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Breaking news!

The Wynyard Tulip Festival is extending to Goldie Street!

For the first time in the festival's 34-year history, the Wynyard Tulip Festival is extending into the heart of Wynyard! (Well, except for the parade and gopher race – for those long-time festival-goers who remember!)

On Saturday 10 October, Goldie Street will join the festival spirit as local businesses open their doors and stallholders line the street, bringing even more shopping, food and local experiences for our visitors.

The extension means even more opportunities to support local businesses and enjoy more undercover spaces... if you were around last year, you'll know. Stay tuned for the full festival program and more exciting announcements!

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‘Western Echo’ Wendy

Hi all, what a great time I am having in Wynyard! I love sitting in my window at the ‘Save a Buck’ shed and watching the world go by. I do like barking at other dogs though and it's just my way of saying hello.

I have been on a couple of play dates recently and one of my favourite new friends is Winnie, a beautiful red kelpie type who loves the beach as much as I do. I am a bit younger than she is (haha) so can run circles around her, I must admit to sleeping well when I get back home though.

I am getting more adventurous in the ocean too and now will go in to the tops of my little legs. Early days yet but Dad reckons I will soon be swimming across the bay (I think not). Dad said that the days are getting longer and we can spend even more time at the beach and has said he will take me to the ‘dog park’ to meet even more friends.

That sounds good to me although I was surrounded by labradors the other day and that was a bit nerve-wracking at first.



Woof to you all... Wendy

Partnership renewed as Circular Head celebrates tourism success

Circular Head Council and the Circular Head Tourism Association (CHTA) have reaffirmed their longstanding commitment to working together to support a resilient and thriving visitor economy, signing a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will strengthen collaboration across destination marketing, industry development and tourism advocacy.

The signing comes during an exciting time for the municipality, with Stanley being crowned the 2026 People's Choice Tasmanian Top Tourism Town, a recognition that reflects the passion, collaboration and dedication of local businesses, volunteers, community groups and Council.

The new agreement provides a clear framework for Council's annual investment in CHTA and reinforces a shared commitment to promoting the entirety of Circular Head as one of Tasmania's leading visitor destinations through coordinated marketing, industry support and strategic tourism initiatives.

Mayor Gerard Blizzard said the agreement recognised that successful tourism outcomes are built on strong partnerships.

"Tourism is one of Circular Head's most important industries, supporting local businesses, creating jobs and contributing to the vibrancy of our communities. This agreement acknowledges that

the best outcomes are achieved when Council, industry and community work together toward a shared vision."

"Last week's recognition of Stanley as Tasmania's People's Choice Top Tourism Town is a wonderful example of what collaboration can achieve. It belongs not only to Stanley, but to everyone across our municipality who contributes to creating exceptional visitor experiences."

Council will provide \$50,000 in annual funding during 2026–27 to support destination marketing and tourism industry development through CHTA, alongside ongoing collaboration through visitor servicing, strategic planning and advocacy.

CHTA President Valentino Surjan said the renewed agreement provides confidence for the tourism industry and reinforces the strong relationship that has developed between the two organisations over many years.

"This partnership enables us to continue promoting everything that makes Circular Head special while supporting local operators to navigate the challenges and opportunities that come with operating in the current climate."

"The People's Choice award demonstrates what can be achieved when industry, volunteers and Council work together with a shared purpose. We're excited to build on that momentum. Next year we will be entering Smithton into the top



tourism town awards for the first time!"

The agreement also formalises ongoing governance arrangements, including regular meetings between Council and CHTA, shared planning, performance reporting and collaborative tourism projects that support long-term growth across the municipality.

General Manager, Paul Gardner said the partnership recognised that tourism extends well beyond marketing.

"Great destinations don't happen by chance. They are created through sustained investment, collaboration and a shared commitment to continuously improving the visitor experience."

"Whether it's supporting local tourism businesses, advocating for infrastructure, welcoming visitors through our visitor information centres or telling the stories that make Circular Head unique, this agreement provides a strong foundation for working together."

The renewed Memorandum of Understanding commenced on the first of August 2026 and reflects the shared ambition of Council and CHTA to continue building a resilient, sustainable and prosperous tourism industry that benefits businesses, residents and visitors alike.

Waratah Waste Transfer Station Stage 1 Consultation Update

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their feedback during the Stage 1 consultation on the future of the Waratah Waste Transfer Station.

Community feedback has been carefully reviewed alongside technical investigations. As a result, Council is now exploring an alternative site that better responds to the issues raised during consultation.

The Stage 1 Consultation Update outlines what we heard from the community and the next steps for the project.

Read the full update: https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/.../waratah-waste-transfer...

This update was first shared in Council's public eNewsletter. Subscribe to be among the first to hear about Council projects, community news and upcoming events: <https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/get-involved/email-newsletter/>



Happily brightening up Wynyard



I was wandering around Wynyard a couple of weeks ago and saw this council crew smiling as they planted flowers around the town (one of them may even have been singing whilst planting. Great job people. Alan/Ed

Ruth Forrest

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



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Delightful day for dachshunds



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Dachshunds of Burnie was founded in 2021 by Justin Murrell and Cassie Wylde to bring together dachshund lovers, organise social walks and build a community of informed and responsible owners. Since then, the group has grown to almost 500 members. Monthly walks are held at locations between Wynyard and Ulverstone, with routes and activities chosen to accommodate both standard and miniature dachshunds, and owners of all ages and abilities. Often a walk ends with a social get-together at a dog friendly café. Presently there is some talk of having more adventurous ‘tracking walks’ to allow dogs to get in touch with their hound origins.

The group also takes part in special events, including World Dachshund Day. This year, around 50 dachshunds and their owners celebrated with a ride aboard the Don River Railway, followed by a barbecue at Romaine Reserve in Burnie. Other highlights have included the popular Dachshund Races at the

Burnie Show. Dachshunds of Burnie has also raised funds for several dachshund rescue organisations and continues to promote awareness of the breed’s particular care and wellbeing needs. Above all, the group offers a welcoming place where owners can connect, share knowledge, ask questions and enjoy life with their dachshunds. We can be found on Facebook.

‘The Dachshund is a distinctively short-legged, long-bodied dog breed that originated in Germany. Famously nicknamed the "wiener dog" or "sausage dog," the breed was deliberately engineered centuries ago to scent, chase, and flush out badgers and other burrow-dwelling animals. Today, while they retain their intense hunting instincts and independent spirit, Dachshunds are among the most popular companion pets globally.’

Young people and the cost of driving

By Ebony Robson-Wells

While there has been a lot of coverage surrounding the closure of the Smithton taxi service, young people have once again been left out of the conversation. This closure has resurfaced many of the road issues that young people from Circular Head face, including access to driving lessons, and inconvenient bus schedules.

The loss of the Smithton taxi service means one less option for getting a designated driver home.

Many people are already speculating this could lead to an increase in drunk driving, making roads far more dangerous.

This comes alongside the unfortunate increase in driving lesson prices in Smithton, from 70 to 80 dollars.

Many young people are finding it simply too expensive to get their license, further limiting people’s options for rides home, while also making employment more difficult, too.

Many jobs in Circular Head require employees to have their provisional license in order to drive machinery or deliver things and/or people around the area. This create the unfortunate loop of not being able to afford driving lessons or a driving test without a job, but not

being able to get a job without having your license.

This perhaps wouldn’t be such a problem if bus schedules out of town were more convenient. The only bus bound for Wynyard, Burnie, and which connects to the rest of the state, leaves at seven in the morning. From this arises two challenges: the early start, and, for some, getting into Smithton in the first place. Not everyone in Circular Head is from Smithton, with many people living at least 15 minutes away. Additionally, the bus gets back to Smithton at five in the evening, meaning people wanting to travel during the week need to either miss a day of school or work to travel.

The Circular Head Council continues to advocate on behalf of its community to government to provide transport services that the area critically needs. As outlined in their Annual Plan and Budget 2026/27 Highlights, one of their aims is “advocacy for regional priorities” which includes transport.

Young people living in Circular Head are already feeling pressure from the rising cost of driving, and are now faced with the taxi service closure. Many are hoping for solutions to arise from this trying time.

Local nurse’s ambition drives accreditation excellence at NWRH



At North West Regional Hospital (NWRH), Clinical Nurse Educator, Erin Quirke, is leading an innovative accreditation and education initiative that is delivering benefits far beyond Tasmania’s North West. With more than 13 years of emergency nursing experience and a strong focus on paediatric care, Erin identified a critical need to strengthen staff capability and ensure consistent, evidence-based care for children presenting to emergency departments.

In response, she developed a structured paediatric progression pathway for emergency nurses, creating a clear framework for education, competency development and professional accreditation. As part of this work, Erin undertook specialist training at the Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne, gaining NeoResus trainer accreditation and further enhancing local expertise in neonatal and paediatric emergency care.

Erin also reviewed and adapted Queensland Health’s Optimus CORE program, tailoring it to meet the needs of Tasmanian clinicians and patients. The resulting program has improved nurses’ confidence, capability and preparedness in responding to paediatric emergencies, supporting safer and more consistent care for children and families across the region.

Importantly, the impact of the initiative extends well beyond NWRH. The Optimus Program is now being adopted across Tasmania, establishing a statewide benchmark for paediatric emergency ed-

ucation and supporting a more consistent approach to workforce development across the Tasmanian Health Service. Through interdepartmental training and collaboration, Erin’s work is helping to strengthen capability, improve patient outcomes and foster a culture of continuous improvement across the state.

A key contributor to the project’s success has been the support of the Clifford Craig Health Foundation, which provided a \$7,000 grant to assist Erin’s initiative. The Foundation is dedicated to advancing healthcare through education, research and innovation, investing in projects that improve patient outcomes and strengthen the health workforce across Northern and North West Tasmania.

The funding has helped build local expertise in paediatric emergency care, enabled enhanced training opportunities for clinicians, and supported the development of a program that is now influencing practice across the state. By investing in frontline clinicians and innovative ideas, the Clifford Craig Health Foundation continues to play an important role in improving healthcare outcomes for Tasmanians.

Through leadership, innovation and collaboration, Erin Quirke’s accreditation initiative is creating a lasting legacy for paediatric emergency care, strengthening workforce capability and delivering long-term benefits for children, families and health professionals across Tasmania.

The Unconformity’s Singularity

Join us for August’s Open Hall, as we celebrate the re-launch of The Singularity, a location-based smart device app that transforms the streets of the town into an immersive audio experience, inviting you to see and hear Queenstown in a new way.

We’ll also be joined by Music Tasmania for the third instalment of our ongoing series, sharing opportunities, ideas and conversations with local musicians and creatives. This month’s session will provide advice about platforms for music publishing, publicity, and airplay.

Come along for an evening of ideas and discovery, exploring new ways to experience Queenstown and the oppor-

tunities shaping the future of our creative community.

6–8pm, Wednesday 19 August 2026
The Unconformity Hall, 35 Cutten Street, Queenstown. RSVP by email: frankie@theunconformity.com.au



Charity ride raises \$140k

Smithton Scout hall gets a fresh new look



Between Spetember 2025 and April 2026 Tarkine Quad and Side by Side Adventures raised \$140,000 for the NWRH Pediatric ward. with their Rocky Cape Charity Ride fundraiser.

The funds were used to purchase \$90,000 worth of adult sleepers chairs, two electric cots, four deluxe cots and an ergonomic bed for the isolation room. These replaced items that were at the end of their life on the ward.

\$35,000 was also injected into creating a family entertainment room for the children who are undergoing treatment, and their families.

The remaining funds are being used to create mural themes in the rest of the ward rooms, to create some magic in those rooms. This will be a work in process.

The Rocky Cape Charity Ride fundraiser had eight major sponsors:

Saputo Dairy Australia, Cowbiz, Fifteen Mile Pty Ltd, Independent Oils, Summers Earthmoving, Leading Reign, On Track Machinery Services and Mud-dy Boots Cafe

Sponsorship was also received from over 100 other local businesses.

Tarkine Quad and Side by Side Adventures held a major raffle, Bun-nings sausage sizzles, and held an ATV/UTV Adventure Ride weekend in April where they had 100 off road vehicles, and 145 participants out in our local bush lands for adventure riding. This was held over three days. A lot of hard work was put in to this outstanding fundraiser including 250Km of tracks for the buggies and quad bikes to use, Catering for 200 people, camping facilities, setting up at the Milabena Equestrian Centre where the event was staged plus all the major and minor sponsors who contributed to its success.

