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Letters to the editor...

Here at the Western Echo we love a good debate. If you have a concern, grievance, pet hate or even wish to congratulate someone for doing the RIGHT thing, then this is the place for it. Please note though, that everyone has the right to reply to your letter and we at the Western Echo are under no obligation to publish if things look like they are getting out of hand. We do reserve the right to edit letters for reasons such as clarity and length. Other than that, feel free to have YOUR say. These views in this newspaper, political or otherwise, are not necessarily those held by the editor or anyone professionally associated with the Western Echo.

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Introducing Kylie



Kylie Gillard will be taking photos for the 'Echo' at some of the North-west events so say hi if you see her. ***Alan/Ed***

'Photography has been a long-standing passion of mine, with a particular love for landscapes, wildlife and bird photography. Having previously photographed weddings and portraits, my work has also reached an international audience, including an image featured on American singer-songwriter Wyatt Easterling's album 'Divining Rod'.

I'm now expanding into community and event photography with The Western Echo, capturing the people, places and stories that make our local community special. For me, photography is all about capturing moments and telling stories through the lens.'

Hi, I am a visitor to your lovely piece of paradise and have managed to read your wonderful local paper. It's fantastic and informative. But one thing caught my eye. The letter to the editor on the 8th of October was spot on. My first view of Tasmania is beauty but my second is the disgraceful amount of rubbish roadside along highways. I have traversed Australia many times and was taken by the amount of filth, to the extent I think its the worst littered highways in Australia. I will be writing to the Greens of Tasmania when I return because their grandstanding on the environment left me flabbergasted with the forgotten litter. Again thank you for your great free paper but please yell this loud because this was the last thing I thought Tasmania would crowned the king of. ***Mr Stilinovich of Bundaberg QLD***

Dear editor, congratulations and thankyou for creating a wonderful monthly free newspaper, the Western echo, love reading the west, north west coast stories and watching the paper grow and bloom. With the paper cruising accross the Strait to being on shelves in gas and other stores, it's come a long way.
Well done, happy 5th birthday.
Animal Welfare Centre Inc Zeehan

Five years of the Western Echo

When a local newspaper that is essentially a one-person operation turns five, it deserves to be celebrated.

I congratulate Alan at the Western Echo on reaching this milestone and sincerely thank him for all the work it has taken to get there. From the wonderful West Coast, where the dream began and took flight, to the broader Northwest Coast, a local paper is such an important resource. Regional newspapers do something no one else does. These smaller, community-centred papers know us best.

They give voice to people who may never make the state or national headlines, and they tell the stories that matter to us and are about us, right here where we live. These stories are the fabric of community life, and they help people feel they belong.

Running a small regional publication is not easy. Many struggle in the face of social media, dwindling advertising revenue and changes in how people consume news. In recent years our region has lost both the Circular Head Chronicle and the Wynyard Pulse. When we lose local newspapers, we lose a dedicated source of local accountability, public discourse and a sense of place. The Western Echo has not only survived but stepped up to fill that gap and now covers Circular Head and Waratah-Wynyard as well as the West Coast.

I encourage all readers to keep supporting local journalism, because it only continues if we value it.

Thank you again, Alan, for bringing our voices, images and stories to life.
I am glad you are here, and I look forward to celebrating a decade of the Western Echo!
Ruth Forrest MLC

Happy Birthday to the Western Echo! Wow, it is hard to believe that this sturdy little paper is really 5 years old already. Where'd the time go?! I would like to sincerely thank editor Alan and all the contributors over the years for producing this marvellous read. Although my mother is not on the west coast, she still asks for a copy each month - she loves how the paper has so much about the children. Here's hoping the WE remains steadfast and strong for at least another 5 years! Can we have a party then? Wendy, have a woof in Dad's ear, there's a good doggie.
Best wishes from Sally Danen, Waratah

Dear Editor,

After generations of helping build Tasmania's prosperity, the West Coast is entitled to expect that its own future will not be treated as an afterthought. Yet with the State Government confronting mounting debt and committing more than a billion dollars to a Hobart stadium, the future of the West Coast Wilderness Railway remains uncertain.

Despite its historical significance and importance to regional tourism, sections of the railway remain closed, with no confirmed timetable for restoring full Queenstown–Strahan services.

The Government has commissioned Nova Economics to assess the railway's economic, social and cultural value under different operating scenarios. While such an assessment may appear prudent, it raises a troubling question: Is the Government genuinely exploring how to restore the entire Queenstown–Strahan line, or gathering evidence to justify permanently reduced services?

The contrast with Hobart's stadium is particularly troubling. If governments can justify extraordinary expenditure on a new sporting venue through anticipated tourism and economic benefits, surely the same principles should apply to preserving an established attraction that already supports regional businesses and communities. The West Coast is not asking for an extravagant new development.

It is asking governments to restore an irreplaceable piece of Tasmania's industrial heritage. The 2026 local government elections present an immediate test of leadership for the incoming West Coast Council. Its newly elected councillors should make the complete restoration of the railway, and the earliest practicable return of full Queenstown–Strahan services, a collective advocacy priority.

Council must work with local businesses, tourism operators and the wider community to demand a funded restoration plan from both the State and Federal Governments.

West Coasters and Tasmanians must stand united in ensuring the railway's gradual contraction is not accepted as its permanent future.

The West Coast has contributed enormously to this State's prosperity. It deserves a fair share of investment in its future.***L.S. Strahan***

Tasmanian Liberals

Roger Jaensch

Liberal Member for Braddon

Congratulations to the **Western Echo** for five years of telling the stories of our region.



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Tasnetworks relocating poles along Stanley highway



Building Tasmania is working to upgrade the Stanley Highway to improve safety, traffic flow, and the visitor experience along the popular tourist route and later this month TasNetworks will commence power pole relocations as part of the project.

TasNetworks and Building Tasmania have worked together to ensure minimal power outages during the upgrades, which stretch for 2.8km on the highway between West Inlet Track and Dovecote Road.

The 30-minute power outages will occur on Tuesday 17 November sometime between 8am and 12pm and again on Friday 20 November sometime between 2pm and 5pm and are required so TasNetworks can safely relocate several power poles due to road widening.

TasNetworks Executive Operations Kevin McGrath said these pole relocations along Stanley Highway could have resulted in significantly longer power outages without the careful planning and collaboration of Building Tasmania.

