au) to start the conversation. ■

## Subscribe for updates

To keep updated on Open Hall events, employment opportunities and other festival updates, subscribe to our mailing list by visiting our website: [theunconformity.com.au/subscribe](https://theunconformity.com.au/subscribe)

THE **UNCONFORMITY**

## Baptism Celebration at Queenstown

It has been a great moment of joy for the community at Queenstown on 20th June 2025 where Five candidates of St. Joseph's Catholic School received the life of God through the sacrament of baptism at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature," member of Christ and coheir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit. The five neophytes born for the West Coast are: Tory Ann North, Charlotte Jane North, Ameliah Jade-Tenille North, Jac Joseph Taylor and Chloe Jean Margaret. They are a new creation and adopted children of God who are now partakers of the divine nature. Congrats!!! To all Neophytes of West Coast!!!!

The event of the Sacrament of Baptism took place at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Holy Eucharist at 8.50 am on 20th June 2025, in the presence of the parents, Godparents, teachers, students, friends and well-wishers. The event was organised by Principal Teresa

McLeod and Mrs. Carmen, the Religious Education Teacher. In the Holy Mass, Fr. Arokia welcomed all the neophytes of the West Coast for this great divine life and gave the homily on "God's Special Child" calling five candidates by name and God making them very special as priests, prophets and kings. After the Holy Mass, the Sacrament of Baptism rite continued by calling the candidates, parents and Godparents to the altar of God to offer them for the sanctifying Grace. Fr. Arokia proceeded with the Rite of Baptism and symbols of water, Oil of Catechumens Sacred Chrism, White Garment and Baptismal Candle making Tory, Charlotte, Ameliah, Jac and Chloe as God's children and a new creation.

Thanking God at this moment, let us all pray and bring people to this new life in Christ and become the coheirs of God's life on earth.

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



## Landcare volunteers battling on



Each summer for the past twelve years, the dedicated volunteers of Circular Head Landcare Group (CHLG) have donned their high-vis PPE and knapsacks and headed off to the tidal wetlands of north-west Tasmania, where they take on a persistent opponent: *Spartina anglica*, or Rice Grass.

Rice Grass is an invader of coastal areas around southern Australia, after it was initially introduced in the 1930s and '50s for bank stabilisation. The Rubicon and Tamar Rivers are examples of where the infestation has got out of control and is going to be very expensive and difficult to remove.

Not so in Circular Head, however, thanks to the huge efforts of Sue Jennings, Sam Cleland, Jeremy Ward, Jenny Ostefeld and their volunteer team. Over many years, CHLG, often with Australian Government funding via Cradle Coast Natural Resource Management (NRM), has treated the dense infestations in the "meadows" of Duck Bay, as well as sparser growth along the coast.

This summer, the team received funding from Circular Head Council's community small grants program and the Cradle Coast Authority's Regional NRM

Committee. Cradle Coast NRM is keen to keep partnering with Circular Head Landcare on protecting the coastal salt-marsh in the Circular Head coastal wetlands because it is a priority ecosystem and habitat for threatened and important biodiversity, as well as being part of a proposed Ramsar wetland.

These contributions covered the costs for contractors Hedges Environmental Weed Management and Coastal Landcare Services to work with CHLG volunteers and a staff member from Tas Oyster Co over a "big spray week" in February. During this week, the Duck Bay oyster growers voluntarily shut down to allow safe chemical treatment of Rice Grass.

As well as the paid contractors who worked on the denser patches of weeds, volunteers spent 640 unpaid hours traversing 94 kilometres of coastline, looking for individual plants popping up in the saltmarsh. A high-tech addition to the program saw drone spraying by Taz Drone Solutions trialled in some hard-to-access parts of the wetland.

Recent research by UTAS scientists has shown that removing the Rice Grass allows rapid restoration of the native saltmarsh plants and dramatically increases the abundance and diversity of juvenile native fish using the wetlands. Commercial and recreationally important fish species, like Yellow-eye Mullet, use the saltmarsh as a nursery, and there are many other species that are critically important as the base of the marine food web.

## Don't waste your time, let's get you sorted

### 1 Download the Recycle Mate app



Scan a bar code, search a product, and find where it goes!

### 2 Check out our website or get in touch with our NWRRR team



Go to [nwrrr.com.au](http://nwrrr.com.au) for more information!

### 3 Receive feedback with our bin checks



Remember recycling and FOGO is plastic bag free!

Scan the QR code for more information



# "TASMANIA NEEDS FRESH LEADERSHIP—NOT MORE DEBT, DELAYS, AND BROKEN PROMISES" INDEPENDENTS OFFER A VOICE FOR REAL CHANGE

## Jennifer Hamilton

Jennifer Hamilton is an Independent candidate for Braddon who believes education is the foundation for everything - confidence, opportunity, innovation, and stronger communities. A lifelong learner, entrepreneur, and community leader, Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and has built a life around listening deeply and taking meaningful action. Before moving to Tasmania, she co-owned a farm and abattoir - experience that gives her a strong understanding of regional economies, small business, and food production. Since settling on the North West

Coast, she's been actively involved in innovation, skills development, and local media - from pitching digital training tools to leading The Coastal Voice newspaper as President. Jennifer is focused on expanding what's already working and creating more opportunity across the region. Her key priorities include improving education and in-class support, earlier skills training linked to local jobs, mental health care in schools, and smart investment in Tasmania's people and future. Your Voice, Your Vote. Jennifer Hamilton, Independent for Braddon



## Adam Martin

I'm running as a fully independent candidate for Braddon because Tasmanians deserve real representation—not party spin or corporate donors. My priorities are:

Fixing core issues like housing, health, education, homelessness, and the environment.

Restoring transparency, accountability, and integrity to government.

Backing local industries and unlocking jobs through an "abundance agenda" that puts Tasmanians first.

I've run my own businesses as a builder, farmer, and professional,

and for 20 years I've worked in not-for-profit advocacy, standing up for regional communities. I'm also treasurer of my local fishing club and a lifelong supporter of recreational fishers.

In Parliament, I'll name and shame those responsible for the toxic culture damaging our healthcare system—especially at senior levels—and push for leadership reform, not just more reports.

I'll work with anyone to get results for our region—guided by principle, not party lines. Adam Martin Independent Candidate for Braddon [www.adammartin.au](http://www.adammartin.au)



## James Redgrave

Volunteer Leader with Veterans and Lions across Tasmania.

Responsible financial manager with multiple charities who support communities across Braddon

Successful Small Business owner in Braddon in construction and hospitality.

I spend my time giving back to communities in need, whether it's

highlighting council indiscretions or mismanagement.

To fight for better outcomes for veterans and their communities.

I have always got those less fortunate's back when it comes time to push hard against the rising tide of bureaucracy and red tape.

I'm a fearless warrior who will always be right beside those in need to ensure we build a better future for all Tasmanians.