A handover of the funds took place at the pediatric ward on 22nd July and was attended by our entire committee, representatives from our major sponsors, the executive health team at NWRH, the Hon Gavin Pearce, Teeny Brumby and local artist Amy Morrow who completed the family room mural and will complete all other art work

The Smithton Scout Group would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported the recent improvements to the Scout Hall.

Over the past year, the hall has undergone two significant upgrades that will benefit not only local Scouts but also the many community groups that use the facility. The first project was the installation of a new roof, made possible through the generous support of the Smithton Club, Circular Head Council and Findex. This important upgrade has helped protect and preserve the building for many years to come.

The second major improvement was the complete repainting of the hall, giving the building a fresh new look and creating an even more welcoming environment for young people and the wider community. The painting works were made possible through the generous support of Saputo, the Rotary Club of Smithton, Betty Kay, Kingston Bros, the Soroptimist International Smithton Branch, and many volunteers who generously gave their time and effort to complete the project. A special thank you goes to Michael House, who generously donated the paint used for the project.

The Scout Group has been overwhelmed by the generosity shown throughout both projects. We would also like to acknowledge the valuable support provided by the Bendigo Bank Community Bank Circular Head, whose donation enabled the purchase of new first aid kits to help keep our young people safe during activities. Every contribution, whether through funding, materials, volunteer labour or encouragement, has played an important part in improving our facilities. It is through partnerships like these that community facilities can continue to thrive for future generations.

The Scout Hall continues to be a busy hub of activity, with our Cub Scouts enjoying a range of exciting adventures, learning new skills, participating in outdoor activities, working towards badges, and developing confidence, teamwork and leadership skills. It is fantastic to see the enthusiasm and growth of our young members.

As our Cub Scout section continues to grow, we are always keen to welcome new members. Cubs is open to boys and girls aged 8 to 11 years, offering fun, friendship, adventure and opportunities to learn valuable life skills. Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to contact the Smithton Scout Group for more information.

The Group is also beginning preparations for its annual Christmas Pudding Cook. This much-loved community fundraiser helps support local Scouting activities and assists with the ongoing maintenance and improvement of our facilities. We look forward to sharing more details in the coming months and welcome the community's continued support. The recent improvements to the hall demonstrate what can be achieved when a community comes together with a shared commitment to supporting local young people. The hall is not only home to Scouting but also serves as a valuable community facility used by a range of local groups and organisations throughout the Circular Head region.

On behalf of everyone at the Smithton Scout Group, thank you to every individual, business, organisation and volunteer who has helped make these projects possible. Your generosity has created a safer, more welcoming and more sustainable facility that will continue to support local young people and the wider community for many years to come.





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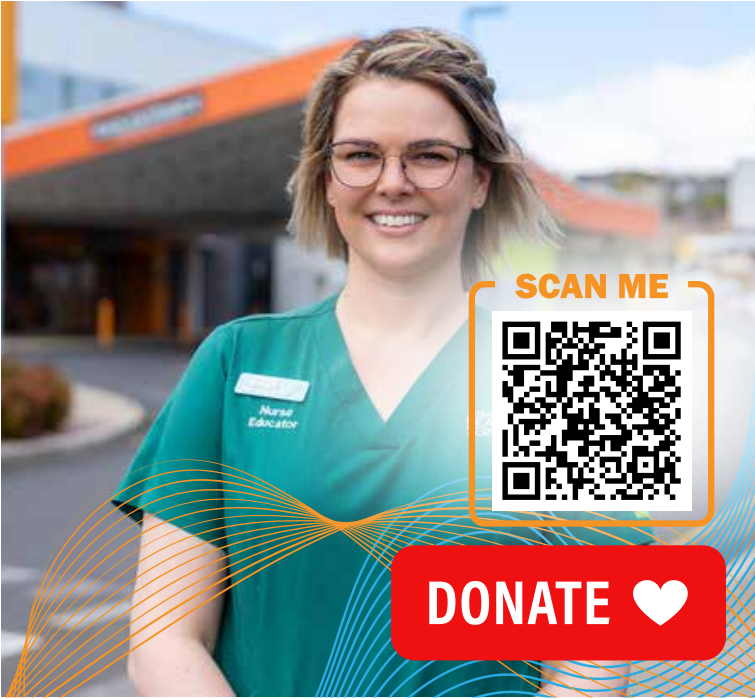
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Tasmania’s fastest water operators battle for state title



Speed, precision and teamwork were on full display today as Tasmania's best water operators went head-to-head in the Water Industry Operators Association (WIOA) 2026 Water Main Tapping Competition, with the West Coast Tappers taking out the state title for another year in a row.

Delivered in partnership with WIOA, the annual competition showcases the specialist skills required to perform live water main connections - critical work that enables new services to be connected to the water network without interrupting supply to customers.

Competing against the clock, each two-person team was challenged to complete a live water main connection before safely packing away their equipment to stop the timer.

While speed was essential, judges also assessed precision, workmanship and safety, with even the smallest water leak attracting valuable time penalties.

In a highly anticipated final round, TasWater's West Coast Tappers - Cameron Lusk and Lynden Thurston (pictured above), emerged victorious for a second year in a row, completing the challenge in just 1 minute and 20.79 seconds - only 0.29 seconds off the national record.

Their seamless technique, teamwork and rapid execution secured the state title and the opportunity to represent Tasmania on the national stage later this year.

TasWater General Manager Operations Brendan Windmeyer said the competition was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the expertise that underpins safe

and reliable water services across Tasmania.

“The Water Main Tapping Competition shines a spotlight on the highly specialised work our operators perform every day to keep water flowing for Tasmanian communities and showcases the teamwork, technical expertise and professionalism that underpin our industry,” Mr Windmeyer said.

“Our operations run around the clock to ensure Tasmanians have access to safe, reliable drinking water. The quality of that service is a testament to the skill, care and commitment our employees bring to their work every day.

“For the teams stepping up to the tapping plate this year, there is more than a state title on the line. Success here can lead to the national championships and, for the very best, the opportunity to represent Australia on the international stage.

“The event follows an extraordinary run of success last year for Cameron and Lynden crowned the Trans-Tasman champions, defeating New Zealand’s best in a remarkable time of just 1 minute 20.72 seconds. Their success reflects the dedication, capability and safety-first mindset of our operational workforce and sets an exciting benchmark for this year’s competitors.

“We would love to see Tasmania bring home another national title in 2026, and if history is any guide, there is every chance our operators could once again be competing for international honours.”

Shorewell Park playground on track

Exciting progress is continuing on the Shorewell Park Playground Redevelopment, with construction now ramping up and the project on track for completion by the end of September.

We can’t wait to welcome families back to enjoy this fantastic new play space, made possible through a \$1.5 million investment in our community.



If you're already enrolled to vote in State and Federal elections, you are automatically enrolled to vote in the 2026 Local Government Elections for the municipality where your enrolled residential address is located. However, each local council maintains a General Manager's Roll for eligible non-resident voters. Enrolment on the General Manager's Roll is not automatic. If you're eligible, you must lodge an application before the closing date. You may be eligible to enroll on the Waratah-Wynyard Council General Manager's Roll if you:

- own or occupy land in the municipal area that is different from where you are

enrolled on the State Electoral Roll; or

- are the nominated representative of a corporate body that owns or occupies land in the municipal area. For more information and an application form for the Waratah-Wynyard Council General Manager's Roll, visit:
<https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/our-council/about-council/>

To check or update your enrolment on the State Electoral Roll, visit:
<https://www.tec.tas.gov.au/>

Applications for the Waratah-Wynyard Council General Manager's Roll close at 6.00 pm on Thursday 10 September 2026.

New store and takeaway for Wynyard Beach

You may have noticed a new flashing lighthouse sign next to the playground on the old Bass Highway lately and wondered what was coming.

Well, wonder no longer, this is the brand new Wynyard Beach store and takeaway business.

I dropped in on Sunday to have a chat with the proprietor Peta Jacobson and find out a bit more. The food looks and smells great, the shop has been refloored, refurbished and it gleams! They must be doing something right, as one customer returned several times and bought five burgers in a two day period.

Opening hours will be 5.30am-7pm weekdays and 8am-7pm on weekends.

As Peta said “If the sign is flashing then we are open for business”.

Peta also said “We are here for the community, if there is something that people would like then just let us know and we shall see if we can organise it”

Phone orders can be rung through on 0482 674 784 and I can vouch for the coffee - it is good! You can even sit and read the ‘Echo’ in there.

Alan/Ed



Building owner Craig, Proprietor Peta with staff Lily and Elise

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Historic Cape Sorell Lighthouse Lens

The future of one of the West Coast’s most significant maritime artefacts – the Cape Sorell Lighthouse Lens – has taken an important step forward, with West Coast Council formally noting a detailed report on the heritage item at its July meeting.

Councillors acknowledged the lens’s deep cultural, historical and tourism value, and agreed to explore options for a permanent public display.

Once a critical navigational beacon guiding vessels along the rugged coastline, the lens scale and craftsmanship make it a rare example of early lighthouse engineering that few people have the chance to see up close. A dedicated display would complement existing heritage across the region, with the lens offering a powerful storytelling piece that highlights the West Coast’s maritime past.

As part of the recommendations adopted by Council, officers will now prepare a comprehensive report outlining potential display locations, estimated project costs, funding pathways and implementation requirements to ensure the lens is preserved to heritage standards.

Council also agreed that the lens will remain in its current secure storage arrangement until a final decision is made, ensuring the artefact remains protected while planning progresses.

Council supports initiatives through community grants & assistance

Community groups, organisations and individuals across the West Coast will benefit following Council’s approval of several sponsorship and grant applications at its July meeting.

West Coast Council provides a range of financial and in-kind assistance throughout the year, helping deliver projects, events and initiatives that strengthen community connection, celebrate local identity and support wellbeing. Council also offers a Community Christmas Events Fund, to assist groups hosting festive celebrations across West Coast towns. All applications are assessed through a transparent and consistent process guided by Council’s Financial & In Kind Assistance Policy.

A diverse mix of projects received support in the latest round of approvals, reflecting the creativity and commitment of local organisations:

- West Coast Heritage for the *West Coast Heritage & Minerals Fair*, to be held 7-8 November 2026.
- Ken Morrison for the *Copper Room Project* located at the Lynchford Railway Station.
- Pinned Events Pty Ltd for the *Trans Tasmanian MTB* event to be held on the Mt Owen MTB trails 10 March 2027.
- PressWEST Tasmania Inc for the *PhotoWEST Exhibition* to be held October–November 2026.
- West Coast Child & Family Learning Centre to support the continuation of the *Fuel Subsidy Trial*.

Details, eligibility and application dates are available on Council’s website or contact the Community Services team at the Council office.

Council sets direction for 2026–2027

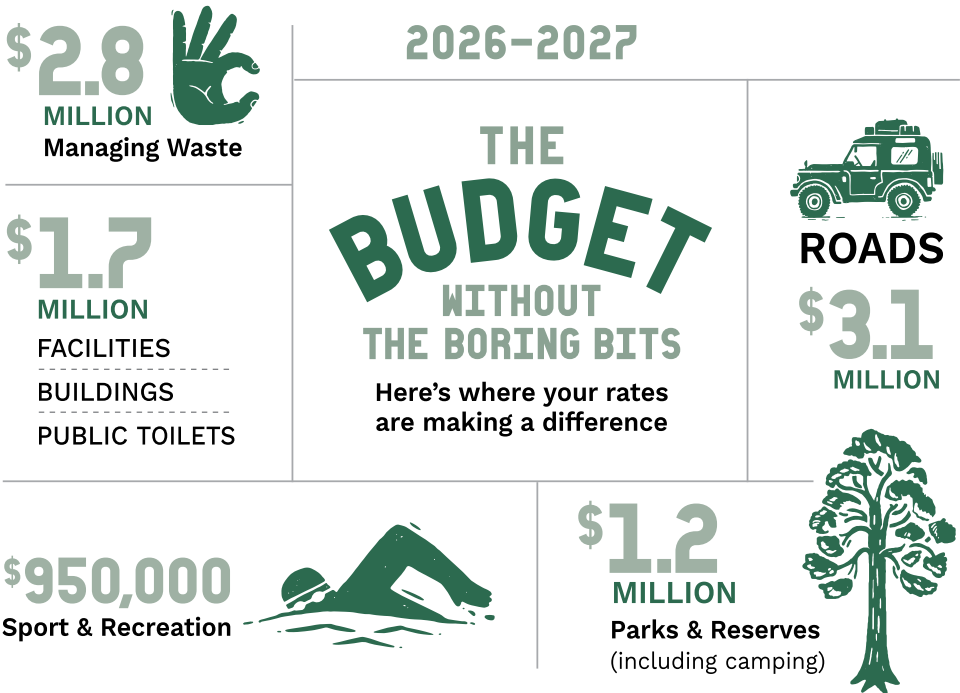
At a Special Meeting on 14 July, Council approved the Budget Estimates for 2026–2027, including property rates, service fees and charges. Council also approved the *Annual Plan 2026–2027*, which outlines the projects, priorities and service commitments planned for the year ahead.