"The relocation of power poles is essential to the project and will require temporary electrical power outages while customers are safely switched to and from generator supply," he said.

"While we complete this work, we are taking the opportunity to upgrade parts of the electrical network so we can continue to provide the best quality network service to Stanley. These improvements will also strengthen the network and help reduce the risk and impact of similar disruptions for our customers and businesses in the future."

The outages will only be required to allow TasNetworks to safely switch the network to generator supplied power at the start and then return it to normal network supply once the work is complete.

"We have worked closely with Building Tasmania to minimise the duration of this changeover and the impact on the community. The generator will provide power to the distribution network for the duration of the work," Mr McGrath said.

A reduced speed limit is in place, with single lane closures and traffic lights directing traffic flow. Road users should keep to reduced speed limits and follow the directions of traffic controllers and signs.

Work hours will generally be between 6am and 5pm weekdays although there maybe the need to work outside those hours.

More information about the project can be found by visiting the project website: www.transport.tas.gov.au/stanley-highway-upgrade.

Please contact TasNetworks if you have any questions or concerns regarding the planned outages or generator power supply on the general enquiries number, which is 1300 137 008 between Monday to Friday 9am-5pm or via email to customer.enquiries@tasnetworks.com.au

TasNetworks thanks the Stanley community for their patience and cooperation while it completes this important work.



Grant received by 'Echo'

Congratulations to the Western Echo, which just received $24,500 in funding from the Federal Government to support local and community news.

Editor Alan puts in a huge amount of effort each month compiling local stories, photos, news and events throughout the West and North West.

The newspaper is also five years old this month, with 60 editions printed.

It's a fantastic asset to our region and I'm proud to support independent, local journalism!
Anne Urquhart MP



This grant will take the Western Echo to the next level with new equipment, a new website and new ideas. We will be shooting a lot of video at events now and these will be watchable using QR codes in the newspaper stories and ads.

We will also be running a letterbox drop to let every household and business from Burnie, west to Arthur River and down the West Coast to Strahan and Queenstown etc. This will really lift the Echo to new heights and we anticipate printing even more than we do now.

If you have a story, an idea for a story or a message you would like to get out there then let us know.

For advertisers this is an amazing opportunity to get your business not only seen IN the newspaper but in video form as well. How about a walk-through of your business - in 4k video! This will be a real game changer for you to get your message out there and keep people engaged.
Alan/Ed

'Western Echo' Wendy

What a crazy time it has been in our household lately, so many comings and goings and so many visitors. And many of those have had four legs too!



Actually, I'm not sure about that... does a wallaby have two legs or four? Are its back legs called paws like mine? Does it have hands or are they really feet?

Oh it's so confusing for my doggy brain but I do love helping feed them, even if I do want to help by licking their cute little wallaby faces.

I also liked helping to feed 'Bumpkin', a week old lamb that came for a visit - he even let me share his milk! Oh it is so much fun when dad gets visitors like these.

Anyway, until next time.

Woof to you all... *Wendy*

Gem and Mineral show a hit in Zeehan

The historic mining town of Zeehan burst into life over the weekend as the 2026 West Coast Heritage & Minerals Fair brought thousands of fossickers, families, and rock enthusiasts to the region. Colloquially known and loved as the "Zeehan Gem Fair," the revamped annual event took over the expansive West Coast Heritage Centre on Main Street.

Up to 80 local and interstate traders packed out the iconic, historic Gaiety Theatre to buy, sell, and showcase spectacular geological treasures. Collectors specifically hunted for prized specimens of crocoite—Tasmania's vibrant saffron-orange mineral emblem native to the local area. Managed by West Coast Heritage Ltd, the two-day festival expanded its focus on regional culture by pairing mineral trading with a lively open day program.

Large crowds gathered across the seven-hectare site to witness heritage blacksmith demonstrations, competitive wood chopping, and an open-air line-up of live local music and food trucks.

From its humble roots in 2004 with just 24 stalls, the gathering has grown into the West Coast's single biggest social weekend, attracting an estimated 3,000 visitors across Saturday and Sunday.

Organisers heralded the weekend as a resounding success that perfectly preserves the area's legendary "Silver City" identity.

Photos by Kerrie Laffer











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90 years of Rosebery

* For nine decades, many hands have helped shape Rosebery's story.

We're proud to have been part of that journey, working across generations, with EZ Company of Australia, Electrolytic Zinc Company, Emu Bay Railway Co., Pasminco Mining, Pasminco Emu Bay Railway, Zinifex Rosebery Mine, Oz Minerals and now MMG.

This year, we celebrate Rosebery and everyone whose contribution has helped build an enduring legacy in western Tasmania.

Congratulations on 90 years of continuous operation.

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Bringing home the bacon in Burnie for charity





Squeals of laughter and furious cheering echoed through Wilson Street recently as the Rotary Club of Burnie West hosted the highly anticipated return of Noah's Thoroughbred Racing Pigs. Staged at the Burnie Central Townhouse Hotel immediately following the conclusion of the famous Strait Link Burnie 10 footrace, the four-legged speedsters took centre stage before an enthusiastic community crowd. The pint-sized swine wowed spectators by navigating tight obstacle courses and bursting through gates to hunt down the finish line. In a thrillingly narrow final dash, it was the silver-jacketed pig that pip-squeaked the victory, just edging out the gold contender to secure the afternoon's ultimate bragging rights.



Whaleback Ridge
Renewable Energy Project

Community drop-in session

Westcoast Renewable Energy is planning a new wind farm between Granville Harbour and Zeehan.

We are holding a community drop-in session to share information and hear from the community.

The Paragon Theatre,
11 McNamara Street, Queenstown

Thursday, 19 November 2026
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Drop in to meet the project team, learn more about the project, ask questions and share your thoughts - no need to register.

If you can't make it, you can contact our team:

Visit: www.westcoastrenew.com.au

Email: info@westcoastrenew.com.au

Call: 0456 850 118

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WE PLAY - DISC GOLF IN BURNIE

Photos by Alan Jennison

Towards the end of the year 2018, some very strange objects began to appear in the View Road Reserve, in Burnie. Seemingly placed at random intervals throughout the park, what could they possibly be?