## Matthew Morgan

My name is Matthew Morgan - Ungrouped Independent Candidate for Braddon. I am standing for the following:

1 Removal of utility charges on power for aged pensioners

2 Make sure the health system is properly funded

3 Overhaul the way new road builds are built since we adopted the Victorian way, it doesn't work

4 Autism affects 1 in 4 Tasmanians it's Tassies second largest disability

It's unfunded, this causes hardship for the disabled and their families

5 Access to wilderness forestry tracks for registered 4 wheel drive clubs and tour groups

7 How to Vote - I am an Ungrouped Independent - I strongly Suggest Vote 1 Craig Garland

2 Matthew Morgan Ungrouped independent

3 to 8 any of the Coordinated Independents in your choice of order

Or Vote 1 Matthew Morgan Ungrouped independent

2 Craig Garland

3 to 8 your Order of the Coordinated independents

Vote 1 Matthew Morgan Ungrouped Independent for Braddon



## Malcolm Ryan

Issues that are of a concern to me are our \$11 billion dollar debt by 2028, cost of living disaster, housing crisis, 50% of Tasmanians without adequate reading and writing skills and health spiralling out of control. Our parties have left community and have become corporate captured and are steamrolling our communities and we must send them a message that this is not ok.

I have experience in Agriculture, Mining (Rosebery), Business, Industry and manufacturing as well as trade qualifications and Grad Cert in Business (Utas). My community engagement with

Local Government, Tourism and Historical Society Committees and Boards have grounded me as have my extensive network of friends. I have been instrumental in Farmers Markets and GE Free Tasmania. Projects that I am working on are upgrades of the Burnie Port, Food Hub, Manufacturing Pyrolysis/Biochar industries and a hemp industry producing pharmaceuticals, clothes, building products and modular affordable homes.

Transparency and community are key attributes that underpin my life. [www.malcolmryan.net](http://www.malcolmryan.net)



## Craig Garland

Craig Garland is seeking the number 1 vote from Braddon voters again this election.

Craig is a Tasmanian fisherman and grassroots community advocate turned independent member of Parliament. Born and raised in Wynyard, Craig has a deep love for the ocean and the bush, which fuels his passion to protect Tasmania's West, Northwest, and King Island communities. After years of campaigning on fisheries management, coastal protection, and other issues that affect people in his local community, Craig was elected to the Tasmanian House of Assembly in 2024—becoming the first independent from Braddon to win a lower house seat at state or federal level. Craig

entered politics out of frustration with the major parties, which he believes have lost touch with ordinary Tasmanians. As an independent, Craig is driven by a deep commitment to the people of Braddon, not party politics or corporate agendas. He stands for accountability, integrity, sustainable resource management and affordable housing and energy. Known for his approachable, down-to-earth nature, Craig is a genuine voice for the people of Braddon.

Bio authorised by C. Garland, 325 Old Port Rd., Montagu, Tas, 7330



# INDEPENDENTS OFFER A VOICE FOR REAL CHANGE - A NEW BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN

Authorised by Malcolm Ryan 5 Faulkner Dr Latrobe 7307

# Update from Wyndarra

Wyndarra is excited to announce that Josh "Pezza" Perry our very own Master-Chef/Butcher will be head lining our major fundraiser in October with a Gourmet Degustation, along with live music by talented musician Zac Weeks. Save the date, Saturday October 11th, we will have further details in coming months.

Have you a few hours a month to spare for Wyndarra Committee of Governance!

Wyndarra is currently seeking passionate community members to join our Committee of Governance. We're fortunate to have a strong base of knowledge and experience among our current members, but we're eager to broaden our skill set and perspectives by welcoming new members. If you're committed to community development and interested in helping guide Wyndarra's strategic direction, we'd love to hear from you! This month at Wyndarra has been filled with fun, creativity, and collaboration. Participants have taken part in a variety of activities, including cooking, crafting, staying active with fitness sessions and even making their own cars for a special drive-in movie afternoon. Activities are chosen and organised by the participants and staff members.



## How can we help Veterans and their families?

The Veterans' & Families' Centre (TVFC) in Burnie is celebrating its first anniversary, marking a year of providing vital support to veterans and their families across North West Tasmania.

Established as grassroots, veteran-led initiative governed by the North West Tasmanian Veteran Board Inc., the Centre was founded to address the health, wellbeing, and social needs of those who have served our nation, along with their loved ones. It offers a welcoming and inclusive space with access to medical care, mental health services, DVA (Department of Veterans' Affairs) advocacy, and a range of community programs.

TVFC operates as both a walk-in hub and a mobile outreach service, extending its reach to rural and regional communities through school visits, community expos, home support, and local events. Its team — made up of veterans, partners, and caregivers — brings a wealth of lived experience and empathy, ensuring that every veteran feels respected, supported, and understood.

Among the dedicated professionals supporting Veterans in the community is Dr Andrew Clarke, who served over 18 years in the Australian Army before becoming a doctor. Today, he works closely with volunteer advocates at the Centre, providing compassionate medical care and helping veterans navigate their DVA claims.

If you are a veteran seeking medical support, please contact the Veterans' & Families' Centre on 03 6454 1899 to learn how the team can assist you.

As the Centre celebrates its first birthday on Friday, 19 July, the community is invited to join the festivities at 5/10 Marine Terrace, Burnie, from 11 am to 2 pm. There will be face painting, a funny photo booth, a sausage sizzle, and plenty more activities for the whole family to enjoy. TVFC's first year has demonstrated how collaboration, compassion, and purpose-driven service can break down barriers and build trust. As it moves forward, the Centre is committed to empowering the veteran community to thrive.

THE VETERANS' & FAMILIES' CENTRE



Veterans: United by Service,

MEDICAL WELLBEING SUPPORT

Supported by Us



5/10 Marine Tce  
Burnie, TAS

Strengthened by Family



03 6454 1899

[www.theveteransandfamiliescentre.org](http://www.theveteransandfamiliescentre.org)



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.

20049 Bass Highway, Crayfish Creek  
6443 4228

[caradale@bigpond.com](mailto:caradale@bigpond.com)

[www.crayfishcreekcoaccommodation.com.au](http://www.crayfishcreekcoaccommodation.com.au)

# A little town. A lot of magic

## Wynyard 'Gather and Glow' lights up the Coast

If you blink, you might miss Wynyard on the map, but tonight, this quiet coastal town felt like the beating heart of Tasmania. The recent 'Gather and Glow' event and Wynyard Night Market was nothing short of magical. Picture fire pits glowing against a crisp night sky, the sound of live music echoing across the water, and the smell of sizzling spuds wafting through the air.

Locals and visitors alike wandered between stalls bundled in coats, holding hot drinks and sticky desserts. There were handmade soaps, local art, timber crafts, vintage clothes, and quirky accessories, all the beautiful chaos of creativity on display. It had that unfiltered charm you can't fake.

The food was next level. From loaded spuds dripping in garlic butter and cheese to fire-roasted marshmallows and decadent toffee apples, every bite was worth the wait. I had the best homemade

Asian dumplings of my life!

One of the highlights was definitely the live music. Raw, soulful vocals filled the chilly air and made you want to stay just a little longer.

This wasn't just about food or shopping, it was about people. Everyone from toddlers to teenagers to grandparents were out tonight, rugged up and present. Wynyard doesn't pretend to be a bustling city, and that's exactly its magic. It's real. It's warm. It's a hug in market form.

Whether you came for the toasted marshmallows, the tunes, or the chance to bump into half the town you know - tonight reminded everyone that the simple things are still the best.