In 2026–2027, Council will continue to invest in community facilities, essential services and infrastructure, while progressing improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of our waste services. The budget sets a clear and focused direction, enabling Council

to concentrate on core functions while planning responsibly for the future.

The Annual Plan’s focus areas align with those within the *West Coast 2035 Community Plan*, with priority actions developed to support the outcomes identified by the community. The full budget and priority actions are available in the Annual Plan, which can be viewed at the Council office and website.

Below is a snapshot of the 2026–2027 budget and capital works program:



Capital Works Program 2026–2027

PROPOSED CAPEX 2026–27	Council funded	Grants	Total
Other Structures			
Queenstown Swimming Pool – Liner Replacement	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$430,000
Strahan Waterfront	\$850,000		\$850,000
Queenstown Basketball Stadium	\$75,000	\$378,357	\$453,357
Queenstown Gym Underfloor Remediation	\$150,000		\$150,000
Zeehan Better Active Transport	\$292,947	\$1,192,053	\$1,485,000
Recycling Modernisation Fund	\$222,111	\$635,000	\$857,111
Plant & Equipment			
Truck & Tag Trailer	\$120,000		\$120,000
Light Plant	\$50,000		\$50,000
Gym Equipment • Condition Reports/Replacements	\$200,000		\$200,000
Roads			
Intersection Condition Reports	\$100,000		\$100,000
Roads to Recovery program		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Stormwater			
Stormwater Condition Reports	\$100,000		\$100,000
Projects			
Asset Condition Reports	\$100,000		\$100,000
TOTAL	\$2,475,058	\$3,420,410	\$5,895,468

Improved access to council services for Strahan residents

Visitor Information Centre becomes the Council Service Centre.

As part of an internal review of service delivery, the West Coast Visitor Information Centre has taken on an expanded role.

From Monday 3 August the Visitor Information Centre became a Council Service Centre, allowing residents to access a wider range of Council services locally. The centre will continue provide visitor servicing, with the new customer service functions added alongside its existing tourism role.

The change means Strahan residents will be able to complete more Council business in town than previously possible. The new Service Centre will be staffed by members of Council's Customer Experience team, enabling payments for all Council transactions, dog registrations, form submissions, access to Council documents and the lodging of customer requests.

Council acknowledges the Strahan Post Office, which has served the community as a Council Agency for many years.

"The support provided by the Strahan Post Office has been greatly appreciated by both Council and the local community," Council General Manager Scott Riley said. "We extend our sincere thanks to the management and staff for their longstanding contribution."

There will be a short transition period as Visitor Information Centre staff learn Council systems and processes. The Queenstown Customer Experience team will support them throughout this time, and the community is asked to be patient as staff settle into their expanded role.

Importantly, the Visitor Information Centre will continue operating as it does now, with the addition of Council customer service capability.

West Coast Council office:
11 Sticht Street, Queenstown
Open Monday-Friday
8.30am-5pm (closed Public Holidays)

COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRE:
West Coast Visitor Information Centre
Open Monday-Friday 10.30am-5pm
29 The Esplanade, Strahan

COUNCIL AGENCIES ARE LOCATED:
Rosebery District School
Open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm
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Truwala Connections: building a healthier West Coast

Truwala Connections is a community driven initiative focused on boosting health, wellbeing and social connection across the West Coast. The project is led by an independent Advisory Committee made up of residents, service providers and health organisations, ensuring decisions are shaped by community voices and local experience.

West Coast Council supports the initiative by providing administrative support – managing the funding agreement and assisting with paperwork through its Community Services team – while the Advisory Committee leads planning, priorities and decision making.

At its core, Truwala is about helping local people bring good ideas to life. Funded through a \$300,000 Healthy Tasmania grant over three years, Truwala Connections enables the community to test ideas, build partnerships and act on priorities identified in the *West Coast Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2025-2030*. The focus is on growing and sustaining initiatives that build stronger, healthier and more resilient communities.

Several small projects have already received support, including the Actively Healthy Senior Fitness Program, squash clinics and CWA craft activities. These grants (up to \$2,000) help groups trial ideas, run events and build momentum for larger initiatives. The Advisory Committee has also identified three long term priorities: transport, food literacy and connectedness. Larger projects in these areas will be shaped through community input, local data and collaborative planning.

Beyond grants, Truwala has been involved in regional initiatives such as tech training, domestic violence awareness programs, the Health & Wellbeing Expo, community asset mapping.

Community groups, clubs, services and individuals are encouraged to apply for funding. Applications are open to anyone with an idea that supports health, wellbeing or connection – from events and programs to pilot projects, equipment or training.

HOW TO APPLY: Application forms are available from Council's Community Services team. Truwala Connections welcomes ideas big or small that help the West Coast live well, move well, eat well, learn well and stay connected. If you're unsure whether your idea fits, the committee encourages you to reach out and start a conversation, with interested residents welcome to attend monthly Truwala Connections meetings.



West Coast winners

The initiative to say thanks for paying your rates on time returns.

Ratepayers who pay their rates in full by the due date will be automatically entered into the major prize draw. Council has taken on board feedback, and additionally ratepayers who choose to pay by instalments and meet each instalment due date will also be eligible for a second draw, giving more households the chance to take part.

Ratepayers who pay their rates in full will go into the draw to win one of five vouchers: \$3000, \$2000, \$1000 and two x \$500.

Ratepayers who pay by each of the four instalment dates will be entered into a separate draw for: \$2000, \$1000 and two x \$500.

Winners are drawn at appropriate Council meetings, and all vouchers must be spent with West Coast businesses or trades, nominated by the winning ratepayers. Entry is automatic, but anyone who does not wish to participate can advise Council.

Properties owned by businesses, government departments, and West Coast Council councillors and staff are not eligible, but their family members are welcome to enter.

Driffield Street works

The West Coast Wilderness Railway will be undertaking maintenance and trackwork throughout August and early September around Carswell Park and the Queenstown Station in Driffield Street. During these works there may be an increase in heavy vehicle movements along Driffield Street, as well as temporary changes or restrictions to pedestrian access in the surrounding area.

Works are scheduled between the following hours:

- Monday to Friday 7am-6pm
- Saturday 9am-6pm
- Sunday 10am-6pm

Queries regarding the works can be directed to the West Coast Wilderness Railway. Phone 6471 0116 or email rail@wcwr.com.au.



REMINDERS

- 14 AUGUST**
Recycling collection Zeehan, Rosebery & Tullah
- 25 AUGUST**
Free squash clinic, Zeehan Gym & Multi-Purpose Centre
- 26 AUGUST**
Free squash clinic, Rosebery Squash & Fitness Centre
- 27 AUGUST**
Free squash clinic, Tullah Gym
- 28 AUGUST**
Rates pay in full/first instalment due date
- 4 SEPTEMBER**
Recycling collection Queenstown, Gormanston/Linda & Strahan

COUNCIL MEETINGS

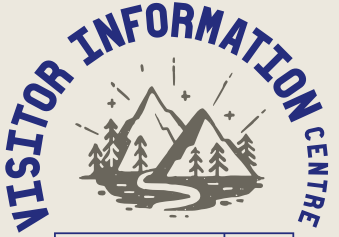
Tue 25 Aug
Tue 22 September
Tue 27 October

Agendas, minutes, and any associated documents are available on the Council's website or from the Council Office.

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 or visit the website for everything you need to explore our region. We're here to help!



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Innovation, creativity, and curiosity coming to Burnie!

Burnie City Council is excited to be supporting GreenSTEM Education Ignite Science Fair 2026 as a Platinum Partner!

Held at Burnie Arts during National Science Week, Ignite is much more than a Science Fair. It's a celebration of young people's ideas, innovation and problem-solving, showcasing inspiring STEM projects from students across Tasmania.

This year's projects will be showcased across three exciting categories:

Science Investigation – exploring questions and discovering how the world works.

Engineering – designing, building and testing solutions to real-world challenges.

Technology Enhances the Arts – combining creativity and technology through digital media, games, animation, music, coding, and more.

Ignite will also sit at the heart of a week-long program of STEM activities, bringing together schools, industry, science communicators, and the community to celebrate innovation and inspire future pathways.

Burnie Arts
Tuesday 18 August – Secondary Students

Wednesday 19 August – Primary Students
We're proud to support an event that encourages young people to dream big,

think creatively and shape the future through science, technology, engineering and the arts.



RIP Robert Morley

23/07/32 - 03-08-26

Robert grew up in Zeehan in Ruskin St, Nan & Pop Byes home, with his brothers and sisters. He loved his motor bike and the train that passed their family home daily. He went on to drive for the Tas Govt Railway which later changed to the E.B.R .

With his love of trains and a keen eye, he watched his beloved West coast boom and grown, bust and boom again. The railway was scaled back but he still stayed on.

He loved reminiscing and sharing photos of all his memories and knowledge of not only locomotives but the West Coast area too.

Those who knew him liked and respected him and he was loved by his family.

R.I.P. Robert

You will never be forgotten.

Loving you always



2026 Hellyer District Winter Sleepout

Last night six Wynyard Girl Guides Zoey, Matilda, Harriet, Abigail, Evvy and Tessa and two leaders Kathy and Claire attended Winter Sleepout to raise awareness and funds to support those sleeping rough. It was a lovely evening with the girls arriving excited to set up their cardboard boxes and beds, the Vinnie's Van soon arrived and the girls learnt about what they do to help the community before playing a game and being served soup, sandwiches, hot milo, biscuits and fruit. Thank you so much to the Vinnie's Van volunteers for attending!!! The girls had a little time to hang out after the Vinnie's Van left before we had a Guides Own reflecting and completing an activity - It's What's Inside That Matters, filling a pouch with items representing kindness, compassion, hope, belonging and community, before each of the girls placed their monetary or item donations into the circle.

The girls then got ready for bed. Waking early Saturday morning to watch the sunrise and have breakfast before receiving the 2026 Winter Sleepout badge, packing up and heading home.

All the girls were super brave making it through the night in their boxes with all girls having lots and lots of fun!!

There were many highlights including: everything!!!, the Guides Own, being part of a special tradition, watching the sunrise, the Vinnies Van kindly coming to visit us, giving us food and explaining what they do for people in need and all the girls have said they want to do it again!!!

BRAVO to all Wynyard and Burnie Youth Members and Leaders who attended and participated in Winter Sleepout this year!!! Thank you to all leaders who organised, attended for the evening, slept in boxes for the night and supported the girls!!



A logo for Mindfulness Programs Australasia featuring a stylized tree with colorful leaves.

FREE Mindfulness Programs to Manage and Prevent Stress, Anxiety or Depression

A banner showing a serene landscape with a body of water and mountains under a sunset sky.

Mindfulness Programs Australasia is offering

Online MBSR

8 Week Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) is an evidence-based course for reducing stress, anxiety and depression, and increasing wellbeing.

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am with Miranda

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www.mindfulnessaus.com.au

Need help? Email us: admin@mindfulnessaus.com.au

Or phone: 0488 064 228

A QR code linking to the course information.

Courses are provided **FREE** with support from Primary Health Tasmania under the Australian Government's Primary Health Networks Program

Wyndarra news update

Wyndarra Services

The Home and Community Care (HACC) program is funded by the Tasmanian Government to provide community services for Tasmanians under 65 years of age or under 50 for first nation peoples and their carers. This assistance allows for people to continue to live independently at home if their capacity for independent living is at risk due to a health event or living with an ongoing health condition requiring support and do not meet the eligibility for NDIS. To understand eligibility, what service you are needing or to assist you in gaining assistance you can phone Wyndarra for further information.