Well, it turns out that they were Disc Pole Holes, the targets used in the sport of Disc Golf. They were installed by course designer Michael Rubock, after a proposal from Burnie City councillor Chris Lynch.

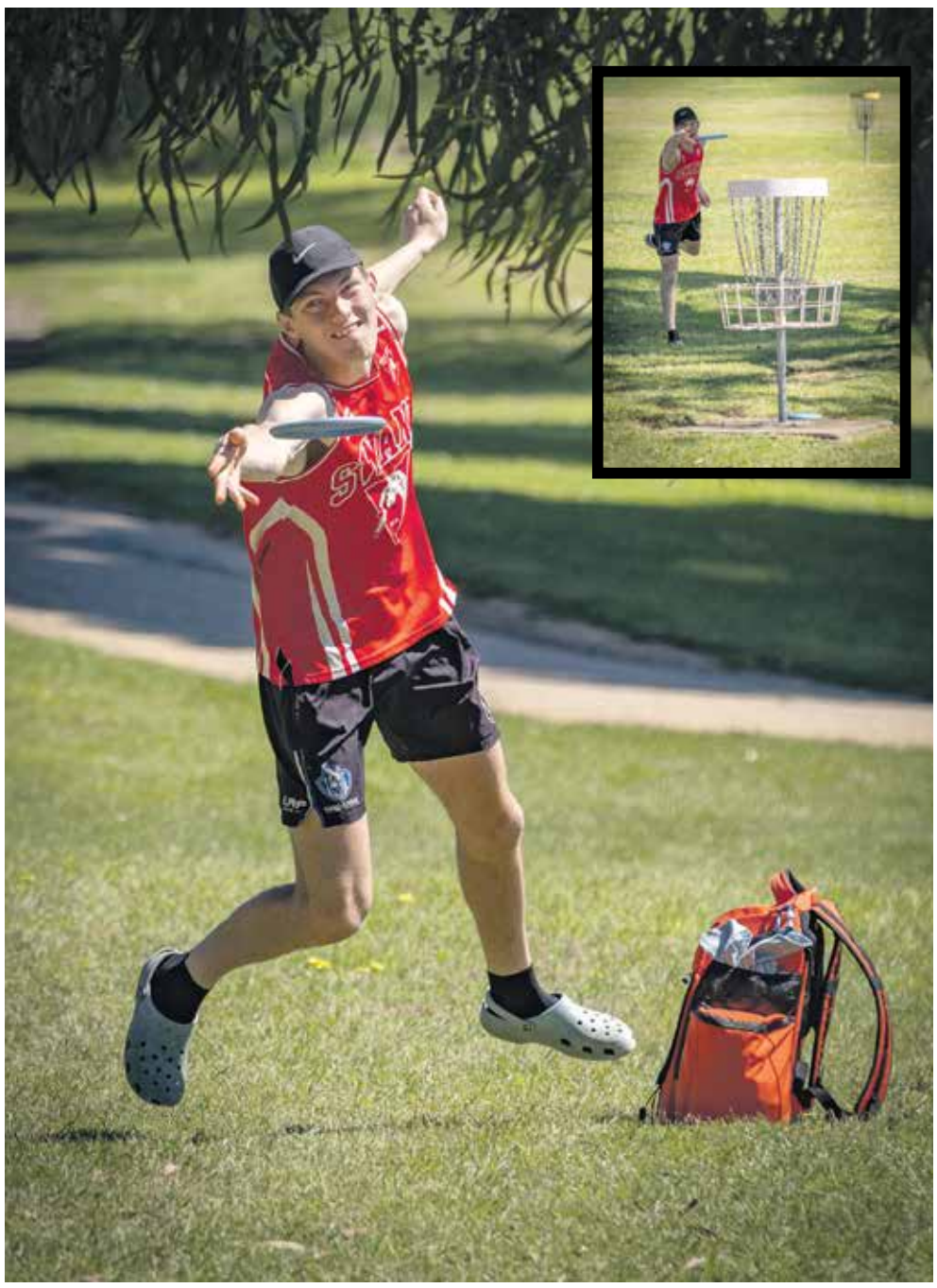
You play Disc Golf exactly the same as (ball) golf, except that you use flying discs ('frisbees') and you hole out by throwing your disc (putting) into one of these strange, basket-like contraptions, called a Disc Pole Hole. The Burnie course has a mixture of par 3,4 and 5 holes, varying in both length and difficulty, to make an 18 hole adventure walk.

On the 16th and 17th October, players from around the state competed for prizes, in age divisions, in the City of Burnie Open tournament, held over two rounds of 27 holes. Conditions over the weekend were ideal for flinging some plastic about and the scores in all divisions were satisfyingly low. Disc Golf is gaining in popularity world-wide. The Burnie course is free to play, anytime of the year. In Hobart, you can play the championship course at Poimena Reserve, Austins Ferry, or at the new beginner friendly 9 Hole course at Seven Mile Beach.

Q: Can you make a living from this sport?

A: If you are good enough.

The leader of the men's professional rankings in the U.S.A. made $300,000 this year in prizemoney. Here in Tasmania, we mostly play for bragging rights!









North West rallies behind NWRH for its inaugural Giving Day

The North West community is being called on to rally behind the North West Regional Hospital as it prepares to host its inaugural Giving Day.

On Thursday, 29 October, the Clifford Craig Health Foundation will hold a 12-hour fundraising campaign dedicated entirely to supporting patients at the NWRH.

The message is simple - money raised on the Coast stays on the Coast.

Every dollar raised will go towards patient care projects, equipment and resources at the NWRH, identified by local healthcare teams as priorities but not covered through normal government funding.

"Every day, hundreds of people across the North West rely on the North West Regional Hospital. They're our families, our friends, our colleagues and our neighbours," Foundation CEO Vanessa Cahoon said.

"That's why we're so excited to be ramping up for our first Giving Day here in Burnie, at the North West Regional Hospital."

"And every donation can go twice as far, with donations doubled dollar-for-dollar while matching funds remain, thanks to matched donor partners. Every dollar donated by the community on the day will be matched - so one dollar becomes two.

"We're incredibly grateful to the businesses, organisations and individuals who have come on board as matched pledgers – without this support the day would not be possible."

"Their support is the catalyst that allows the community's generosity to go twice as far."