If you missed it, don't worry. Wynyard will be waiting, next market night, with a fire pit, a baked potato, and a sense of wonder you didn't know you needed.--

**Holly Loxton**



# A little town. A lot of magic

## Wynyard 'Gather and Glow' lights up the Coast



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WEST

## Rosebery Harvestime Church

Bible Based - Non Denominational

Bringing Christ to the Community and the Community to Christ

Bible study Fridays at 10:30am Sunday Services at 2:00pm

7 Agnes Street Rosebery (behind the pharmacy) 0466 011 913

[www.facebook.com/RoseberyHarvestimeChurch](http://www.facebook.com/RoseberyHarvestimeChurch)



## 2025 DATES

Memorial Hall, Orr Street, 11am-2pm

JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
1	6	3	7 Father's Day Market
OCT	OCT	NOV	DEC
5	19 The Unconformity Makers Market	2	7 Christmas Market

**BOOK YOUR STALL NOW!** call Robyn 0428 466 445

### THE GREAT ZEEHAN

#### BAKE OFF 2025

Location: Somer House

Date: Tuesday 15th July

Time: All Scones must be dropped off between 12:30pm-1pm, entries will not be accepted after this time.

\*1 entry per person

Judging will commence at 1:15pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

Prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd place.

Good luck we will see you at the Bake Off!

registration forms and criteria available from the ZMC.

## KIDS Holiday program

AT CONNECTION CENTRE

REGISTER CALL 0428 466 445 SPACES ARE LIMITED

<p>Paint &amp; Sip 9th July 10am-12pm Morning tea Provided \$5</p>	<p>Movie 16th July 11am-1pm Lunch provided Free</p>
--	---

Welcome to Our House

### PROVIDE CPR

REFRESHER

HLTAID009

DATE: TUESDAY 22nd July 2025  
TIME: 8am - 12pm  
VENUE: Study Hub West Coast, Zeehan  
COST: \$95.00 p/p

To register contact:

Tel: 03 6451 2807

Email: [yolande@studyhubwestcoast.com.au](mailto: yolande@studyhubwestcoast.com.au) or Mob: 0459 626 672

Email: [tracie@studyhubwestcoast.com.au](mailto: tracie@studyhubwestcoast.com.au) or Mob: 0491 205 400

**STUDYHUB WEST COAST**

### PROVIDE FIRST AID

HLTAID011

DATE: TUESDAY 22nd July 2025  
TIME: 8am - 4pm  
VENUE: Study Hub West Coast, Zeehan  
COST: \$195.00 p/p (BYO Lunch)

To register contact:

Tel: 03 6451 2807

Email: [yolande@studyhubwestcoast.com.au](mailto: yolande@studyhubwestcoast.com.au) or Mob: 0459 626 672

Email: [tracie@studyhubwestcoast.com.au](mailto: tracie@studyhubwestcoast.com.au) or Mob: 0491 205 400

**STUDYHUB WEST COAST**



## Galley Museum

Open Day – Wed 16/07/2025

Invitation to Galley Museum Open Day – Wednesday 16 July (From 10:30am)

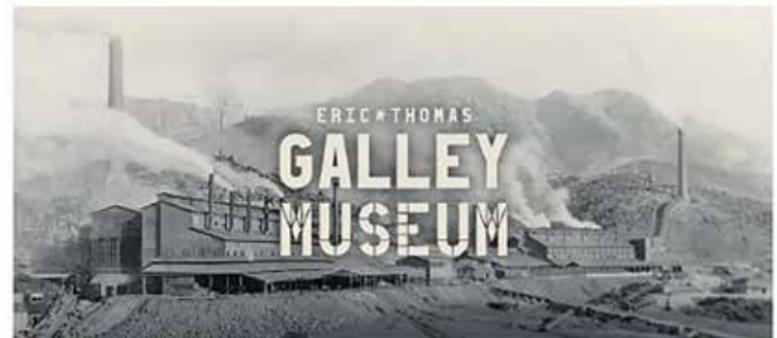
Children's University Tasmania (CU) invites you and family to visit the Galley Museum for this special event – featuring a range of fun activities to check out and explore!

Free Entry & Free Lunch/Refreshments

Try co-designed *Limitless Learning* activities – including the 'Mining Maze'

Find the Hidden Ducks activity – how many ducks will you find??

For CU Students - Earn 4 hours in your *Passport to Learning*



Date & Time – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July (arrive anytime from 10:30am onwards)

Location – Galley Museum, 1/7 Driffield Street, Queenstown 7467

Cost – Free (no booking required)

#### PLEASE NOTE

Students need to be under adult supervision (one adult may supervise more than one child)

Check out Galley Museum - <https://www.facebook.com/galleymuseum>



## ACTS

SAMWISE HEMMINGS  
NED TOWNSEND  
RUSSELL REDMOND

# JULY 18 2025

FREE ENTRY SHOW STARTS AT 7PM IN THE DINING ROOM

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE!

## CHRISTMAS COMEDY IN JULY

TULLAH LAKESIDE LODGE

## Visiting the West Coast

Monday and Tuesday, 4th & 5th August

As your local Member, please contact me if I can be of assistance 64308400

or [murchison@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:murchison@parliament.tas.gov.au)

32 Goldie Street, Wynyard

[www.ruthforrest.com.au](http://www.ruthforrest.com.au)



Hon.

**Ruth Forrest** MLC

Independent Member for Murchison

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NORTHWEST

**THE VETERANS' & FAMILIES' CENTRE**

**Happy 1st Birthday**

**Open Day**  
11:00 - 14:00  
19 July 2025  
Come in and see  
What we have on offer for  
Veterans & Families

5/10 Marine Tce  
Burnie, TAS 7320  
03 6454 1899

Snags & Cake  
Face Painting  
Roving Competitor  
Fun Photos

**JUSTIN KOSCHITZKE**

**7PM - SATURDAY, AUGUST 9**

Circular Head Community & Recreation Centre (the rec)  
\$15 - tickets via Humanitix (includes light supper)

Former St Kilda AFL star Justin Koschitzke hails from the small country town of Brocklesby, New South Wales where his family has run a farm since 1922. Justin is now a prominent mental health advocate drawing on his highs and lows in elite sport and deep connection with farming life to offer real hope, practical support and foster resilience.

**Rotary Club of Smithton Annual Book Fair**

**59 Emmett Street ( x Treasure chest building)**

**Monday 21st July-2nd August 2025.**  
Monday-Friday 10am-3.30pm & Saturdays from 10am-12.30pm.

This year we are raising funds to go towards Pre-Kinder Books for all Circular Head School & Carpet tiles for Riverbend Youth Centre.

We welcome any donations of Books & Puzzles please.  
Any queries or book donations etc. please ring Wendy Gray on 0429 186 876

*Save the Date*

**Wyndarra Gala Dinner & Auction**

Saturday, 11th October 2025

Gourmet Degustation prepared by  
Josh "Pezza" Perry

Live music by Zac Weeks Music

In aid of Wyndarra's Specialised Disability Accommodation project.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details

Community Bank  
Smithton & Districts  
**Bendigo Bank**

**Saputo**

Sharan and Glen McLaren

TasVets  
Animal Health Partners

**Circular Head Men's Shed Inc**

**Notice of AGM and Special Meeting**

Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Circular Head Men's Shed Inc. will be held on Wednesday 6th August 2025 at 10:00am, in the Meeting Room. Following the AGM, a Special Meeting will be held to discuss and vote on the proposed construction of a new shed. Nomination forms for leadership positions are now available and must be submitted by Wednesday 30th July 2025. Only financial members (paid by 30th July) are eligible to vote at the AGM. All members are encouraged to attend. For more information or to raise questions in advance, please contact the Secretary: [chms\\_secretary@mensshedcircularhead.org](mailto:chms_secretary@mensshedcircularhead.org)