Volunteer Induction

Volunteers and new staff recently completed the Volunteer Induction at Wyndarra (photo below).

If you're new to the area, recently retired, looking to give back, or simply wondering whether volunteering is for you, the Volunteer Induction is the perfect place to start. It's a relaxed, no-obligation opportunity to learn about volunteering at Wyndarra.

Taking the first step is easy—simply complete an Expression of Interest

form, available from Reception.

An update from the Wyndarra Support Services Participants and Staff

Throughout July we have got to enjoy getting out and about. Mitchell was especially lucky getting to attend a footy match at Irishtown where he had the opportunity to meet former AFL player Stevie J (photo below).

Mitchell was especially thrilled because he knew Stevie J used to play for Geelong which is his favourite team. It was an amazing day and Mitchell had an amazing time.



Developing compassionate communities

On August 10th in Ulverstone, people came together to revisit a workshop held in 2018 on developing Compassionate Communities. It was both educational and productive, providing feedback about their local communities and services when it comes to serious illness, dying, death, caregiving and grieving

For people living on the West or far North West Coast unable to attend, but would like to be included in providing feedback about their community, simply send an email to carebeyondcure2@gmail.com and a link will be forwarded to you. It's as easy as that. You can use this information when compiled, to have a face to face workshop in your community should you wish. It will make a great conversation starter. Phone or text Lynne 0407427575 for further information or questions.

CWA keeping busy

The Circular Head branch of the CWA Tasmania has been quite busy of late. The proceeds of our last raffle were used to purchase quite a large quantity of sheets, towels and other household goods to donate to Wyndarra Centre as part of CWA's commitment to helping disadvantaged and homeless members of our community.

We have another raffle coming up for Father's Day and will be selling tickets outside Treasure Chest on 3rd and 4th September between 10am and 3:30pm. Local businesses and our members have been very generous, and the raffle prize is well worth the tickets. The proceeds from this fundraiser will also be used to benefit our community. We have been invited to attend the Vietnam Veterans Day event at Anzac Park on Tuesday 18th August and will lay a wreath at that event. We have also been invited to hold a workshop at this year's CHArts event.

The workshop will enable people to sew a panel that can be used in various ways. The annual CWA Tasmania conference will be held in Brighton this year on the 11th and 12th of September. This conference will set topics and focus points for the next 12 months. The focus points can then determine the direction of benefits to our community through fundraising. In our upcoming meeting in September our speaker is a midwife from the hospital who will speak to us about new mums who might be struggling financially. We are busy preparing baby bundles to present at that meeting for the hospital to distribute as needed. We continue to knit teddies for the hospital and the ambulance station. New members would be most welcome, and our next meeting is on Monday 17th August at 1pm at the Clubhouse at Emmerton Park. We will be completing our wreath.

Boat Harbour Ocean Swimming Chiller

We're thrilled to share that BHOS Chillers is proudly supporting Cancer Council Tasmania this Daffodil Day!

Join us on Sunday 30 August, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, for our Daffodil Day Fundraiser at Boat Harbour Beach—a morning of community, connection and a refreshing swim, all while raising funds for Cancer Council Tasmania.

Over the coming weeks, we'll share details of the event and our Daffodil Day stories - what this day means to us, why we're getting involved, and how you can be part of it.

If you'd like to, you can donate on the day or via the link at the top of our Facebook page - simply scan the QR code at right..

BHOS Chillers - Freezin' for a Reason



"I asked for help."

I couldn't ask for better support in putting my career back together.
Bec, Carer

Bec is an early intervention teacher. When her husband got lymphoma, she put her career on hold to care for him.

Care2Serve connected her with Carer Gateway's Pre-Employment Training and Support Service, which has helped her restart her business.

If you care for someone, Care2Serve can help.

Support is free, inclusive and confidential.

Call 1800 422 737 (press 1) or visit carergateway.gov.au



Community Newsletter

August 2026



Image: MMG's Mark Austin and community members.

Designing the future of the West Coast

MMG is partnering with Regional Development Australia (RDA) to support community co-design for the Western Regional Strategic Partnership (WRSP).

The project focuses on planning for 2035, working collaboratively to ensure regional priorities align with the identified needs of local communities.

Guardian of the Eagle

Members of MMG's Environment team, Danielle Zanetto and Danica Lockett recently worked with University of Tasmania to inspire the characters of the recent children's publication Guardians of the Eagle.

The story which can be downloaded at [Guardians of the Eagle](#) explains the roles of environmental officers who work in the mining industry.



Image: MMG's Danica Lockett

Supporting West Coast little learners

MMG is part of a working group aiming to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for children aged up to four on the West Coast.

The group brings together industry, government bodies, and service providers to create a resource that gives parents the tools to give their children a head start in their education.

This is a great example of government and industry working together to improve community outcomes.

MMG is proud to support this important initiative with funding and resources that will help our youngest children grow their skills.

Christmas in July

MMG participated in Rosebery Neighbourhood House's Christmas in July lunch to engage with the community.



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Dialling up support for Tasmanians doing it tough

The Albanese Labor Government is boosting emergency relief support in Tasmania, with an additional \$1.33 million investment in the Salvation Army Phone Assessment Line, connecting more people to services they need most.

When people are doing it tough, the Salvation Army's Phone Assessment Line (PAL) is often their first call for support, answering nearly 1000 calls nationally each day. Each call connects people to vital supports, including food and fuel as well as referrals to services like financial counselling and mental health support.

Today, Assistant Minister Kearney and Senator Brown visited one of Tasmania's Salvation Army PAL Centres in Hobart to see firsthand how valuable this support is to Tasmanian communities.

Assistant Minister Kearney heard directly from response teams about the difference PAL makes, including recently helping a community member who, after relocating to Tasmania, found themselves without work due to an injury and facing homelessness without a support network.

The PAL was able to connect the community member with emergency financial assistance, to ensure they could purchase food, medication and connected them to a case worker for more support including homelessness outreach and medical care.

The impact of the PAL can be life changing for community members experiencing some of the toughest moments in life. It makes accessing relief accessible for people who cannot travel to a physical provider due to injury, illness, disability or living in a regional or remote area.

This additional funding boost follows a recent \$2.47 million injection into the Phone Assessment Line in South Australia, bringing the total investment into this critical service to \$3.8 million to ensure the PAL's important work continues.

Since October last year, the Salvation Army has supported more than 3,700 Tasmanians in need.

More information on emergency relief and financial counselling, including how

to find a provider, is available on the Department of Social Services website.

Minister for Social Services, Tanya Plibersek said "Anyone who needs assistance should be able to get it, which is why the Salvation Army Phone Assessment Line is vital for people who can't travel to an emergency relief site.

"The Salvation Army are often the first place people turn when they need help, so it's important that that help is there when people need it.

"This funding boost means that Tasmanians will be able to get the support they need when they need, no matter where they live."

Assistant Minister, Ged Kearney went on to say "When someone is in crisis, getting help shouldn't depend on where they live or how easily accessible it is. The Phone Assessment Line connects people with practical support when they need it most, from food and medication to longer-term assistance.

"Nobody expects to need emergency relief, and seeking support can take enormous courage. The Albanese Government is committed to ensuring every person is met with dignity, compassion and practical support, no matter their circumstances.

"Since October, more than 3,700 Tasmanians have turned to the Salvation Army for support during difficult times. This investment from the Albanese Government will see the Salvation Army continue their vital work and reach more Tasmanians across the state."

Salvation Army Doorways Manager TAS, Stacey Milbourne said "The impacts of the work we do through PAL is so important. It allows us to respond quickly when someone is in crisis and then work with them to understand what else we can do to help."

"This additional funding will allow The Salvation Army to support more individuals and families experiencing hardship, while also strengthening referral pathways into case work and other services. This gives our teams more capacity to walk alongside people and support them toward greater stability."

Small classes. Strong futures

Meet the new principal at Australian Christian College Burnie

Australian Christian College Burnie is warmly inviting local families to discover the difference that smaller class sizes can make by booking a personal tour of the school.

Families will have the opportunity to meet our new Principal, explore our welcoming campus, visit classrooms, and learn how our smaller class sizes create more personalised learning, stronger relationships, and greater opportunities for every child to flourish.

Our caring staff partner closely with families to ensure every student is well known, well-loved and well taught in a supportive learning environment.

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten to Year 10, making this the perfect opportunity for families to visit the school, meet our team, and learn more about what Australian Christian College Burnie has to offer.

Whether your child is starting Kindergarten, beginning high school, or you're considering a change of school, we'd love to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.

Personal tours are available by appointment. We'd love to welcome you to Australian Christian College Burnie and show you our vibrant school community in person.



To arrange a personal tour, please contact Dani in our friendly office: (03) 6435 6300
burnie@acc.edu.au
www.acc.edu.au/burnie

2026 MARKS THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIRCULAR HEAD GARDEN CLUB

THE ANNUAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW - SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER
Circular Head Recreation Centre, Smithton
Community involvement has been key to the CH Garden Club remaining active and successful for 45 years. Local shops participate, creating exciting and vibrant window displays and street displays showcase colourful spring flowers. The Circular Head Garden Club is delighted to be associated with 2026 CHArts Festival.

What to Expect at the CH Flower & Garden Show:
To inspire and excite visitors, the garden show highlights include:
• Talks by horticultural and garden experts • Cut flowers in abundance,
• Creative floral art with the public selecting the winner • fruit & vegetable produce baskets • junior section • photography displays • free face painting for children • how to pot succulents
Entry: 10:30am – 3pm – Awards presentation 3pm \$5.00 per adult – under 16 free. Pay at the door.
Facebook: CIRCULARGARDENCLUB. INC
Email: gardenclub.ch@gmail.com



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Shorewell Park Playground Redevelopment Moves to Next Stage

The Shorewell Park Playground Redevelopment is progressing to its next stage, with excavation works expected to begin in mid August.

Shorewell Park Playground is the first of four key connected parks identified in Burnie City Council's Playground Strategy. The strategy sets out a long-term vision for the staged upgrade of Burnie's parks and playgrounds, with each destination featuring its own unique theme.

- Shorewell Park – Rural
- View Road Reserve – Adventure
- Burnie Park – Nature
- Waterfront Playground – Marine

While there has not yet been significant visible activity on site, work has continued behind the scenes. Heavy rain in June delayed the start of car park works, but the project is now moving into its next stage. Council met with the contractor on site in early August to finalise the set-out of the paths and play equipment

The playground equipment is also in the final stages of delivery ahead of installation, while the building permit for the new amenities block is being finalised.

The new playground will feature contemporary play equipment, improved landscaping and upgraded amenities, in line with Council's Playground Strategy.

The project is being delivered through a combined investment of \$1.5 million, comprising \$1 million from the Australian Government, \$400,000 from the Local Government Association of Tasmania's Open Spaces Grant Program, and \$100,000 in Council funding.

Construction will continue over the coming months, with completion anticipated by 30 September 2026.

Council thanks the community for its patience and will continue to provide project updates as work progresses.

To follow the latest updates, visit: burnie.tas.gov.au/SPark



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14-16 AUGUST 2026

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FRIDAY RALLY SHOW & CEREMONIAL START

SATURDAY RALLY DAY 1 & SPECTATOR POINTS

SUNDAY RALLY DAY 2, SPECTATOR POINTS, POWERSTAGE AND PODIUM



Burnie is set to come alive with the sights and sounds of rally cars when the **Subaru Wilderness Rally Tasmania** returns from 14 to 16 August, bringing one of Australia's premier motorsport events back to the North West Coast.

As a proud event sponsor, Burnie City Council is excited to support an event that showcases our region on the national stage, bringing competitors, visitors, and motorsport fans to our city while delivering lasting benefits to our local community.

Spectators can experience the excitement from two dedicated spectator locations, enjoy the Saturday night rally stages, attend the Friday Night Rally Show at Communion Brewing Co., and visit the new Rally Central at the Burnie Bowls Club.

Register for your FREE Tickets

Spectator tickets are free, however registrations are essential to assist organisers with event planning and to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone attending. <https://rally.com.au/>

Road Closures

To facilitate the Subaru Wilderness Rally Tasmania Rally Show on Friday, 14 August, temporary road closures will be in place between 3.00 pm and 8.00 pm at:

Wilmot Street – between Queen Street and Alexander Street, and Little Alexander Street – between High Street and Wilmot Street

Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead, allow extra travel time and follow all temporary traffic management and signage in place during the event.