CLIFFORD CRAIG
HEALTH FOUNDATION
Health . Research . Hope

Ms Cahoon said the Foundation was all about enhancing the health and wellbeing of all North West communities.

"As a health-promotion charity and fundraising body for hospitals in the North and North West, we support an annual local medical research program, health promotion initiatives, education opportunities for clinicians and resources that improve the hospital and healthcare experience for patients," she said.

"At the heart of it, the Foundation is here to create a lasting healthcare legacy for future generations."

The North West campaign follows the incredible success of the Launceston General Hospital Giving Day on September 23, which smashed its $80,000 target to raise more than $115,000 in September.

The Executive General Manager of North West Hospitals and Primary Care, Paula Hyland, said she was excited by the opportunity offered to the NWRH by the hosting of a Giving Day.

"Our budgets are not infinite, unfortunately, and this fundraiser will enable us to undertake some patient care projects or provide equipment which would otherwise have been delayed because of financial constraints," she said.

"But more than that it allows our hardworking staff to engage with each other and the broader community in a celebration of care."

Giving Day will run from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. and people can donate online by visiting givecliffordcraig.org.au or telephoning 6777 6010. There will also be donation stations at both the Mersey Community Hospital and NWRH.

A big step forward for the Burnie Burrowing Crayfish!

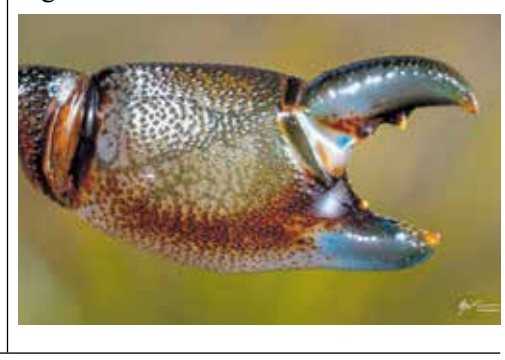
Protect Tasmania has reached its $30,000 fundraising target to begin developing an environmental DNA (eDNA) soil test for the threatened Burnie Burrowing Crayfish (Engaeus yabbimunna).

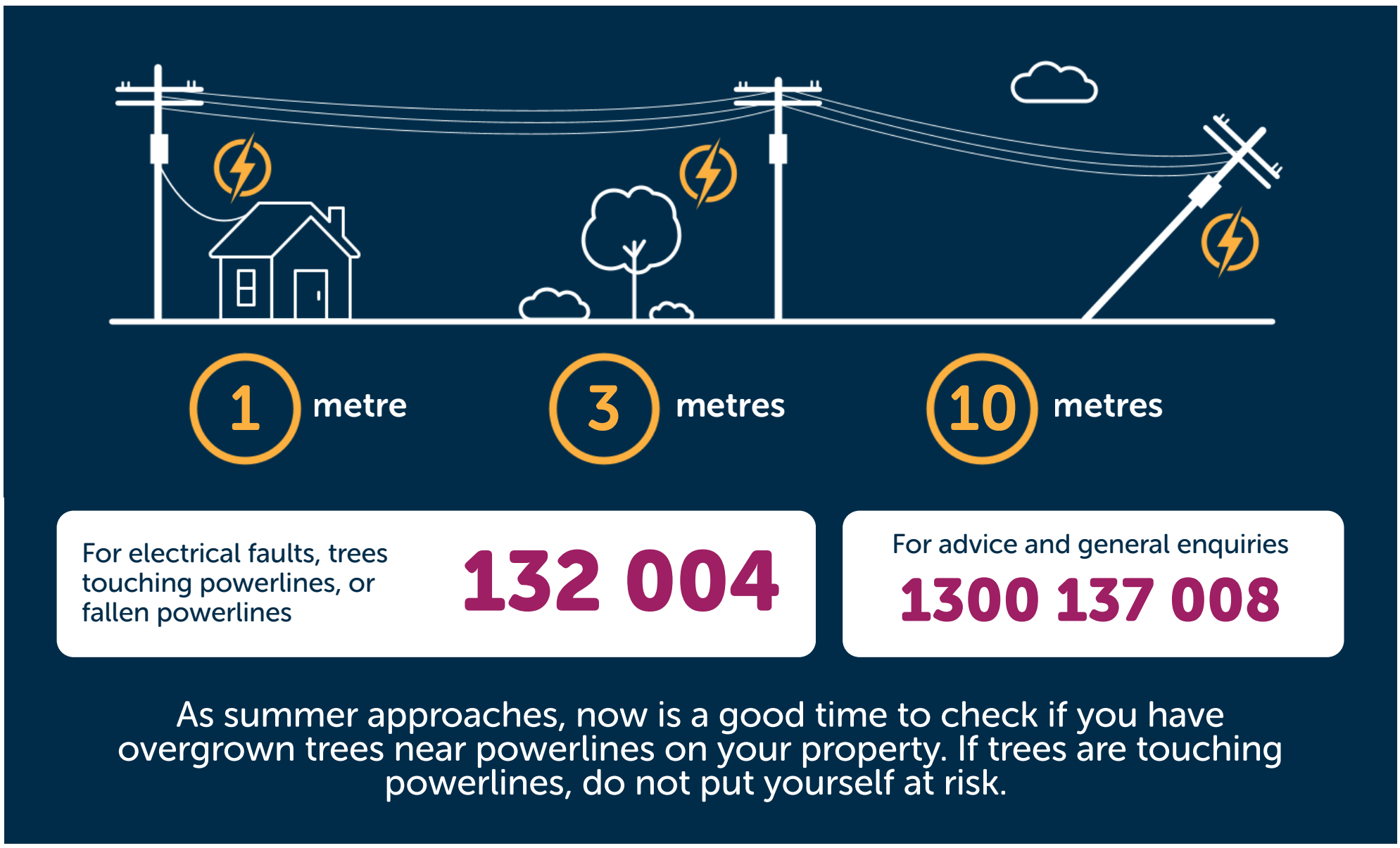
The milestone includes $25,000 raised by the community, alongside a $5,000 grant from Burnie City Council through its Community Grants Program.

The project aims to develop a new tool to detect this elusive species and help identify its habitat, supporting more environmentally sensitive land management decisions.

Council is proud to support this important conservation initiative, reflecting our Making a Better Burnie 2044 vision to protect our natural environment and work towards a sustainable future.