**Visiting Smithton on Wednesday 6th August**

As your local Member, please contact me if I can be of assistance 64308400 or [murchison@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:murchison@parliament.tas.gov.au)  
32 Goldie Street, Wynyard  
[www.ruthforrest.com.au](http://www.ruthforrest.com.au)

Hon. **Ruth Forrest** MLC  
Independent Member for Murchison

# Stanley Bicentenary Celebrations for 2026

Over the November long weekend in 2026, Bicentenary celebrations will be held to celebrate 200 years of European settlement at Stanley. Named as Circular Head by Bass and Flinders when they circumnavigated Van Diemen's Land in 1798, Stanley became the first settle-

interested in developing a supply of fine wool for the British textile industry. By Royal Charter (1825), the Company was granted the right to select acreage in the unexplored area of the far North-West. An advance party consisting of a group of senior officers headed by the Compa-

March 1826. After exploratory expeditions which found the land did not meet the Company's expectations, Edward Curr argued with Lt-Gov. George Arthur over the location but Arthur insisted that the VDL Co restrict its selection of land to the country west of the Mersey Riv-

Circular Head (Stanley) was chosen as the site for the first settlement, mainly due to the port accessibility by sailing vessels.

After leaving England on April 21, 1826 the brig *Tranmere* arrived at George Town September 29, 1826 before heading on to Circular Head (Stanley) and unloading on October 27. Apart from supplies, the first settlers comprised 14 indentured servants, 3 of whom were married, and one family.

Livestock included 46 Cotswold sheep, 2 stallions (Suffolk and Cleveland), 4 Teeswater and Durham cattle. A further 1,500 ewes were purchased from Thomas and Joseph Archer of Woolmers, Longford, along with other imported merinos – these formed the future foundation of the company's flock.

In 1831 the decision was made that Circular Head (Stanley) would become the headquarters for the Company's operations. A weatherboard cottage at the Highfield precinct was built in 1827 for Edward Curr and his family but between 1832 and 1835, a substantial homestead (Highfield) was constructed with gardens laid out in a manner befitting a gentleman's residence.

While details are still to be finalised for the weekend 31st October until 2nd November 2026, there will be a Back to Stanley day on Sunday 1st November at Highfield; a procession of floats on Saturday where the public and various groups will be invited to participate, and other events utilising the Town Hall and Museum.

**Compiled by the Stanley Discovery Museum. Email: stanleydiscoverymuseum@gmail.com**



1976 Sesquicentenary celebrations where townsfolk dressed up for the occasion

ment west of Devonport. It was named in 1842 after the Secretary of State for the British Colonies, Lord Stanley.

The Van Diemen's Land Company (VDL Co) was formed in May 1824 by wealthy London merchants, who were

ny Chief Agent, Edward Curr (27yrs), and accompanied by Stephen Adey (Superintendent), Alexander Goldie (agriculturalist), Henry Hellyer (surveyor and architect) and surveyors, Joseph Fossey and Clement Lorymer, landed in Hobart

er, beyond the ramparts of the unknown. The Company was finally permitted to select several blocks totalling 350,000 acres including 100,000 acres at Cape Grim (Woolnorth) and 20,000 acres at Circular Head (Stanley).

## Works progress on The Nut Walking Track

Upgrades to one of the North West's most iconic destinations is underway.

Minister for Parks, Nick Duigan, said it was great to see these infrastructure improvements making progress.

"The Nut State Reserve as one of Stanley's key attractions is set to benefit with works for a new walking track connecting Godfrey's Beach to the Nut," Minister Duigan said. "As part of the Tasmanian Government's \$2.3 million commitment over four years to improve safety and accessibility at the Reserve, a contract has been awarded to Phil Templeton Building Pty Ltd to undertake the first stage of works.

"The project will deliver a new walking track, which runs parallel to Browns Road and follows the curve of the hill to The Nut carpark. "As part of our commitment to improve accessibility in our Parks and Reserves, an all-access track will also be constructed to connect the carpark to the sandstone obelisk at the base of the Zig Zag track, enhancing accessibility for all visitors.

"We know around 50,000 visitors each year stop by the Nut. That's why making

these improvements is a key part of our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future."

Gabriella Conti, CEO of West by North West, has welcomed the news.

"Stanley remains a major tourism highlight on the North-West Coast, offering the world's cleanest air and breathtaking views from the summit of the Nut, an iconic and ancient landscape," Ms Conti said. "These planned upgrades will enhance the Reserve, with improved amenities including the Godfreys Beach track.

"A big thank you to the Circular Head Tourism Association for their advocacy support for this project which will deliver upgrades for locals and visitors to the area."

Clint Walker, who ad-

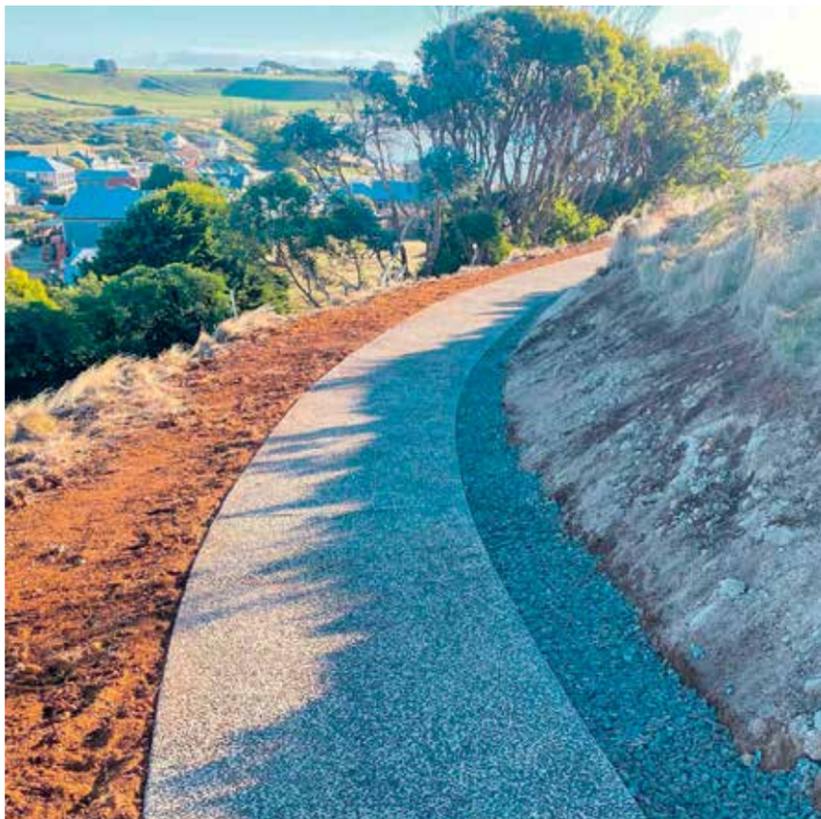
vocated for the project as part of the Circular Head Tourism Association joined Ms Conti in backing this project in.

"It's fantastic to be able to work with the State Government to get this project up and underway for the iconic Stanley Nut," Mr Walker said.

"From a tourism perspective, these improvements will not only enrich the visitor experience but complement other local attractions."

This project is part of a broader plan to enhance the visitor experience at The Nut including investigating the feasibility of a walking track connecting The Nut carpark to the Stanley wharf precinct and installing a new cantilevered viewing platform.

Throughout construction, The Nut carpark and Zig Zag track will remain open, with measures including fencing and signage in place to help ensure public safety and awareness.