Additional temporary traffic management will also be in place around Les Clark Drive, Cooe, between 13 and 17 August, to support rally central operations.

Whether you're a die-hard motorsport fan or simply looking for an action-packed day out, there's something for everyone as Burnie continues to cement its place as one of Australia's premier rally destinations.

For more information, including free spectator tickets, visit <https://rally.com.au/>

Community Grants Open for Local Ideas

Applications are now open for Burnie City Council's 2026-27 Community Grants Program, providing funding to help local projects, events, and initiatives make a positive difference across the community.

Funding is available through four streams:

- 1. Community Grants
- 2. Partnership Program
- 3. Event Sponsorship, and
- 4. Achievement Grants.

Whether you're planning a community project, delivering an event, building a long-term partnership with Council or representing Tasmania or Australia on a bigger stage, Councils grants and funding programs are designed to help turn great ideas into reality.

Apply in three easy steps:

1. Choose the Right Grant Program

Head to Councils grants page and read the purpose of each program to choose which best aligns with your proposal.

2. Read the Guidelines

Once you've selected the appropriate grant program, read the relevant guidelines to ensure your project meets the eligibility requirements.

3. Apply

You're ready to apply! Simply select the relevant grant program from the list and submit your application.

Applications close at midnight, Sunday 23 August 2026.

For more information and to apply, head to:
burnie.tas.gov.au/CGP2026-27



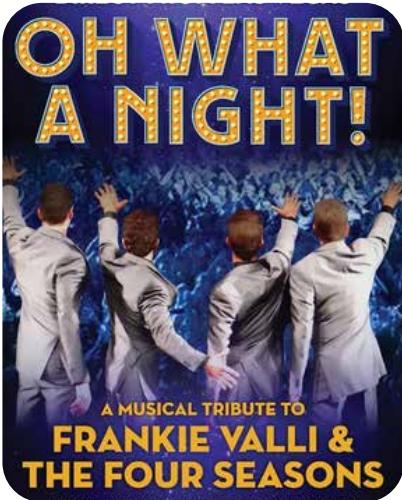
What's on at Burnie Arts



Thank you for the Music - The Ultimate ABBA performance

A 2-hour spectacular live concert that will take you through the songs, the life and magic that made ABBA.

Saturday, 22 August
7:30 PM - 10 PM



Oh What A Night - Direct from Las Vegas

OH WHAT A NIGHT! has played to sold-out theatres, showrooms and arenas since its sold-out premiere in Las Vegas in 2008.

Sunday, 30 August
3 PM - 5 PM

For information on these shows and more visit: burniearts.net



Burnie City Market
Marine Plaza
First and third Saturday of each month | 10 AM - 2 PM

UTAS Open Day
Cradle Coast Campus
Sunday 16 August | 10am to 2 pm

Kids Corner (0-7 yr olds)
Burnie Arts
Every Thursday | 10 AM - 4 PM

Burnie City Council
August Meeting
Council Chambers, 80 Wilson St.
Tuesday 25 August | 7 PM



New Exhibitions Showcase Tassie Talent at Burnie Regional Art Gallery

Burnie Regional Art Gallery is inviting the community to experience two new exhibitions celebrating the work of three accomplished Tasmanian artists.

Now showing until Saturday 26 September, the exhibitions explore two distinct artistic perspectives, from the quiet beauty of Tasmania's natural landscape to bold contemporary abstraction. In **The Stillness** features Jaclyn Poke's richly layered paintings inspired by Tasmania's bushland, while **Strange Faith** showcases the abstract works of Michael Muruste and David Hawley through vibrant colour, expressive patterns and layered forms.

Both exhibitions are on display at Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm, with free entry.

For more information, visit burniearts.net.



Top image: In the Stillness
Bottom image: Strange Faith



Visitors to Romaine Reserve can now enjoy a new place to sit and take in the surroundings, thanks to a new bench seat provided by Soroptimist International of Burnie after receiving Council's 2025-26 Maintenance and Improvement Community Grant.

Young Innovators Set to Shine at Ignite Science Fair

Some of Tasmania's brightest young minds will be on show in Burnie this month as students from across the state gather for the GreenSTEM Education Ignite Science Fair 2026.

Held at Burnie Arts during National Science Week, the event celebrates the creativity and problem-solving skills of young people through innovative STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) projects.

Students will showcase their work across three categories: Science Investigation, Engineering, and Technology Enhances the Arts.

The science fair forms part of a week-long program of STEM activities, bringing together schools, industry, science communicators and the community to inspire the next generation of innovators and future leaders.

Burnie City Council is proud to support the event as a Platinum Partner.

The science fair will be held at Burnie Arts, with secondary students presenting on Tuesday 18 August and primary students on Wednesday 19 August.



Understanding Your 2026–27 Rates Notice

Waratah-Wynyard Council's 2026–27 rates notices have now been issued to ratepayers. Council's adopted 2026–27 Budget includes a 4.9 per cent increase to the general rate, helping Council continue to deliver the essential services, infrastructure and facilities our community relies on. Residents may also notice changes to waste charges, while some properties will receive a stormwater service charge for the first time following a review of Council's stormwater network.

For more information about this year's rates, including payment options, property valuations, the State Fire Levy and answers to frequently asked questions, visit Council's website. You can also pay your rates online via the website link below. This year, Council made the decision to remove the rates early payment discount as part of its 2026-27 budget deliberations. More information is available at the link below.
<https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/rates>

Tulip Planting

Rain or shine, Council's depot crews have been hard at work maintaining parks, gardens and public spaces across the municipality. Recent works have included mulching, pruning, turf laying and pressure cleaning, as well as improvements at Gutteridge Gardens and the ANZAC Park barbecue area. Crews have also completed this year's tulip planting program, with around 8,000 bulbs planted throughout Wynyard and Somerset ahead of a colourful spring display. These behind-the-scenes works help keep our public spaces safe, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone.



Coming soon to Wynyard

Waratah-Wynyard Council has been selected by Recycle Rewards to trial new container baskets and racks, helping reduce litter and keep eligible drink containers out of landfill. The baskets allow anyone to leave eligible drink containers for others to collect and return for a 10-cent refund. To learn more about this initiative, please visit the Recycle Rewards website:
<https://recyclerewards.com.au/>



Waratah Waste Transfer Station

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their feedback during Stage 1 consultation on the future of the Waratah Waste Transfer Station. Community feedback has been carefully reviewed alongside technical investigations. As a result, Council is now exploring an alternative site that better responds to the issues raised during consultation. Read the full update: warwyn.tas.gov.au.

Help Shape the Future of Sisters Beach Foreshore Reserve

Waratah-Wynyard Council is developing a plan to guide the future of the Sisters Beach foreshore reserve, including public open space, the natural environment, recreational facilities and opportunities created by Council's recent purchase of land at 34 Elfrida Avenue. The plan will help manage coastal change, erosion and flooding and consider future options for public infrastructure.

Community members are invited to attend a workshop on Thursday 13 August 2026, from 6pm to 7.30pm at the Little Sister General Store. Food will be provided, with further opportunities to have your say through a community survey and feedback on the draft plan. For more information, visit:
www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/caring-for-sisters-beach

Welcoming Interim CEO Gary Arnold

Waratah-Wynyard Council is pleased to welcome Mr Gary Arnold as Interim Chief Executive Officer. Gary commenced with Council on 15 July 2026 following the retirement of former Chief Executive Officer Vanessa Adams. He is expected to remain in the role until the end of February 2027, pending the appointment of a permanent CEO. Bringing extensive local government experience, including 10 years as General Manager at Kingborough Council, Gary will provide leadership and continuity while Council prepares for the upcoming local government election and the induction of the newly elected Council. Mayor Dr Mary Duniam welcomed Gary to the organisation, saying his experience makes him well placed to lead Council through this important transition.



Council also extends its sincere thanks to former Chief Executive Officer Vanessa Adams for her leadership and contribution to the organisation, and wishes her every success in the next chapter of her career. To learn more about Gary's appointment and what this transition means for Waratah-Wynyard Council, read the full story on our website.



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Family adventures can be gentle or bold

Think family friendly trails, bike rides, fishing mornings, fossil hunting and farmland. Vibrant Spring events the whole family will love. There's more to do than you can imagine in Wynyard and surrounds.



Coastal Pathway



Boat Harbour



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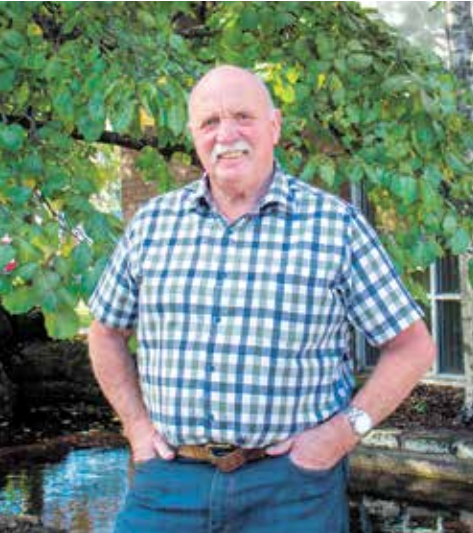


Visit Wonders of Wynyard to plan your family eco-adventure.



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Council mourns the passing of Cr Kevin Hyland



Waratah-Wynyard Council is mourning the loss of long-serving Councillor and former Mayor Kevin Hyland, who dedicated more than two decades to serving the local community.

Cr Hyland was first elected to Council in 1999 and served until 2012, before returning as a Councillor in 2014. He remained on Council until his passing and served as Mayor of Waratah-Wynyard from 2005 to 2010.

Over more than two decades in local government, Cr Hyland became a familiar and respected figure in the Waratah-Wynyard community.

He contributed to many of the decisions that helped shape the municipality over that time, including those relating to local infrastructure, community facilities, economic development and the delivery of Council services.

Cr Hyland also represented the municipality on a range of regional issues and supported cooperation between Waratah-Wynyard and neighbouring councils.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Gary Arnold acknowledged Cr Hyland's long-standing commitment to the municipality.

"Kevin gave a significant part of his life to serving the Waratah-Wynyard community, including five years as Mayor," Mr Arnold said.

"His knowledge and experience, built over more than two decades in local government, made an important contribution to Council and its decision-making.

"On behalf of everyone at Waratah-Wynyard Council, I extend our sincere condolences to Kevin's family, friends and loved ones."

For many Council staff, Kevin was a familiar and valued presence over many years. Staff have remembered him as a respected Councillor and colleague, with a wealth of local knowledge and a genuine commitment to the community he served.

His absence will be deeply felt around Council, and he will be greatly missed.

Council remembers Cr Hyland with great respect and affection and thanks him for more than two decades of dedicated service to the Waratah-Wynyard municipality.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: Independent Members - Northwest Regional Economic Development Committee



Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) is seeking Expressions of Interest from committed and passionate individuals to join the Northwest Regional Economic Development Committee (NWREDC). The Committee brings together individuals with diverse experience and perspectives to help identify opportunities, respond to emerging challenges and support a strong, sustainable regional economy.

Our Interest Areas

- Housing / Construction
- Energy / Energy Infrastructure
- Small Business
- Tourism
- Mining and Manufacturing
- Education
- Social Development
- Primary Industries, including agriculture

What You'll Bring

- an ability to contribute to regional development (economic, environmental and social)
- capacity to offer independent advice considering community views
- high-level thinking, communication and interpersonal skills
- experience in collaborating, community-based planning processes, networking, liaison, consultation, negotiation, conflict resolution and effective teamwork.

Information

Head to our website (URL below) to view more information and to download the EOI Application Form. Applications by email, including the EOI application form, a current resume and cover letter, to be sent to admin@cradlecoast.com.

For a confidential discussion, contact Andrew Kneebone, NWREDC Chair, on edchair@cradlecoast.com.

Closing at 5:00pm on 30 August 2026.

Applications close 5pm Sunday 30 August 2026
cradlecoast.com/our-region/work-cradle-coast/

STUDY CENTRE

CIRCULAR HEAD

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STUDY

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WINNER of the 2025/26
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**BUT, the WEST beat
the EAST hands down!**
A phenomenal result for the
two newest members of the
FOGO gang!

How did your area perform?

- Waratah-Wynyard 90.6%
- Burnie 89.2%
- Circular Head 89.1%
- Devonport 88.5%
- Kentish 87.8%
- Central Coast 86.3%



RECYCLING



What about the diversion rate?