Congratulations to Protect Tasmania and everyone who contributed to reaching this fantastic milestone!





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AUSTRALIA DAY 2027

SPIRIT AWARDS

WEST COAST

Nominations are now open for the West Coast Spirit Awards, celebrating the people, organisations and events that have made an outstanding contribution to the West Coast community. The awards reflect the many ways that people, groups and events enhance and contribute to community life. Nominees could include:

1. A group who has made significant contributions to the community.
2. An individual (including youth) who is an inspirational role model or who has made an outstanding contribution to the community.
3. An event that has made an important contribution to the community.

Residents are encouraged to nominate someone they believe deserves recognition.

Nomination forms are available from the Council office, or email **growthandchange@westcoast.tas.gov.au** and ask for the nomination form to be emailed to you. Online nominations can be submitted via the online form available from Council's website.

Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 27 November 2026, with the awards to be announced on Australia Day, 26 January 2027.

Nominate a West Coast community champion today!



Make a splash this summer!

Council has multiple positions to be filled at the Queenstown and Zeehan Swimming Pools, with the following staff needed to ensure the pools can open:

SENIOR LIFEGUARD, to be based at the Zeehan pool.

SEASONAL LIFEGUARDS needed at both Queenstown and Zeehan pools.

People with a can-do attitude who are enthusiastic about our pools and working with the community are encouraged to apply or contact Council to discuss. Applications can be submitted before completing a Lifeguard course – just let Council know you're enrolled in a course, and when you can provide proof of successful completion, we'll be able to continue to assess your application.

Enjoy a fun, flexible and dynamic job as a Pool Lifeguard this summer!

AQUATIC INDUSTRY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Royal Life Saving Tasmania are offering several courses that are ideal for those wanting to work at swimming pools, swim teachers, and those who spend time in and around water.

- **Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November**
- **Queenstown Swimming Pool**

Courses offered:
- Provide CPR,
- Provide First Aid,
- Pool Lifeguard (update),
- Swim Teacher Training

Enrol in courses now:
www.drowningprevention.org.au/tastrainingcalendar

Early enrolment is recommended as there is some pre-course work that needs to be completed. Anyone needing assistance enrolling, or completing pre-course work should contact Royal Life Saving as they will provide assistance:

Phone: 6243 7558
Email: tas@royaltas.com.au





West Coast Health & Wellbeing Expo

This year the Health and Wellbeing expo is being organised by Rural Health Tasmania in conjunction with West Coast Council. The event will be held at the Zeehan Study Hub on Monday 23 November 2026 from 10am to 6pm.

This expo highlights community connection while raising awareness of local health and wellbeing services.

Attendees can access practical advice, health screenings, interactive workshops, exhibitor stalls, and school age activities.

The event also features a free community BBQ hosted by the Zeehan Lions Club, with local businesses and organisations encouraged to participate and show their support.

The expo aims to help individuals, families and carers discover services available in their local area, access valuable health information and learn more about the support options available to them.

Everyone is welcome, and community members are encouraged to attend, meet local service providers and discover the resources available to them.

Queenstown Sport Stadium – Project Update

Works are progressing at the Queenstown Sports Stadium, with demolition now underway as part of the facility upgrade.

Current works and progress:

- Demolition works have commenced
- Existing water and sewerage pipes are being inspected using a camera to check their condition and ensure they are functioning properly.
- The colour scheme for the upgraded facilities has been selected.
- New double-glazed windows for the bathrooms have been ordered.

What's next?

The project will move into the rough-in stage, which includes installing drainage and vent pipes, water supply lines, and initial electrical wiring for lighting, power points and exhaust fans.

Refurbishment of the basketball court is scheduled to commence during the week of 9 November 2026.

Council looks forward to seeing the improvements take shape and thanks the community for its patience while these important works are underway.

Your New Councillors!

MAYOR:
Lindsay Newman



DEPUTY MAYOR:
Robert Butterfield



Geoff Hill



Scott Newett



Annie McKay



Liz Hamer



Shane Pitt



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
7–11 Morrisby Street, Rosebery

Zeehan Post Office
Open Monday–Friday
June to August: 9am to 4:30pm
September to May: 9am to 5pm
114 Main Street, Zeehan

BUSHFIRE-READY CHALLENGE

Property owners and occupiers are encouraged to be aware of the potential fire risks on their properties, taking action to remove those risks before they reach the stage where an abatement notice may be issued. Removing fire risks before the fire season will help keep our communities safe.

The Bushfire-Ready Challenge developed by Tasmanian Fire Service (TFS) has great resources and practical advice to help people prepare properties for bushfires.

Visit: bushfire.tas.gov.au/bushfire-challenge/bushfire-ready-challenge

Take it on. Be Prepared.

Tasmania Fire Service

Grass – let's keep it low

With summer around the corner, Council has commenced its fire abatement program.

Throughout the 2025–2026 fire season Council targeted long grass and gorse through inspections across the region. As part of this year's program Council will continue its focus on long grass and weeds, including gorse, holly, fox glove, broom and pampas grass.

Landowners are reminded that grass should be kept at a length which doesn't pose a fire risk for the period between November and April – importantly if you receive a fire abatement and clear the fire risk, continue to do so throughout the fire season.

Don't cut once, keep the grass low all season.

As patrols commence, fire risk abatement notices will be issued where fire risks are identified. Fire risks include fire hazards which pose an unacceptable risk to built infrastructure or firefighting access/evacuation routes within urban areas or where the ignition of a fire hazard during a bushfire would place additional demand on emergency services. Anyone can report a fire risk to Council at any time throughout the year. If it is safe and reasonably practical to do so, Council will investigate and will issue an abatement notice if warranted.

More information about Fire Management and Fire Abatement, including helpful Frequently Asked Questions, is available on Council's website.

2026 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tue 24 November
Tue 10 December

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

Free kerbside collection

Twice a year, West Coast Council offers a free kerbside collection for larger items. The next collection will be held on Tuesday 17 & Wednesday 18 November.