# A few knights in the park

Photos by Alan Jennison



Medieval warriors - left to right, Alan Maxwell, then Isaac Cumming, then David Saunders then Dillon Cosgrove then Liam Rackley then Melissa Budnik

Our story started back in April 2023 when a breakaway group of ten medieval fighters from the Burnie Knights Templar decided to go and form their own new sword fighting club based in Wynyard specialising in Viking and Knight Armoured combat using a variety of different weapons and styles.

It was called the Van Diemens Sword-fighters Association. Inc

We have been very much supported by Waratah- Wynyard Council who let us use Gutteridge Gardens in Wynyard every Sunday morning for our training sessions from 9.30am – 12.00pm.

We are Instructed by our own Knight Sir David Saunders who has over 15yrs of Swordsmanship experience.

We have two types of fighting styles you can either practise Viking or Knight or even both if your skills allow. We use a ten numbered hit points fighting system and you will learn your sword striking accuracy skills on the numbered points marked wooden dummy called BOB.

You will also learn striking, blocking and footwork in the beginning and evolve into light combat until skills are automatic. We have a grading system with 6 ranking levels from Squire to Knight and Dreng to Jarl in the Viking

side which are not given out lightly.

We learn how to use single swords, shields, double sword, spear, axes, daggers and mace. A typical training session would consist of sword strike and blocking techniques. Endurance and strengthening your arm muscles, lots of swordsman footwork training and then progressing to light combat later in the session all in armour and helms.

We train all year and then perform our skills at various shows around Tasmania to the public in fully Armoured Medieval battles and have an interactive armour and sword display tent as well. This year we will be performing at Burnie Show, Tulip Festival, Longford Show in October and the Military Fair at Deloraine Showground in late November.

We currently have six male and two female fighting members in Wynyard and two fighters in Launceston.

We are actively trying to recruit new interested people 13yrs+ to Senior for our Wynyard Sword group so come along if you are keen to have a free try-out with our protective equipment and sword supplied.

We are all members of the Australian Reenactors Association who supply our public liability insurance.



# DIRECTORY - WHERE TO SHOP/STAY/WHO CAN HELP?

## Rosebery OP-SHOP & SALVAGE YARD

Located at 12 Agnes Street Rosebery 7470 (In the old Rosebery post office, main street). Rosebery OP Shop and Salvage Yard has recently completed renovations making more room for new stock and there's more room for you to browse at your leisure. Furniture, clothing, shoes, white goods, kitchenware, appliances, DVDs and much more. We sell on consignment, buy, sell, and we accept donations too. Both cash or card payments are accepted. We are open Wednesdays through to Sundays from 10am to 3pm Follow us on facebook too for updates, or call us on 042 173 5693...



**Buster loves a bark!...and you love a bargain!**



Luxury Apartment & Bilbos Cottage  
38 King Street, Smithton, Tasmania 7330

Located in the central Smithton CBD  
Phone Andy  
**0450 911 955**  
Email [littlebirdsmithton@outlook.com](mailto:littlebirdsmithton@outlook.com)





## Breathe Right



Sleep Apnoea? Athsma? Anxiety?

The power to change occurs **20,000** times per day. This is the average number of breaths we take in 24 hours. A subtle change in the way you breathe has a profound effect on all elements of your being.

It is the foundational movement of life.



Shannon was a registered nurse who became a circus performer and is now a breath coach specialising in The Buteyko Method

Information Session  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> July  
12 Featherstone St  
Strahan  
6.30 pm  
**\$5**

Contact Shannon 0457 388 137  
[breathe\\_fix](https://www.instagram.com/breathe_fix) [Breathe Right Buteyko](https://www.facebook.com/BreatheRightButeyko)  
[shannonmccurgan.net](http://shannonmccurgan.net) [breathe-right-mbm](https://www.facebook.com/breathe-right-mbm)

## Just Jak's

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

**10 to 50% WINTER SALE OFF STOREWIDE NOW ON!!**

RipCurl Salty Crew Crocs Bonds Levis Thomas Cook Swannndri + More Brands

CUT THIS WHOLE ADVERTISEMENT OUT OF THE WESTERN ECHO AND BRING IT IN TO RECEIVE AN EXTRA 10% OFF YOUR PURCHASE. NO PHOTO COPIES ACCEPTED.

**SHOP 2/74 EMMETT STREET, SMITHTON.**  
ACCESS VIA IGA CAR PARK OR DOWN THE WALKWAY NEXT TO THE JEWELLERS



## THE TYRE BOX

QUEENSTOWN

**MAXXIS**

**RAZR AT-781**



The Tyrebox has provided tyre sales and repairs to the west coast for 14 years. With over 300 tyres in stock in popular sizes to suit passenger, SUV, commercial & 4WD vehicles.

Simon is excited to announce the arrival of the new MAXXIS RAZR AT 781 ats range, which supercedes the AT771 in many popular 4wd sizes.

"When you need to retyre" Call Simon on 64 711440 Industrial estate, Queenstown

## Stockists of:

- Steel ▪ Aluminium
- Stainless ▪ Chain
- Seals ▪ Bolts ▪ Bearings
- Tapered Sleeves
- Hydraulic Hose & Fittings
- Welding Consumables
- Hydraulic Cylinders



16-18 Grey St, Smithton TAS  
**6452 1447**

# DIRECTORY - WHERE TO SHOP/STAY/WHO CAN HELP?

**SHOP LOCAL  
& SUPPORT OUR  
COMMUNITY**



Friendly service and home delivery since 1898.



**EVANS**

**PHONE 6471 1122**  
admin@evansiga.com

**Huon Pine Gallery  
and Shop - Strahan  
Handcrafted Huon  
Pine Wares**



**Huon Pine  
Shop & Gallery**

12 Esplanade, Strahan  
Tasmania 7488

**M:** (03) 6471 7244  
**E:** sales@huonpineshop.com.au  
**W:** huonpineshop.com.au



**RAILWAY EXPRESS  
Queenstown**



We work very hard to put our customers first, providing quality on focus. As a community-driven business, we pride ourselves on supporting the local community and its events.



**Lotto now in store!**

30 Orr Street, Queenstown,  
**6471 1025**

**Real food, real people,  
and always a smile at  
Molly's Cafe  
Strahan**



**Dine in or Takeaway,  
just a snack or a  
complete meal, and a  
range of grocery items**  
8 - 10 Innes Street Strahan  
Ph: (03) 6471 7253



PURVEYORS of  
**FINE GOODS**  
& ARTISAN WARES  
44 GOLDIE ST, WYNYARD

**Lemon Tree  
PROVIDORE**

Homewares & kitchenalia

Unique gifts

Hard to find ingredients

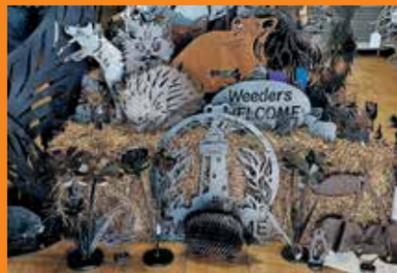
Tasmanian made products

Serving Tassie ice cream

44 Goldie St, Wynyard  
ph. 0421 831 575

**Rural and Rust  
Unique Australian  
Made Gifts**

**Metal Art, Local Jigsaw  
Puzzles, Tasmanian Fudge,  
Leadlight Creations, Local  
Tarkine Honey, Stubby  
Holders, Books, Fridge  
Magnets and much more**