Waratah Wynyard, you
sent 50% of your kerbside
waste for recycling or FOGO.

Circular Head, you diverted 24% -
more than double last years
results!

Burnie, you diverted 49%.



COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE ON THE WAY



With council elections coming up in October I am offering these pages to prospective councillors to advertise their intention to run for office. I have had many of you ask if I would like to interview you and simply cannot do that in the interest of fairness. This is, I think, the best way for you to get your message out and for me to remain impartial. If you would like to advertise in these pages and let people know what you are standing for and why they should vote for you the cost is \$100 per edition, you are limited to 150 words and a photo and your wording can be changed each edition if you so desire. Please contact me via facebook or send an email to alan@westernecho. news and we will make this happen.

WARATAH WYNYARD COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Celisa Edwards

I am re-standing for Deputy Mayor and Councillor again. I feel Waratah Wynyard has so much more ahead and I want to be a part of the journey forward for our future young people. This term has had its challenges for me personally, and while I have been navigating my loss and grief journey of my daughter, I have felt the love, support, trust and a stronger connection with our community.

Your support has held me strong in this position and helped me advocate and use my voice more strongly for our municipal area. I want to thank you all for entrusting me in this position of Deputy Mayor and for those who walked alongside me for this past term. I look forward to your trust again and being your voice for this next election and term.

Authorised by: Celisa Edwards, 17 Old Bass Highway, Wynyard



Leanne Raw

My name is Leanne Raw, and I'm honoured to be standing as a candidate for Mayor of Waratah-Wynyard, while also seeking your support for re-election as a Councillor. For most of my life, I've had the privilege of serving our community through education, volunteering and, over the past four years, as a Councillor. Those experiences have strengthened my belief that good leadership is built on listening, respect, integrity and working together. Serving as a Councillor has been a privilege. It's given me the opportunity to learn, to listen, and to work alongside passionate people who care deeply about our

community. I've seen first-hand what our Council does well, and I've also seen opportunities to strengthen communication, build stronger partnerships and continue improving the way we work together.

I have always believed leadership is about bringing people together, listening carefully and making decisions that are thoughtful, fair and focused on the best outcomes for everyone.

I believe our community deserves leadership that is respectful, collaborative and committed to doing what's right.

Authorised by Leanne Raw, 2 Walker Street, Wynyard.



Chloe Foster

I'm standing for Councillor and Mayor as I want Waratah-Wynyard to be the best place to raise a family, with opportunities for young people to build a future. Council needs to be approachable and easy to work with, enabling growth while protecting the natural environment and rural and coastal lifestyles that make this a special place to live. With a decade of experience as GM of Sea FM and 7BU, and nine years running my own small business, my work keeps me connected to our community, leading initiatives including Burnie's

NYE celebrations and the recent Wynyard Youth Forum. I'll prioritise sound financial management and sensible use of ratepayer dollars. Council delivers services and infrastructure with your money, I don't take that lightly. Good decisions start with listening. I've built strong relationships across all levels of government and will fight for our fair share of funding. An experienced communicator and leader, I'll be a strong voice and passionate advocate for our region.

Authorised by: Dr Mary Duniam, 2/20 Esplanade, Somerset



BURNIE CITY COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Amina Keygan

I'm Amina Keygan, your candidate for Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Burnie. I'm committed to transparency, strong leadership, and a city that works for everyone. I've spent my career in public and community service, and that same commitment drives everything I do as your Councillor. I've been working hard to repair Burnie's financial sustainability and to bring radical transparency to how decisions are made. Every choice I make starts with one question: what is in the best interests of Burnie?

I have no intentions for higher office and am an independent candidate. My focus is here, on this city, and on the people who call it home. Steady, honest and accountable leadership is what will keep Burnie's momentum going, and it's what I'll keep delivering if elected Deputy Mayor.

Find me on Facebook, get in touch, and let's keep building Burnie's future together.

Authorised by Cadence Casey, 44A Loongana Ave, Shorewell Park



CIRCULAR HEAD COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Gerard Blizzard

I am seeking re-election because I remain committed to serving the Circular Head community with integrity, fairness and common sense. As Mayor, I have worked to make decisions that are in the best interests of our entire community. I believe every issue deserves to be considered with an open mind, by listening to all viewpoints, examining the facts and making informed decisions for the long-term benefit of our municipality. I have always been accessible and available to everyone. Whether we agree or disagree, I believe every resident deserves

to be heard and treated with respect.

Good governance requires transparency, responsible financial management and a willingness to work collaboratively with all levels of government, community groups and local businesses.

If re-elected, I will continue to advocate strongly for Circular Head, support sustainable growth, and work to ensure our municipality remains a great place to live, work, raise a family and invest.

Authorised by Gerard Blizzard, 77 Brittons Rd, Smithton



Annette Dawes

My name is Annette, and I'm seeking your support to continue serving our community as a Councillor and Deputy Mayor on the Circular Head Council. For the past four years, it has been an honour to serve as your Deputy Mayor. I have worked with fellow councillors, Council staff, local businesses, community organisations and residents to help make Circular Head an even better place to live. With a background in education, music and community service, I believe in listening, treating people with respect and working together to

find practical solutions. I am passionate about supporting local events, encouraging sustainable growth, recognising our volunteers and advocating for opportunities that benefit our whole community. Circular Head has a bright future, and I would love the opportunity to continue contributing to that future with honesty, commitment and enthusiasm. Thank you for your support. Together, we can continue building a strong, vibrant and connected Circular Head.

Authorised by Brett Dawes, 193 Nelson Street, Smithton



Cedric (Ric) Skilton

A Circular Head resident for almost 5 years, locally, I am the immediate past president of the Smithton Bowls Club, secretary of the Circular Head indoor Bowls Association and vice president of the Circular Head Senior Citizens Club.

I am currently semi-retired, working part time as a self-employed consultant in the textile industry.

40 years' experience in management in manufacturing and 20 years exposure to high level government officials securing defence contracts

put me in a good position to work with all levels of government.

I bring fresh eyes with fresh ideas and a high level of problem-solving skills. I want to become a councillor to give back to the community that has made me so welcome over these past 5 years.

I am eager to make a meaningful contribution to local government and am confident I can excel in the role of councillor with the Circular Head Council.

Authorised by Cedric Skilton, 10 Hellyer Street, Smithton



Shelley Pinner

A trusted local. A strong voice for our community.

Born and raised in Circular Head, Shelley is dedicated to making Circular Head a vibrant, exciting and attribute place to work, live and visit. As an accountant, Shelley brings practical financial skills, sound judgement and accountability to Council. A dedicated volunteer with strong community ties, Shelley understands the people, businesses and organisations that make Circular Head such a great place to live. She is committed to listening to the community, mak-

ing informed decisions, and working hard to ensure a strong future for everyone. Why vote for Shelley? Experienced accountant with strong financial expertise. Dedicated volunteer who gives back to the community. Deep local connections and a genuine understanding of community needs. Committed to responsible decision-making and transparent leadership. Passionate about keeping Circular Head a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Authorised by Shelley Pinner, 92 Febeys Road, Brittons Swamp



Elisha Harrison

A trusted local. A strong voice for our community. My name is Elisha Harrison, and I am standing for election to the Circular Head Council because I care deeply about the future of our community. Although I have lived in Circular Head for only a few years, it has quickly become home. Through managing a local charity resale shop, I see our community at street level every day. I hear people's concerns, witness the challenges many families face, and also see the enormous potential, generosity and resourcefulness within our

region. I am passionate about protecting our environment, reducing waste and finding practical ways to make better use of the resources we already have. However, I also believe good decisions come from listening. I am open to new ideas, different opinions and respectful discussion. If elected, I will bring practical experience, compassion and a willingness to work with others to help Circular Head remain a strong, welcoming and sustainable place for everyone.

Authorised by Susan Cross, 1261 Trowatta Rd, Edith Creek



WEST COAST COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Robert Butterfield

For the past term, it has been a privilege to serve as your West Coast Councillor and Deputy Mayor. I am proud to have represented our community with honesty and a genuine commitment to the people who call the West Coast home.

Through my work in industry, emergency response, and community service, i understand the challanges our region faces and the oportunities ahead. I am passionate about supporting local businesses, improving our infrastructure, strengthening community services and

ensuring council delivers value for every ratepayer.

I believe in listening, being accessable and making decisions that benefit our whole community-not just today but for future generations. The West Coast is a remarkable place and i remain committed to working hard to help it thrive. I respectfully ask for your support so i can continue to be a strong, experienced and trusted voice on your council.

Authorised by Robert Butterfield, 27 Powell Street Queenstown



Liz Hamer

You want change?

I've worked tirelessly for the last four years to help businesses and residents stay on the West Coast.

Let's reinforce these efforts and put the residents first.

Stay aware and choose carefully -

Vote number one - Liz Hamer for Councillor & Mayor

"Serving YOU with good governance and invoking the 4 "R's" of Council"

Member of:

Weed Management Committee of Council

Emergency Management Committee of Council

Australian Local Government Women's Association

(Residents – Rates – Rubbish – Roads)

Authorised by Liz Hamer, 30 Harvey Street, Strahan





CIRCULAR HEAD

Community News

CHArts Countdown Begins

The countdown is on for one of Circular Head's biggest annual celebrations, with the CHArts Festival returning throughout September with a vibrant program of exhibitions, workshops, performances and community events.

CHArts is Circular Head's signature celebration of arts, culture and heritage, bringing together local artists, performers, community groups, businesses and visitors to celebrate the creativity, stories and unique character of our region.

A highlight of the festival is the annual CHArts competitions, showcasing outstanding work from artists, photographers and writers from across Tasmania. Featuring more than \$10,000 in prize money, the competitions culminate in the popular exhibition that attracts visitors from across the region and beyond.

While competition entries close shortly, there's still plenty to look forward to throughout the month-long festival.

This year's program includes the official CHArts Opening, papermaking workshops, Sounds Around Town, performances by the Cradle Coast Orchestra, exhibitions, screenings,

creative workshops and many more events for people of all ages to enjoy.

CHArts celebrates the creativity, talent and community spirit that already exists across Circular Head. It's something we can all be proud of and something we're excited to share with visitors.

Whether you're entering a competition, exhibiting your work, attending an event or simply coming along to enjoy the festival, CHArts is an invitation for everyone to be part of a celebration that belongs to our whole community.

A special thank you to all of our sponsors. Our Pink Partner – Bendigo Bank. Red Partners – McCain Foods and Woolnorth Renewables. Black Partners – Roger Jaensch MP.

The full festival program is now available online.

www.chartsfestival.com

Your Rates Explained

We've received a number of questions since this year's rates notices were issued, so we've created a guide explaining how rates are calculated, why notices differ from property to property, and answering some of the questions we've been hearing from the community.



Church Street

The first stage of the Church Street Master Plan is now complete, delivering changes to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.



Quick Updates

New Smithton Truck Wash – is now open! And set to strengthen biosecurity protections for our livestock industry while delivering cleaner roads and better environmental outcomes.

Council's Small Community Grants Program – is now open, with funding available for local projects that bring people together and support community wellbeing. Applications close 31 August. Find the guidelines, application online form and resources on our website.

My Local Services App – we are moving away from the My Local Services App from August. If you're affected, visit our website to find out why we're making the change and where you can access the same information.

A Reminder for Farmers – if you're disposing of silage wrap at the White Hills Waste Transfer Station, please remember that only small quantities are accepted. As a guide, Council can accept up to two bulka bags per week per customer, with loads delivered Monday to Thursday only. For more info, please visit our website before you load up.

Bird Flu – if you see a sick or dead bird or other wildlife call the Emergency Animal Disease hotline on 1800 675 888

Know Someone Changing Our Community for the Better? – from volunteers and community leaders to innovators and local champions, Circular Head has plenty of people worthy of recognition. Nominations are now open for the 2026 Tasmanian Regional Development Champions Awards, celebrating the people driving positive change in our regions. View the categories and nomination form. www.rdatasmania.org.au/champs2026

SAVE THE DATE

Circular Head Science Gig
Monday 17 August

Unsung Heroines/ Soroptimists Awards
Friday 21 August

August Council Meeting
Thursday 27 August

Community Catch Up – Smithton
Friday 28 August

Community Grants
Now Open. Close 31 August

Community Catch Up – Forest
Friday 4 September

Grand Opening of CHArts Festival
Friday 4 September

CHArts Festival
Friday 4 Sept to Sunday 4 Oct

Stanley Bicentenary Commemoration
Friday 30 Oct to Mon 2 Nov

Community Catch Up – Rocky Cape
Friday 25 September



Sign up to our eNews



Stay up to date with what Council is doing, including projects, services, decisions and ways to have your say.