The collection is a great way to:

- help those who may not have a way to get larger items to transfer stations
- encourage responsible waste management
- keep our communities clean

Register your items for collection by 5pm on Friday 15 November:

- Call 6471 4700
- Visit the Council Office at 11 Sticht St, Queenstown
- Complete the online form →

Note: *Items not registered will not be collected. Broken glass, asbestos, fuels & oils, tyres, soil, concrete, gas bottles, paint tins & items over 3 metres long will not be collected.*

Did you know? Over 100 properties participated in the May free kerbside collection, with over 28 tonnes of waste collected and transported to landfill in Zeehan.

TARGA TASMANIA

ROAD CLOSURES, SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER:

Anthony Road: between Murchison Hwy and Zeehan Hwy, **6:59am–10:59am**

Strahan: Lyell Hwy between Charles St and Zeehan Hwy, **9:12am–1:12pm** (from 8:42am at Zeehan Hwy)

Queenstown: Lyell Hwy between Phillip St and Gould St, **9:37am–1:37pm**

Nelson Valley: Lyell Hwy between Lake Burbury Camp Ground access road and Cardigan River, **9:55am–1:55pm**

Mount Arrowsmith: Lyell Hwy between Collingwood River and Derwent Bridge, **10:16am–2:16pm**

Tarraleah: Lyell Hwy between Tungatinah Drive and Oldina Drive, **11:12am–3:12pm**

REMINDERS

13 NOVEMBER
Recycling collection Zeehan, Rosebery & Tullah

17–18 NOVEMBER
Free Kerbside Collection (Registrations close 5pm, 15 November)

23 NOVEMBER
West Coast Health & Wellbeing Expo 2026

4 DECEMBER
Recycling collection Queenstown, Gormanston, Linda & Strahan

11 DECEMBER
Recycling collection Zeehan, Rosebery & Tullah

24 DECEMBER
Council office closure from 12pm, reopening on Monday 4 January, 2027

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ADVICE & BOOKINGS

WEST COAST MERCHANDISE

LOCAL GIFTS

We are currently operating from temporary premises at 29 Esplanade Strahan, while our usual location undergoes renovations. Drop in for local advice, bookings, and to browse our West Coast-branded gear. Or visit the website for everything you need to explore our region. Locals and visitors welcome. We're here to help!

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WE CELEBRATE - 2026 DIWALI FESTIVAL

Photos by Alan Jennison

Hundreds unite for Burnie's inaugural Diwali Festival

The North-West Coast marked a vibrant cultural milestone as the Burnie Indian Cultural Society hosted the city's inaugural Diwali Festival of Lights.

The historic event drew a crowd of more than 300 residents to The Harcombe Centre at Marist Regional College on Sunday evening.

Supported by a Burnie City Council community grant, the landmark celebration transformed the venue into a kaleidoscope of colour, traditional music, and dance.

Attendees of all cultural backgrounds sampled an array of live-cooked Indian street food and traditional delicacies while enjoying a packed three-hour stage program featuring a live Indian music band and energetic Bollywood dance numbers.

Local leaders praised the milestone initiative for its role in fostering local multiculturalism.

"Events like this enrich our community and celebrate diversity," noted Member for Braddon Anita Dow MP, who attended as an official sponsor.

Organisers described the night as a major success, expressing hope that the Festival of Lights will become a permanent fixture on the coast's annual community calendar.















WE CELEBRATE - 2026 DIWALI FESTIVAL

Photos by Alan Jennison











Rosebery Mine

Community Newsletter

November 2026



Image: L-R Carl Bagnall (Umwelt) Carol Steyn (MMG), Samantha Eley (Zeehan Heritage Centre), Karen Lamb (Umwelt), Chris Winskill (MMG), Kim Scanlon (Rosebery Heritage Centre), Juanita Kapp (MMG), Brad Schuuring (MMG)

Minister visits site

Last month, we were pleased to welcome Tasmanian Minister for Resources, Felix Ellis, to Rosebery mine, where we showcased some of the great work happening across site.

The Minister went underground to meet our people and see operations up close, including a production drill and a Jumbo. He also toured the processing plant.

Thank you, Minister, for taking the time to visit and for your interest in our operation, an important contributor to the Tasmanian economy.



Image: L-R MMG's Allan Drake and Minister for Resources, Felix Ellis

Rosebery ERT makes the podium

Congratulations to the MMG Rosebery Emergency Response Team on an outstanding performance at the 2026

Tasmanian Minerals Emergency Response Competition, hosted at Cornwall Coal, where they finished third overall.
The team, led by Captain Craig Youd, comprised James Sucic, Sam Johnstone, Nick Scolyer, Leigh Ford, Chris Janz and Luke Smith.

Well done to all the teams who took part. The training, commitment and time invested on top of their day jobs is what makes Tasmania's emergency response teams among the best in the country.



Image: MMG ERT members

Planning progresses for Zeehan Smelter and Rosebery TME site

Work is progressing on planning for the future of the Zeehan Smelter Site and the Rosebery TME Site. Specialist consultants are helping to identify what work is still needed to meet regulatory requirements. Community engagement and consultation have begun, with input from key stakeholders helping to shape the process.

Representatives from the Rosebery Heritage Centre and the Zeehan Heritage Centre have been involved, and we look forward to working with them to build a collaborative partnership that supports the best outcomes for both sites.

Mental Health Month

MMG Rosebery marked mental health month with a breakfast BBQ onsite.

It was a chance for our team to come together to connect and check-in on each other.

1800 767 664 | ROSCOMMUNITY@MMG.COM | MMG Rosebery Mine | MMG.COM/CAREERS/

Rotary Club of Burnie's 'House of Horrors' a scary success!

The Rotary Club of Burnie has once again brought Halloween to life, with its spectacular House of Horrors attracting nearly 3,000 people through the gates over two thrilling nights.

The community turned out in incredible numbers on 30 and 31 October, embracing the Halloween spirit and enjoying an event packed with spooky surprises, frightening characters and plenty of screams and laughter.

This year's House of Horrors was a tremendous effort, made possible by the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers, coordinators, cast and crew, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring the experience together.

From the creative sets and terrifying performances to the food vendors keeping everyone fed, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

President Leanne Cullen said the response from the community had been overwhelming.

"To see nearly 3,000 people come through the gates and support our event is simply incredible. We are so grateful to the residents of Burnie and surrounding communities who came along, supported our volunteers and helped make this event such a success."

Most importantly, the House of Horrors is about more than Halloween. Events like this allow Rotary to raise funds that are reinvested into local community projects, charities and initiatives that make a real difference.