**26 Smith St, Smithton**

**FOREST  
GENERAL STORE**

**Cafe, takeaway,  
all homemade  
cooking,  
fish & chips, pizza  
General Store,  
Groceries and  
Post Office.**

**526 Mengha Road  
Forest  
6458 3139**

**PAGE  
BRICKLAYING**

**SPECIALISING IN  
HERITAGE WORK,  
NEW RENO'S AND  
HOUSE BUILDS.  
WEST AND  
NORTHWEST  
CALL JARRIN ON  
0437 953 815**



**ROD GLOVER  
LEGAL**

LAWYERS & CONVEYANCERS

19 Goldie Street, Wynyard  
www.gloverlegal.com.au

- Conveyancing Specialists assisting with the sale and purchase of homes, vacant land, farms, businesses and commercial properties
- Wills, Powers of Attorney and Estate Planning
- Specialists in all Personal Injuries Claims including motor vehicle accidents, workers compensation and criminal injuries compensation claims

Call for an obligation free quote  
**1300 762 753**

**Stuart Cox  
PLASTERING**

**\*New homes  
\*Renovations  
\*Suspended  
plasterboard & rondo  
exposed grid ceilings**



**GH  
HANDY HIRES  
IRISHTOWN, TAS**

**Trailer Hire**

- Dry Hire
- State-wide Towing quoted
- 3.2T Car Trailers With Tiedowns
- Single cage with ladder rack
- Tandem cage trailer
- Medium Enclosed Trailer
- Large Hydraulic Tipper/Flatbed
- Tandem trailer, Cattle hurdles

f-CH Trailer Hire  
**0408 240 509**  
CH.HANDYHIRES@GMAIL.COM

# Study Hub West Coast news

## Study Hub West Coast

The past few months have been busy at the Hub. In May, 91 people participated in various training workshops, including White Card, Chainsaw Operation and Maintenance, and Anaphylaxis First Aid. We welcomed visitors from Rural Health Tasmania, the University of Tasmania's Financial Literacy program, Rosebery District High, and My Pathway. Regional Development Australia, Tasmania, also held a successful Network Night at the Hub.

We had a visit from the Civil Contractors Federation Tasmania's Simulator van, which demonstrated how to operate an excavator and loader. We're plan-

ning more training workshops and study options for the West Coast. Upcoming events include our second WHS for Managers and Supervisors Course, additional First Aid sessions, and more. Let us know what you'd like to see and do!

We're also gauging interest in forming a U3A (University of the Third Age) group. U3A offers learning for pleasure for those aged 50 and above, with no certifications or assessments. It's a great way to connect with like-minded people and share knowledge. Contact the West Coast Study Hub for more information: (03) 6451 2807, [info@studyhubwest-coast.com.au](mailto:info@studyhubwest-coast.com.au), or visit us at 6 Fredrick St, Zeehan.

## Study Centre Circular Head

Last month, the Study Centre Circular Head hosted three popular First Aid courses. Darren from Alive and Well Training conducted a Mental Health First Aid course, which is increasingly important for businesses to consider, due to new WHS laws on managing psychosocial hazards. Jacki from West North West Working held a Resume 101 workshop to help people succeed in their job searches.

TasTAFE is offering an Agricultural Chemical Skill Set course on July 16-17. Register on the TasTAFE website. On July 15, we're hosting a student BBQ to celebrate the midyear break. Join us at 12:30 for a relaxed atmosphere, food, and a celebration of your semester one successes!

Congratulations to Iris Cartwright, the new Community Experience Leader for Circular Head. Iris, who is studying Pharmacy at the University of Tasmania's Cradle Coast Campus in Burnie, will host local events to help students connect and unwind. Stay tuned for more details.

Semester two is starting soon. If you need advice on enrolling, are a new student, or missed the re-registration deadline, visit the Study Centre. We now have widescreen curved monitors to make drafting assignments easier. Come and try them out!

Visit us at 12 Nelson Street, Smithton, or contact: 0499 173 118 or [students@studycentrech.com.au](mailto:students@studycentrech.com.au)

Watch our Facebook pages for upcoming events.

Name: .....  
 Age: .....  
 Postcode: .....  
 Email: .....



# The FOGO

Food Organics & Garden Organics cycle



**This stops waste and helps us grow more food**



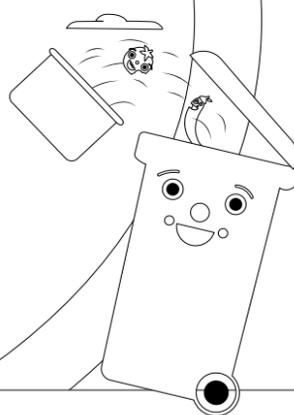
Go to [nwrrr.com.au](http://nwrrr.com.au) for more information



**We collect the scraps from our kitchen and garden**



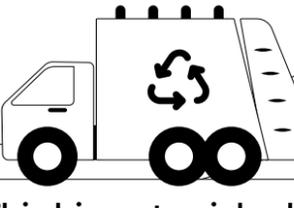
**The compost is used to nourish the soil on farms and in gardens**



**and put them in our FOGO kerbside bin**



**The scraps are taken to a composting facility**



**This bin gets picked up fortnightly**

**Please mail your artwork to:**  
 PO Box 46,  
 Devonport TAS 7310



## A Fresh Start for the West Coast

VOTE 1

# ANITA DOW

LABOR MEMBER FOR BRADDON



Authorised by J Moore, Australian Labor Party,  
 L 2/63 Salamanca Pl, Hobart TAS 7000

# WESTERN ECHO PUZZLE PAGE

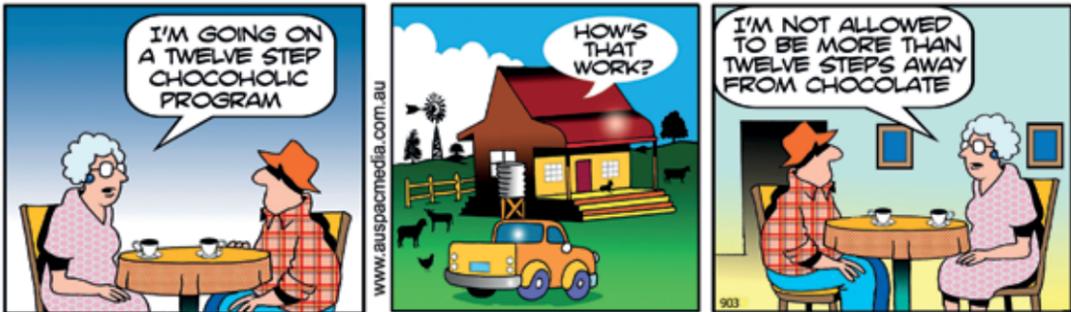
## SWAMP



## BEYOND THE BLACK STUMP



## CLANCY



## INSANITY STREAK



## AGAINST THE GRAIN



## JUMBLE No. 689

R	A	N
H	G	P
A	E	L

**TODAY'S TARGET**  
 16 Words **Good**  
 20 Words **Very Good**  
 24 Words **Excellent**  
 28 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. 010

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

## CROSSWORD No. 10858

### ACROSS

- Be merciful to
- Inflamed swelling
- Keen
- Dash
- Hospital rooms
- Capital of Peru
- Weird
- Periods of time
- Was concerned
- Finished
- Minute particle
- Singers
- Speed an engine
- Strict vegetarian
- Meshed fabric
- American inventor
- Plunge head first
- Stair handrail post
- Niggard
- Long detailed story
- Speed contests
- Tidy
- Small clumps