Peggy's off on another adventure!

Peggy, the much-loved possum from the Smithton Visitor Information Centre, is back exploring Circular Head and this time with one of the centre's new **i-Spy Activity Books**.

The fun activity books encourage families and visitors to discover local landmarks and hidden treasures while exploring the region.

Pick up your own copy from the Smithton Visitor Information Centre for just \$1 and follow Peggy's adventures on the Visitor Information Centre's Facebook page to see where she heads next.



Circular Head Council invites you to

Official OPENING

FRIDAY 4 SEPT 2026 | 6.00 PM

68 EMMETT STREET, SMITHTON

Bookings are required via Humanitix or email charts@circularhead.tas.gov.au before Monday 31 August

Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

MINER BECOMES A PARAPLEGIC AFTER AN ACCIDENT AND DIES TWO YEARS LATER.

About 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, the 14th of March 1908, 31-year-old George Henry Wyatt, a native of Victoria, was very seriously injured while working in the north drive from the No. 2 level at the Spray mine, when a large piece of rock fell on him.

Just before the accident Wyatt had attempted to bring down the large, dangerous looking piece of soft rock from the roof of the drive, but being unable to dislodge it, he decided that it was safe to leave. Wyatt then started to work directly under the rock, when, without any warning, a piece weighing several hundred kilograms fell on him, pinning him to the ground, and at the same time forcing his face against the side of the drive. His working mate Armstrong, who was working just a couple of metres away, quickly went to his assistance and freed him, and then took him to the surface.

Dr. Borthwick was summoned and ordered his removal to the Zeehan and Dundas Hospital. He was loaded onto a stretcher and then placed in a truck and conveyed by the Spray com-

pany's locomotive to the intersection of Main and Wilson streets where volunteers carried him to the hospital. (Situated on top of the hill surrounded by Fowell, Bayley, and Westwood streets.)

Dr. Butler, medical superintendent of the Hospital, who had just returned from Rosebery, made an examination, and found that Wyatt had received a fracture of the spine and serious internal injuries. Later Mines Inspector James Harrison interviewed Wyatt,

who informed him that he attributed no blame or carelessness to anyone, as he considered the drive perfectly safe at the time of the accident.

Wyatt was a quiet, unassuming man, and well-liked by all who knew him. Before the accident he was of an athletic and powerful disposition,

and when he found that he would be permanently disabled he was severely affected.

Wyatt spent at least four months in the Zeehan and Dundas Hospital, before he returned home at a later date where he remained bedridden.

Sometime later he was again admitted to the hospital, and he passed away there during the morning of Thursday, October 6, 1910, leaving a widow to mourn his loss. His other known relatives were a sister Martha, and a brother Abraham, who lived at Ballarat, and a cousin, F. Quarrell, who lived in Zeehan. Wyatt was a member of the Zeehan Rifle Club, and of the Amalgamated Miners' Association, and the flag at the A.M.A. Hall was flown at halfmast as a token of respect. In addition, he was a member

of the United and Ancient Order of Druids. This organisation operated as a mutual benefit society, with members paying a subscription amount which in return provided them with sick pay, paid for their medical care, and distributed funeral benefits, before modern social welfare existed. It was

quite a prominent body in the early days of Zeehan.

His funeral left from his home in Fowell Street for the Zeehan Cemetery at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, 9 October. It was well attended, and included members of the U.A.O.D., the A.M.A. and the Zeehan Rifle Club, as well as the general public.

Methodist minister, the Reverend A. Rogers officiated at the graveside, while Past District President Brother Dowsett, of the Strahan Lodge, U.A.O.D. (of which deceased was a member) read the funeral service of that Order. The pall bearers were two members of the Oak of Zeehan Lodge, U.A.O.D., and two from the A.M.A. No physical trace of his grave remains today, but the location is known.

Fate was doubly unkind to the Wyatt family. George's father, Abraham Wyatt, had drowned in the New Australasian No. 2 Gold Mine disaster at Creswick, Victoria, in December 1882. He was one of 22 miners who died when a flood of water from nearby abandoned workings inundated the mine. Fourteen men escaped to the surface, but twenty-seven men became trapped, and when rescuers reached them 50 hours later only five were still alive. It remains to this day Australia's deadliest underground gold mining accident, and the second worst underground tragedy overall behind only the Mt. Lyell disaster of 1912.

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

WYNYARD YACHT CLUB

Did you know that the Wynyard Yacht Club hosts an accessible program that enables differently abled sailors and first time sailors on the water?

The programme for differently abled sailors is called Sailability. The participants sail on Hansa 303s; an impossible-to-capsize boat. The Hansa 303 has a very heavy centreboard. A centreboard is the board that sticks out of the bottom of a sailboat boat. The centreboard helps keep the boat in a straight line and stops it from capsizing. The Hansa 303's centreboards can get VERY HEAVY when you put the Hansa sailboat in the water as they fill up with water. A feature which is unique to the sail boats made for the impossible to capsize sailboats.

Hansa 303s are a one or two - person boat. They have a mainsail (the big sail) and a jib (the little sail) like a normal boat. However, instead of a tiller (the stick in a sailboat that connects to the rudder that you use it steer the boat),

you have a little joystick in the middle to steer! Also, instead of sitting on the edge of the boat and changing sides every time you tack (push the tiller) or gybe (pull the tiller), you have a seat that you sit on and stay there! You don't even have to move within the sailboat when you turn! This makes this type of boat a lot easier to sail for people who have a disability that prevents them from being able to move from one side of the sailboat to the other. The Sailability program is very important to our club. Our fantastic Commodore, Chris Symonds has Motor Neuron Disease, a disease that stops your nerves from being able to tell your muscles to move. People with Motor Neuron Disease slowly lose their ability to walk and move their body.

The Hansa 303 means that Chris Symonds can still sail and race sailboats interstate and even internationally!

Sailability teaches many differently abled people how to sail, and even just

gives them the experience of going out on the water. Another thing: Did you know that the WYC recently got a RS Venture boat: another two person, impossible-to-capsize boat that is much larger than the Hansa. The RS Venture boat has the two normal sails and a spinnaker. A spinnaker is a less commonly seen sail that is made of much thinner fabric and is a lot larger than the mainsail. It is found on many racing boats. This boat is more similar in size to a yacht or a keelboat than a sail-

boat and it is named 'Jack'. I have sailed a Hansa 303, and my friends and I can account to the fact that they are tremendous fun. **Michael Hughes**



Tales from Emmerton Park - meet the residents

My Story – Lillian Buckby



I was born at Redpa in the Bush Nurses' Clinic, which was attached to the nurse's home. I had a good start in life, weighing eight pounds five ounces. I was number eleven of twelve children, with six brothers and five sisters.

Mum was always busy with the washing. There were no modern conveniences back then, just a double concrete trough in an outside laundry. Many years later she finally got a copper to boil the whites, which made life a lot easier. Dad spent his days clearing the farm for pasture and tending the vegetable garden whenever he could.

There were no roads between Marawah and Smithton back then. We had an old railway line that carried potatoes, swedes, carrots and logs to the mill, or an old pony track. Dad worked as a la-

bourer cutting timber for the foundations of what would become the gravel road. What a difference that road made for everyone.

Life was hard back then, but the older children always looked after the younger ones. My older sister Ruby pretty much raised me and kept me out of mischief, well most of the time. I loved making mud cakes near the lagoon. One day I fell in and went under. Ruby grabbed hold of my golden curls and pulled me out, coughing and spluttering. Another time, when I was eight, I broke my nose playing chasey at school. I remember having two black eyes while Mum simply wiggled my nose back into place.

Every now and then an Ambrose's van would come around selling everything from sheets to household goods. One day they had doll faces for sale. Mum chose a black-faced one for me, then hand-sewed its body and clothes. It wore a striped green and yellow skirt with a red shirt. I cherished that doll and can still picture it today.

Growing up in a big family meant everyone had jobs to do. Before school I milked three cows by hand. The older you were, the more cows you milked. Children usually started school at six, but I didn't begin until I was seven because I was so small, and we had to walk three and a half miles to school each way, rain,

hail or shine.

Somehow, I made it to sixteen relatively unscathed and left school. My first job was looking after young children, sometimes in their homes and sometimes in ours at Redpa. I was saving up to become a nurse. At eighteen I moved up the coast to train at Devon Hospital in Latrobe. I loved nursing and worked there for three years until Mum became ill and was being treated in Wynyard. I transferred to the Spencer Hospital in Wynyard so I could care for her. When Mum was discharged, I returned home to care for her and help around the house.

I had known my future husband, Eric Buckby, my whole life because his family lived on the neighbouring farm. I didn't realise it then, but he had always liked me. One day we met while I was driving my brother's car, one year and three months later we were married at the Anglican Church in Redpa. I was 22 and Eric was 32. I made my own wedding dress. It was pearl-coloured, full-length embossed satin with long sleeves and buttons all the way down the front. I'll never forget that day.

After we married, we bought a farm about a mile down the road from both our families. We wanted to stay close so we could help whenever we were needed. Before long we started our family and were blessed with five boys and one

girl: Colin, Allan, Marjorie, Maurice, Daryl and Douglas. They have all grown into wonderful people.

I have great memories of our Families relaxation day Saturday outings. We would all head to the Redpa Recreation ground. I would play softball and Eric played football. The kids would cheer us on. The whole district would come along and watch.

We enjoyed family holidays to Dover to visit Eric's sister. It was a long trip with a car full of children, so we always made a few stops and packed a picnic lunch for the journey. Later, when the children were older, Eric and I had the chance to travel together. We visited Queensland, Victoria and Adelaide. It was lovely to get away, but coming home was always the best. We truly lived in the best place in the world.

Sadly, Eric passed away in 2002, and his loss was deeply felt by our whole family. I stayed on the farm for another five years before moving into a unit in Smithton. In 2023, I moved into Emmerton Park. It is a lovely place to live, my home away from home where I am still making wonderful memories.



New Smithton Truck Wash open

Anne Urquhart MP today welcomes the official opening of the new Smithton Truck Wash, which adds to the North West's growing network of truck wash facilities delivered by the Albanese Labor Government.

Following the opening of the Minna Road Truck Wash in April, and the delivery of the King Island Truck Wash in 2024, the Smithton facility will become the third truck wash to open as part of the North West Tasmania Truck Wash and Effluent Dumping Facilities project. The final truck wash will open in Stanley later this year.

The Federal Government delivered \$4.7 million in funding for the Smithton site, with additional funding from the Tasmanian Government and TasWater.

The new facility will allow farmers and truck drivers to clean their vehicles and equipment safely and efficiently, improving biosecurity, road safety and animal welfare.

Federal Member for Braddon, Anne Urquhart MP said the new truck wash will improve biosecurity and agricultural sustainability in the region.

"I'm so pleased to open the third of four truck washes across Braddon.

Practical infrastructure investments like these are critical to our region's future needs," Ms Urquhart said. "The new Smithton facility will support our primary producers and freight industries, giving them the tools they need to uphold our biosecurity standards."



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60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan

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A commemorate service for the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan will be held at Anzac Park Smithton on August 18 commencing at 10.30.

Following the service a light lunch will be available at the Senior Centre Smithton.

The Battle of Long Tan was a significant moment in Australia's war in Vietnam. On 18 August 1966, in a rubber plantation near the village of Long Tan, Australian soldiers fought one of their most intense battles of the war.

The men of Delta Company, 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, faced a force of around two thousand North Vietnamese and Vietcong troops. The battle was fought during wet and muddy condition where sadly 17 Australians were killed in action, with one of the twenty five wounded dying 9 days later.

On that day Vietnam Veteran David Cocker from Circular Head Regiment took part in the Battle of Long Tan in support of D Company, 6 RAR, firing 3,198 rounds from their L5s in three hours of battle with the artillery proving critical in ensuring the survival of the infantry.

This is a section from a letter I received from local veteran Daryl Poke 10 years ago, 'On the late afternoon of the 18th D Coy 5 RAR were on standby to go to their assistance.