The Rotary Club of Burnie extends a huge thank you to everyone involved, including our sponsors, supporters, volunteers, food vendors and the wider community.

Together, we created something special – and certainly gave Burnie a few good scares along the way!

























The West doesn't do ordinary

What a fantastic result for the West Coast at the 2026 Tasmanian Tourism Awards!

From our remarkable heritage experiences and creative festivals to exceptional hospitality and accommodation, our little corner of Tasmania continues to punch well above its weight.

A huge congratulations to our West Coast award winners!

West Coast Wilderness Railway *(below left)*
GOLD – Cultural Tourism
SILVER – Tourist Attractions

The Unconformity *(below right)*
SILVER

Risby Cove Boutique Hotel and Restaurant, Strahan Tasmania
SILVER

Risby's Restaurant
BRONZE

Sebastian Mundy *(at right)*
Tourism Minister's Young Achiever Award

One Gold, three Silver, one Bronze and a Young Achiever Award!

Not bad for a region that does things a little differently!

These awards recognise the passion, investment, creativity and hard work that go into delivering outstanding visitor experiences on the wild West Coast.







Wedge-tailed Eagle watch - October 2026



Thankyou everyone for your phone calls and the great stories of Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle sightings.

It's exciting every time I find out about a new eagle pair! Thank you as well to the people who have taken the time to let me know about historic sightings. I really appreciate this information as well.

Also thankyou to the people who are sending me eagle photos.

Eagle sightings include:

6- (3 pairs)
Waratah Wynyard Area
2 single eagles
Waratah Wynyard Area
1 Pair and 5-6 eagles (historic sightings)
Waratah Wynyard Area
6 (3 pairs) Current sightings
Circular Head Area
1 single eagle
Circular Head Area
17 Eagles current sightings total
8 from Waratah Wynyard
7 from Circular Head Waratah Wynyard +Circular Head Areas
7-8 eagles-historic sightings
1 pair from Circular Head
1 pair and 5-6 from Waratah Wynyard
Waratah Wynyard + Circular Head Areas

Interesting Facts about Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagles

- Eagles are territorial with eagle pairs in the northwest having territories of 20-30km2(approx.)
- Eagles mate for life
- Are adult at about 5 years old,
- Females are bigger than males

Eagles Stories

Trevor Dunium told me this wonderful account of a historic sighting of Wedge-tailed eagles on his family farm on Devil's Elbow Road when he was about twelve years old. It was in the 1950's and he set out about 10 rabbit traps in the evening on the farm, in the morning he returned to find 5-6 eagles sitting near the traps with about 6-8 traps that only had rabbit remains in them because the eagles had eaten the rest. It must have been a rabbit feast for the eagles! Eagles still live in that locality as eagles have been sighted near there.

Lessons our eagles teach us

Number 1: Keep our waterways clean

Eagles eat carrion or dead animal carcasses(carrion) wherever they find them. They also hunt over waterways, rivers, creeks and dams. When they eat the dead animals that are near our waterways, they stop the pollution from these dead and decaying animals entering our waterways, therefore keeping them clean. In this way eagles are our friends by doing this job for free. In fact, it's quite likely that they eat carrion from near waterways that we as humans never see due to the difficulty we have in keeping an eye on the many creeks, rivers and streams that are here in Tasmania.

Number 2: Don't forget to soar

Watching Wedge-tailed eagles soar on the thermals from the hills and mountains in Tasmania is an awe-inspiring sight. Remember to be like an eagle and let nature inspire you to let your heart and mind and spirit soar free sometimes.

Please keep the stories, photos and sightings coming. It is great to find out about the Wedge-tail eagles we have living near us. Please contact Lisa McAndrew on 0477 866 242 or email: saveoureaglestas@proton.me.



Please slow down at night

It is estimated that around 10,000 wombats are killed on Tasmanian roads each year.

Because exact state-wide records are difficult to collect, wildlife authorities and groups like Wombat Rescue Tasmania calculate this figure based on broader wildlife statistics:

• Total Roadkill Toll: Between 293,000 and 500,000 native animals are estimated to die on Tasmania's roads annually, giving the state one of the highest roadkill rates per capita in the world.

• Wombat Percentage: Data from Australian car insurers (such as AAMI) indicates that wombats consistently account for approximately 2% of all wildlife-related vehicle accident claims.

The actual death toll could be even higher, as many collisions go completely unreported and many struck animals succumb to their injuries out of sight in the bush.

Wildlife groups advise drivers to slow down to under 80 km/h between dusk and dawn to cut the likelihood of hitting wildlife by up to half.

Circular Head show is coming

Plans are well underway for the 116th Circular Head Show to be held on Saturday 28th November.

Admission prices:

Adults: $15; Children 5-14 Yrs $10, Under 5 Free; Family ticket $40 to be purchased prior to show

Apart from the traditional areas of an agricultural show including the various cattle competitions, horse jumping, chopping and the Exhibition Hall, there will be something happening all day for the entire family including:

- Graze the Region where local producers will showcase their own product. Producers include Three Friends Abalone, TOP Fish, Hursey Seafoods, Blue Hills Honey, Greenham's Cape Grim Beef
- Animal Nursery
- Burnie Highland Pipe Band
- Ritchie and the Edith Creek Working Bullocks
- Mabel & Monty, the Almost Amazing Magic Show sponsored by Woolnorth Renewables
- Fantasia Bunny Cuddles
- Sheaf Tossing competition with Three Classes – Novice, Ladies and Open sponsored by S&T Agriculture
- Dog High Jump for small and large dogs – enter on the day sponsored by Smithton Bookkeeping
- Sheep dog demonstration by Pandara Kelpies & Sheep dog trials
- Shearing demonstration accompanied by the Sea Eagle Spinners and Weavers
- Working blacksmith – Heritage, Horn and Iron
- Lynden's laser Tag and remote Control Cars (Free) sponsored by Woolnorth Renewables
- Pearn's Steam World with their model traction steam engine and music organ
- NW Snake Catchers reptile display
- Historical Machinery Club and Veteran Cars
- Working model display

Opening of the Show occurs at 12 noon followed by the Country Showgirl and Boy Competition with the Bendigo Community Bank Grand Parade at 3pm which is the pinnacle of the day.