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		9				10	
11				12			
		13				14	15
17	18			19	20		
21			22	23			24
25			26				27
28		29				30	
		31			32	33	
34	35			36			
			37			38	
39				40			
			41				42

- Stylish
- Wearies
- Level
- Prepared
- Eastern
- Very heavy
- Cautious
- Favourite of Aphrodite
- Sibling
- Fondle
- Wandering
- Lair
- Produce
- Returned to former habit
- Solemn promise
- Meeting of spiritualists
- Discontinuance
- Ancient tongue
- Measuring instrument
- Prolonged pain

### DOWN

- Appeased
- Buy back
- Comforted
- Misrepresent

## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16509

### ACROSS

- Slight possibility of opportunity of being away? (3,6)
- Laid-back - it shows in the face (4)
- With all meals provided, the directors don't go hungry! (4,5)
- With idiot removed, class always look bright (6)
- Healthy noise (5)
- So the ones there (5)
- Have some idea, doubtless, but no life (4)
- Sporting sober gowns (5)
- A portent for workers joining circle (4)
- A number suffer defeat, but there's not much in it (5)
- Have a feeling for the meaning (5)
- Run to get Soviet Leader's picture from negative (6)
- Obtain some furniture which is accessible (3-2-4)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8							
		9					
10							
				11		12	13
14						15	
			16			17	
18		19				20	
		21		22			
	23				24		
25						26	
27							

- Space set back to tie up the boat (4)
- Change neat arrangement of every other one (9)
- Prisoner's room has nothing but an instrument (5)
- To be rich involves making a leap (6)
- Spiritual charge to heal (4)
- There aren't so many in real life, we realise (5)
- Bears sword (5)
- Diet's poor for someone putting money in bank (9)
- Coming to rue awfully exciting experience (9)
- Freedom of opportunity in a disco, perhaps (5)
- Deny entry after directions (6)
- Health resort in the country (5)
- Transaction in timber (4)
- Lost place in regular programme (4)

### DOWN

- Cautioned about schooling (9)
- Produce brief record, as musicians do? (4,5)
- A number mostly belonging to us (4)

## PREVIOUS ANSWERS

### Crossword No. 10857

T	D	D	E	F	E	R	H	E	N
O	B	E	S	E	N	O	D	E	E
T	R	A	S	L	A	S	T	S	A
E	R	A	S	E	R	E	C	T	E
M	E	D	I	T	A	T	E	R	E
G	E	N	E	S	E	C	U	R	E
I	C	D	S	C	A	N			
U	S	H	E	R	E	D	M	I	S
T	A	R	R	A	D	I	A	T	E
H	E	R	E	T	I	C	S	L	I
A	R	M	E	V	E	N	S	F	C
R	E	L	S	E	C	L	A	T	
P	O	D	T	S	A	R	S	E	S

### Sudoku No. 009

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

### Cryptic No. 16508

- Across:** 1 Slap; 3 Fortress; 8 Mark; 9 Standing; 11 Round figures; 13 Red hot; 14 Staple; 17 Obstreperous; 20 Doggedly; 21 Dame; 22 Ministry; 23 Mead.
- Down:** 1 Sombro; 2 Aground; 4 Obtain; 5 Tongue-tied; 6 Elite; 7 Saga; 10 Adroitness; 12 Bedstead; 15 Profane; 16 Dealer; 18 Begin; 19 Edam.

### Jumble 688

esker esteem ester kermes meek meet mere mete meter metre muse musket MUSKETEER mustee muster mute reek reset rest resume rete retuse reuse ruse seek seeker seem seer sere serum skeet steer stem stere suet sure team term terse tree trek true tusker user

## Pickleball is strengthening communities

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in Australia, why is that? With over 25 million active players in 110 countries let's take a closer look.

Invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island Washington, it was created by Joel Pritchard, Barney McCallum, and Bill Bell, who were looking for a game their families could play together. They were trying to play badminton with their kids but couldn't find any shuttlecocks. Rather than give up on having some fun, they found a whiffle ball, lowered their badminton net and fashioned some oversized table tennis paddles out of plywood and had a rousing game of pickleball.

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, squash, badminton, and ping-pong. It's easier to play than tennis due to the smaller court size, lower net and slower ball speed. It's played with a plastic ball and paddles and can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels. Known as a very social sport and for its fun and engaging gameplay, with a mix of strategic shots and quick reflexes.

Our local success story is the Wynyard Pickleball Club which started just 2 years ago and has seen rapid growth. With over 150 active players 12-80 years of age, making it one of the fastest growing clubs in Tasmania. Costing just \$5

to play, including the free use of a paddle, people in the Northwest are flocking to this social game. If you have never played before or looking to become the next local superstar this all-inclusive sport may just be the game for you. The club at Wynyard is super friendly and welcoming, providing free coaching and a supportive club atmosphere.

What makes this sport such a hit is the fun you see everyone having on the court. You can pick up the basic skills quickly, have a laugh and connect with your local community and on the more competitive side play in statewide tournaments. Having a game provides a natural sense of inclusion and belonging. It's uplifting to the soul, provides heaps of enjoyment and you walk away feeling happy.

Social community sports like Pickleball offer numerous positive benefits for individuals, including improved physical and mental health, enhanced social connections and opportunities for personal growth. These benefits extend to individuals of all ages and backgrounds, contributing to stronger communities and a more vibrant society.

Have a game. Get involved. Feel good.

For more information visit [www.facebook.com/wynyardpickleball](http://www.facebook.com/wynyardpickleball) or contact [www.pickleballtasmania.org.au/contact](http://www.pickleballtasmania.org.au/contact)



# WE PLAY PICKLEBALL - WYNYARD

Story by Ali Corbett Photos by Alan Jennison



ADVERTISEMENT

Vote **1** **Miriam BESWICK**  
for **BRADDON**

Vote 2 Andrew **ROBERTS**

then vote 3 through 7 for another  
five candidates of your choice

**Balance the budget**

**Bench the stadium**

**Fix the basics first**

**THE NATIONALS**   
*for the Rest of Us*

Authorised by B. de Jong, The National Party of Australia - Tasmania,  
v3 William Street, Longford TAS 7301



# WE PLAY WYNYARD BMX CLUB

Photos by Alan Jennison

Located at the end of Lowe Street in the heart of Wynyard lies a hidden gem of community spirit and adrenaline-fueled fun — the Wynyard BMX Club. More than just a sporting venue, this club is a vibrant, family-oriented hub where riders of all ages and abilities come together to share their love of BMX racing.

Founded on the principles of fun, skill-building, and healthy competition, the Wynyard BMX Club welcomes everyone — from toddlers on balance bikes to seasoned adult racers. With a strong emphasis on inclusivity and community, the club has become a second home for many local families.

The club operates year-round, with weekly practice nights and Sunday race days that keep the energy high and the wheels spinning. Even during the cooler months, the track remains a hive of activity, only pausing briefly for the Christmas/New Year period and school holidays.

What sets Wynyard BMX Club apart is its deep-rooted family culture. It's not uncommon to see entire families — kids, parents, and even grandparents — lining up at the start gate. The club fosters an

environment where everyone feels welcome, supported, and part of something bigger.

"Our riders, families, and volunteers are our greatest assets," says a club spokesperson. "We're all about creating a safe, energetic space where people can connect, grow, and have a blast on two wheels."