At daylight on the 19th we were chopped in to assist 6 RAR in sweeping the battlefield to retrieve the bodies of the dead diggers and to pursue the enemy where they had retreated to the N East. We followed the bloody track where they had dragged a lot of their dead and wounded until we were at the limit of our Artillery range.

For three days we collected rifles, machine guns, and ammunition from the battlefield. The Engineers were bought in with wheel loaders to dig a big hole and dump the dead enemy bodies in and cover them over.

To the men of D Coy 6 RAR who fought in the battle they were hero's every one of you and I salute you.

The carnage of the battlefield had to be seen to realise the destruction that Human beings are capable of. There has not been a day go past in the last 50 years of my life that I don't think about it.'

In 1988, a decision was made to formally recognise all Vietnam War veterans, officially marking the 18 of August as Vietnam Veterans' Day.

RSL President Terrence Holland warmly invites Veterans, families and the community to attend and stand with us to pay tribute and respect to all those brave men and women who served our country. Thank you.



Another kind of Abundance

4 Food security begins at home

Annie Venables



One of the things that gives me enormous pleasure is growing my own food. There is something deeply satisfying about walking into the garden to pick some lettuce leaves, a few tomatoes ,a bunch of kale and some herbs for dinner. Every vegetable feels like a small step towards greater self-sufficiency. Not to mention the extra nutrients from how fresh it is.

So I was delighted one day to spot trays of vegetable seedlings for sale outside a neighbour's house. Before long I was carrying home a collection of kale plants from Terri. Today they fill an entire garden bed, and every time I harvest a few leaves I'm reminded that food resilience can begin with something as simple as one neighbour helping another to grow food.

That is why I was so shocked to hear that proposed changes to Tasmania's food safety regulations could have made life much more difficult for small home growers like Terri.

The proposed regulations would have required many people selling or sharing produce to complete detailed food safety plans. While commercial food safety is clearly important, Terri worried the paperwork would discourage exactly the sort of small-scale food growing that helps communities become more resilient. And quite frankly it is Un-Tasmanian – we have a culture of road side stalls in this state.

Rather than quietly accepting the proposal, she decided to act.

Terri carefully studied the regulations, wrote a thoughtful submission and encouraged people across Tasmania to sign her petition Her message was simple: at a time of rising food prices and increasingly uncertain supply chains, surely this was the moment to encourage local food

production, not make it harder. Hundreds of gardeners and community members across Tasmania felt the same. and also made their voices heard. In the end, the Government decided to back away from the proposal. It was a wonderful reminder that democracy still works when ordinary people become involved. And that common sense sometimes prevails!

It also reminded me that growing food on the West Coast is nothing new.

Local Ian Bradshaw recalls that many Queenstown families once grew much of their own food. Some gardeners produced enough vegetables not only for themselves but also to sell and share with neighbours. He remembers one local on Crotty Street had a market garden and rotated chickens through his vegetable beds before growing potatoes, carrots, parsnips, cabbages and summer greens.

Back then, nobody called it food resilience. It was simply how communities looked after one another. Perhaps those old West Coast values of resilience, self-sufficiency and community are not relics of the past. They may be exactly the qualities we need for the future. And what we are beginning to see emerge again.

Every tray of seedlings sold from a front gate, every backyard vegetable patch, every shared packet of seeds and every neighbour who encourages someone else to grow food makes our community a little stronger. As global food systems become increasingly uncertain, food security may begin not with governments or supermarkets, but in our own backyards.

If you have a story that reflects Another Kind of Abundance, I'd love to hear from you. You can write to me at vikings-films@bigpond.com.

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WESTERN ECHO PUZZLE PAGE

SWAMP

Theory Exam
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BOY, THESE QUESTIONS ARE SO EASY!!

YOU'RE BLUFFING!

BEYOND THE BLACK STUMP

...I DON'T KNOW QUITE HOW TO SAY THIS... BUT IT SEEMS YOUR LONG OVERDUE BABY BROTHER IS ACTUALLY A GOLF BALL! ...

CLANCY

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE?

YEAH, AND ALL I ENDED UP DOING WAS...

...BREAKING MY CAR WINDOW!

INSANITY STREAK

YEP, IT'S A BROKEN LEG! LUCKY YOU'RE NOT A HORSE OR I'D PUT YOU DOWN.

AGAINST THE GRAIN

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JUMBLE No. 701

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TODAY'S TARGET
15 Words **Good**
19 Words **Very Good**
23 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. 022

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CROSSWORD No. 10870

ACROSS

1 Tribal symbol
5 Decoration
10 Female fox
11 Wander
13 Long detailed stories
14 Commenced
15 Exclude
16 Lid
18 Comforts
21 Dry
22 Causes sudden alarm
25 Winged
26 Birds with large fish-catching bills
29 Actual
31 Narrow ways
32 Rim
33 Conceals
35 Using few words
37 African river
38 Metal
39 Wanderer
40 Condescend
41 Is ahead

DOWN

2 Public speaker
3 Dodged
4 Scrooge
5 Table-shaped hill
6 Beseeches
7 Apprehend
8 Fate
9 Colour
12 Stanza
16 Fish
17 Stringed instrument
19 Land measure
20 Church office holder
22 Cutting violently at random
23 Make brown
24 Part of a shoe
25 Top card
27 English composer
28 Chant
29 Dwell
30 Consented
32 Corruptly mercenary
34 Sacred image
35 Falsehood
36 Pay on delivery

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16521

ACROSS

4 What ships carry so the vehicle works (7)
8 Sum to pay for a horse? (6)
9 Called for medical reforms (7)
10 Frame of mind that may raise a laugh (6)
11 You and I have to take on wicked pest (6)
12 Mean it to be never (2,2,4)
18 Again tending to be trustworthy (8)
20 Tell how bishop lost his head? (6)
21 Presumably it won't get the cup if it's flying (6)
22 The key to the missing locks? (7)
23 Stack for smoker (6)
24 Attractive sketch, perhaps (7)

DOWN

1 Sack hotheaded father? Capital! (7)
2 Allowance of food for MPs? (7)
3 Slight sunlit movement (6)
5 The whole lot grow, so there's nothing wrong (4,4)
6 Girl conductors? (6)
7 It's open for seeing the sights (6)
13 Paying back runner, it could be (2,6)
14 Part of play by old boy is indecent (7)
15 Lay wire in a tired way (7)
16 Mend a broken marriage? (6)
17 Handcart causes quarrel in pub? (6)
19 Early flier took one vehicle to America (6)

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

Crossword No. 10869

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Sudoku No. 021

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

Cryptic No. 16520

Across: 1 Attache-case; 9 Air; 10 Brimstone; 11 Beset; 13 Twister; 14 Relics; 16 Truant; 18 Soprano; 19 Solar; 20 Originate; 21 Cue; 22 Letterpress

Down: 2 Tar; 3 Ambit; 4 Hoists; 5 Cashier; 6 Shortfall; 7 Barber's shop; 8 Secretaries; 12 Sale-price; 15 Chariot; 17 Mohair; 19 Sheer; 21 Cos.

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NEXT MEETING:
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Please contact our Committee Members:

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The Queenstown Cancer group will be hosting A Cent Night as part of our Daffodil Day fundraiser, On August 20th, starting at 7pm. At the W.C. New Beginnings Community Centre

Our limited stock of Daffodil products will also be available on the night with any excess products sold at a later date

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NORTHWEST

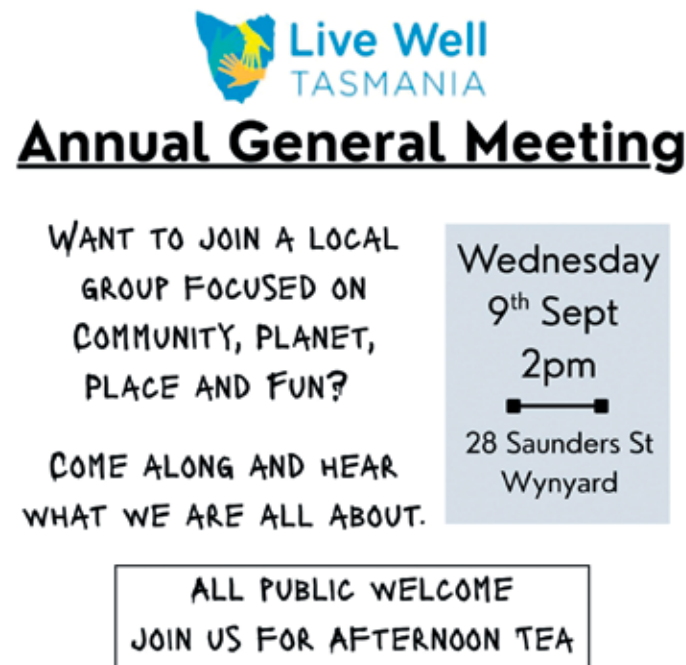
The Wynyard RSL Sub-Branch is holding a cocktail party on Friday 9 October as our major fundraiser for the year. Kitty and The Rockets will be playing, we'll have alcoholic and non-alcoholic cocktails, canapes, a dance hall and a lounge bar. It's 18+ but apart from that, everyone is welcome.

This will be a great night, people from all over come along to kick up their heels, celebrate the arrival of spring, the Tulip Festival and hopefully it will be a successful fundraiser for us.

The link for tickets is: <https://events.humanitix.com/tulip-festival-cocktail-party/tickets>. Just scan the QR code at right.



Circular Head Landcare Group Inc.
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Call for Growers and Makers Stallholders - Redpa Primary School Centenary Celebration Day

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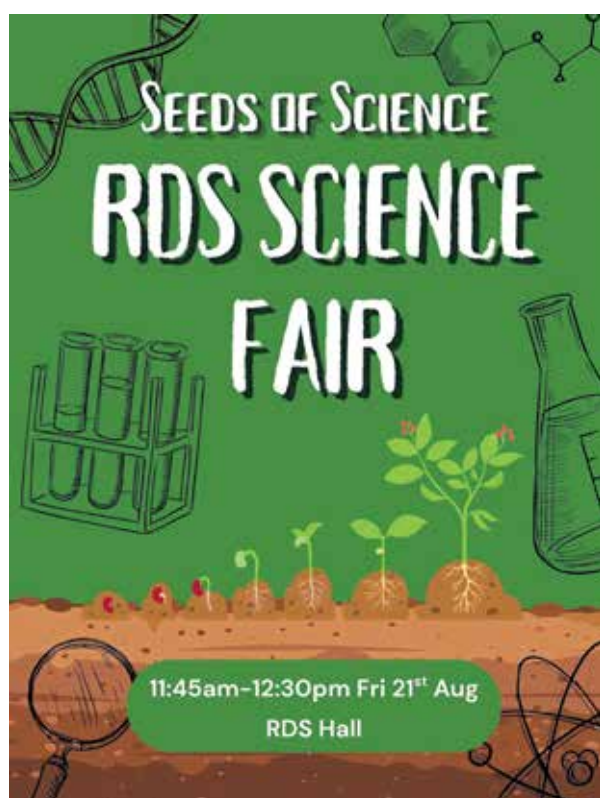
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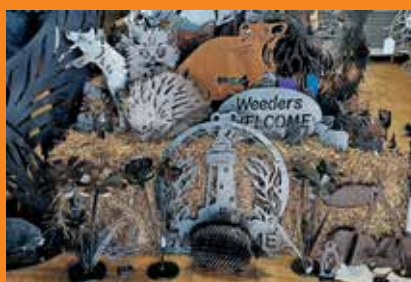
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WE PLAY - WYNYARD FOOTBALL

Photos by Alan Jennison

I rocked out to the Wynyard Football ground last weekend to photograph the matches between the Wynyard Cats and the Ulverstone Robins and even though Wynyard lost their games there was some great football played by all teams.

Final scores are shown on next page.
Alan/Ed



WE PLAY - WYNYARD FOOTBALL

Photos by Alan Jennison

ROUND 15
RESULTS



20	DEVELOPMENT	171
11	WOMEN	46
74	SENIOR MEN	102





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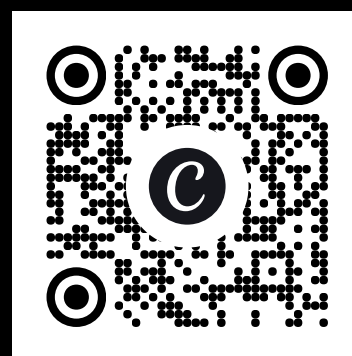
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