The club's track, solely maintained by dedicated volunteers, is open to the public when not in use for official events. It stands as a testament to the power of community involvement and the shared passion for BMX.

Whether you're a curious newcomer, a seasoned racer, or a parent looking for a fun and active outlet for your kids, Wynyard BMX Club offers something for everyone. It's not just about racing — it's about building confidence, making lifelong friendships, and strengthening family bonds.

Wynyard BMX Club is located at the end of Lowe Street, Wynyard. New members and visiting riders from other clubs are always welcome, visit our Facebook page for more information.



# WE PLAY WYNYARD BMX CLUB

Photos by Alan Jennison



UNIVERSITY of  TASMANIA

## Pathways to study

Because university is for everyone

Our pathways courses are a supportive and flexible way to help you start studying, so you can reach your goals no matter your experience or background.

- **University Preparation Program:** build the confidence and academic skills you need for university study
- **Diploma of University Studies:** prepare to study a bachelor's degree with units relevant to the course you're interested in
- **Undergraduate Certificates:** short, flexible qualifications to help you boost your career, or pursue an area of interest, ranging from creative arts to healthcare and science.

And with flexible options, and study hubs in regional areas, you can study in a way that fits your life, wherever you are.



Scan here to learn more,  
or visit [utas.edu.au/pathways](https://utas.edu.au/pathways)

## AFL's Justin Koschitzke to visit Smithton

Former AFL star Justin Koschitzke is set to visit Smithton this August as a keynote speaker for a community event. Presented by community group Stronger Together in Circular Head (STiCH), the event is part of a broader mission to break down stigma, encourage open conversations, and build stronger, more connected communities in the region.

Koschitzke, a much-loved former St Kilda player, is no stranger to the pressures of high-level sport and the challenges of life beyond the game. Having played over 200 games in the AFL between 2001 and 2013, the 197cm ruckman was known for his physical presence, leadership, and commitment to his team. But it's what came after football that has shaped his second career, one grounded in mental health advocacy and community support.

Growing up in the rural town of Brocklesby in southern New South Wales, Koschitzke has always had a deep connection to country life. Since stepping away from professional sport, he has dedicated himself to speaking openly about the mental health challenges faced by men in rural areas including farmers, athletes, and young people - and the importance of seeking help and building resilience.

"Justin's story resonates with so many," says Stronger Together in Circular Head Chairperson Jodie Saville. "His background both on the footy field and on the farm means he's a perfect fit to speak to

many people in our community."

The event will be held at the Smithton Recreation Ground on Saturday, August 9, following a Circular Head Saints home game. It's being hosted by Stronger Together in Circular Head, a grassroots group formed to tackle the high rates of suicide and mental distress in the region.

STiCH began as a community-led initiative in response to the increasing need for accessible, local mental health support in Circular Head. Made up entirely of volunteers, the group runs regular events, workshops, and campaigns that focus on connection, awareness, and conversations. Their motto - "Mental Health Matters" - is at the heart of everything they do.

"This isn't just a one-off event," Jodie said "It's part of an ongoing commitment to changing the culture around mental health in Circular Head. We want people to know that they're not alone — and that support is here."

The event is open to the public, and everyone is welcome. Tickets are available online at Humanitix or by contacting Jodie Saville on 0459 521 443

To stay up to date, follow Stronger Together in Circular Head on Facebook.



## Lighthouse all lit up for Winter



I ventured out a few nights ago to witness the wild winter adventure at Table Cape Lighthouse with Inner Light – a breathtaking sound and light show featuring the stunning work of Tasmanian projection artist Alex Moss with the artwork of Indigenous artist, Caleb Nichols-Mansell, featuring projected visuals and accompanied soundscapes for an immersive experience. It was brilliant and I highly recommend it. The show is on every weekend throughout July and is free!

## Circular Head Football Association

With just one round left to play in the CHFA before the final Campaign begins, the Season has had a very Competitive on the field with clubs working Strongly together off the field. This season see a shortened Finals Campaign of 2 weeks.

With Top of the ladder going directly into the Grand Final on the 2nd of August, and 2nd and 3rd playing the 23rd of July in the Preliminary Final to see who can secure to final spot in the Grand Final.

This years Final Series are both played in at Smithton with Clubs working together to host each match. Games will kick off at normal times following each game will be the medal and trophy presentations.

The CHFA has a lot of talent coming through the Under 12 Competition this season, whilst it's been a competitive season with all teams competing and playing strong football, Clubs at this level have been working together sharing players to field sides to allow the game to go ahead.

Forest/Stanley has been the strongest team in the competition and has easily secured their spot in the Grand Final with Irishtown and Redpa playing in the Preliminary Final. Scotchtown has the youngest side and field 5 girls all whom

have showed improvement every week.

The Under 16's have continued to grow and improve their game. Matches all year have been well fought and competitive.

Redpa are looking to finishing 1st on the ladder with Irishtown a close second and Scotchtown 3rd who will face each other in the Preliminary Final. Forest/Stanley had players who had to move up this season and are in rebuild mode as they continue to grow as a team.

The Reserves competition has been fierce and full of entertainment. Redpa are looking at finishing on top of the ladder followed closely by Forest/Stanley and then Irishtown to round out the Top 3. Scotchtown and Irishtown have a lot of South Pacific Islanders making up numbers and they provide entertainment both on and off the Field.

The Seniors grade has been full of some very well fought and defensive matches. Forest/Stanley only has the one defeat to it name so far this season against Irishtown in round 9. They have secured their spot in the Grand Final. Irishtown is 2nd and Redpa is slightly behind in third. Scotchtown has struggled in maintaining a strong forward structure and targets but have played strongly in defence and the midfield.



### Upcoming Events

- 12th July** No Football CHFA bye.
- 12th July** Irishtown FC. Presents Andy Vening Hypnotist at Tall Timber Ticket available from the Irishtown Football Club Inc. Facebook page
- 19th July** Round 12 Irishtown V Scotchtown; Forest/Stanley V Redpa
- 19th July** Irishtown host Sponsors and Life Members Day and will hold Vote Count after Seniors match
- 19th July** Forest/Stanley Premiership Reunion
- 26th July** Preliminary Final held at the CHCRC.
- 26th July** CHFA Annual Dinner and Presentation evening held at Tall Timbers.
- 2nd August** CHFA Grand Final held at the CHCRC.
- 3rd August** Scotchtown Vote Count at the Club Rooms.
- 3rd August** Forest/Stanley Vote Count at the Club Rooms
- 3rd August** Redpa Vote Count at the Club Rooms
- 8th August** Redpa Dinner at Tall Timbers.
- 16th August** Irishtown Annual Dinner at Tall Timbers
- 16th August** Forest/Stanley Dinner at the Club Rooms
- 23rd August** Scotchtown Trophy Presentation from 4pm at the Club Rooms
- 23rd August** CHFUA Annual Dinner at Pavilion Café from 630pm.



## Community Transport Services Tasmania

We are a statewide not-for-profit service that delivers door-to-door transport to support people to live well, maintain their independence, and connect with their community. We can take you to...

- ✓ medical appointments
- ✓ shopping
- ✓ chemist
- ✓ local events and activities
- ✓ visiting friends and family
- ✓ and plenty more, just ask us!



1800 781 033 | [info@ctst.org.au](mailto:info@ctst.org.au) | [www.ctst.org.au](http://www.ctst.org.au)