For the second year there will be a second day of horse jumping classes held on the Sunday following the Show which is open to the public to view.

The Circular Head Show Society would like to thank all sponsors, without who there would be no Show.

The major joint raffle will be held again this year for the eleventh consecutive year. Over $110,000 has been raised to date with the recipients this year being the Circular Head Show Society, the Circular Head Saints Football Club, The Smithton CH Lions Club and the Rocky Cape Lions Club.

The Rocky Cape Lions Club have previously allocated a considerable amount of their funds towards the Lions Skin Cancer Bus which will be at the Circular Head Show for education and referral service. The Smithton CH Lions Club will utilise their funds towards the Building Youth Futures Together in Circular Head project while the Show Society is building on their stock of sheep and cattle panels.

You will be able to purchase tickets at the Show with the 30 prizes totalling over $8,000 in value, being drawn at the Stanley Christmas Market 19th December. Tickets are also available on line or by using the QR code that is available. Can also be purchased by contacting the secretary at

secretary@circularheadshow.com.au

Follow the Circular Head Show Facebook Page to keep up to date with details for the day or check out the website here. **www.circularheadshow.com.au**

Braddon 4WD Club - 46 years of community and adventure



Since 1980, Braddon 4WD Club has been part of Tasmania's North West Coast, bringing people together through a shared enjoyment of four-wheel driving and the outdoors.

Over those 46 years, the club's story has stretched from day trips on local tracks to camping adventures and extended mainland journeys. Club dinners, navigational trials and spit roasts have brought members together, adding to the friendships and memories made along the way. That history also includes rolling up the sleeves and caring for the places members visit. By March 2000, Braddon's fencing work near Big Hill Creek in the Arthur–Pieman was being recognised in Tasmania's Parliament for helping damaged tracks regenerate. Parks and Wildlife's 2002 management plan also acknowledged the club's contribution to addressing degradation in the reserve. More recently, members helped preserve a small piece of West Coast history at Trial Harbour. A working bee organised by Kelvin Walsh tidied Joseph Brown's grave, earning a thankyou in this newspaper under the heading "Joseph Brown gets his view back."

These moments form part of a club story built through the efforts of its members, both on and off the tracks.

In this upcoming monthly column we look forward to sharing more of Braddon's adventures, revisiting memories from its 46 years and introducing the people who have helped keep the club going.







BURNIE
COMMUNITY NEWS
November 2026
BURNIE CITY COUNCIL

A blooming good time!

A little icy wind couldn't stop Burnie from blooming, with the community turning out for a fun-filled afternoon at McKenna Park on Saturday, 7 November.

Burnie in Bloom brought a splash of colour, music and spring cheer to Upper Burnie, with families and community members enjoying a packed afternoon of entertainment, activities and community connection.

The program featured the sounds of the Australian Army Band and Dylan Boys, vibrant cultural performances, circus entertainment, face painting, children's activities, food stalls and markets.

While the occasional icy wind gust added a little extra excitement to the afternoon, it certainly didn't dampen the fun. In fact, the wind proved to be a hit with the little ones, sending Dr Hubble Bubbles' giant bubbles floating across the park and keeping children busy chasing them across the field.

Burnie City Council would like to thank everyone who came along and helped make Burnie in Bloom such a special community celebration. A big thank you also goes to the performers, stallholders, sponsors and council crew whose support helped bring the event to life.

Council is now inviting attendees to share their thoughts through a post-event feedback survey. Whether it was the entertainment, activities, atmosphere or something else that made the day memorable, community feedback will help shape future events.

To share your feedback, visit burnie.tas.gov.au/BIBFeedback

Thank you for helping Burnie bloom! 🌸









Free parking trial starts in Burnie

Free Saturday parking will be introduced across Burnie City Council-owned car parks from Saturday 14 November, as part of a six-month trial.

The initiative forms part of Council's Parking Operational Action Plan 2026–2030 and aims to encourage people to visit the city centre, support local businesses and make Saturday trips to Burnie more accessible.

The trial will apply to the Basalt Column, Burnie Arts, King Street, Portside, Marine Terrace Multi Storey, Hilder Parade (West Beach) Off-Street, Wilson Street Concourse and Columnar Court car parks.

The initiative supports Council's Making a Better Burnie 2044 vision for a vibrant, welcoming and thriving city. For more information, head to Council's website.



$3.1 million funding boost for Upper Natone Road

A major milestone has been reached towards a long-term solution for Upper Natone Road at Horseshoe Bend, with Burnie City Council securing $3.1 million in Australian Government funding. The funding, provided through the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program, will support the next stage of the Upper Natone Road Realignment project, helping progress plans for a new road alignment.

Since extreme weather events in October 2022, Council has undertaken investigations, drainage works and remediation efforts to better understand the challenges at the site and identify a path forward.

The funding forms part of Council's $4 million allocation for the project in its 2026–27 Annual Plan and Budget Estimates, representing an important step towards addressing the ongoing issues at Horseshoe Bend.

While further work is still required, the funding brings Council closer to delivering a long-term solution for the road and the Upper Natone community.

Council acknowledges the patience of residents and road users throughout the process as work continues to progress.

Targa Tasmania to make overnight stop in Burnie

Burnie will welcome competitors in the iconic Targa Tasmania rally on Saturday, 21 November, with Burnie City Council supporting the city's overnight stop for Leg Four.

The five-day rally, running from 18 to 22 November, will bring a range of classic and modern vehicles to Tasmania's roads, with competitors travelling through challenging stages across the state.

Burnie's overnight stop (held within the Multi Storey Car Park) provides an opportunity for locals and visitors to experience the excitement of the rally and see the participating vehicles up close.

The event will continue on Sunday, with competitors tackling the West Coast stages before heading to Hobart for the official finish.



For event information and road closure details, visit targa.com.au

Christmas in Burnie



The countdown to Christmas is underway, with Burnie set to welcome a festive season filled with family fun, community gatherings and plenty of Christmas spirit.

From the streets of the CBD to the green surrounds of Burnie Park, a range of events will offer locals and visitors the chance to enjoy the magic of Christmas throughout December.

The **Burnie Christmas Parade** kicks things off on Friday, 11 December, with colourful floats, festive displays and community groups bringing Christmas cheer to the streets of the CBD. The parade is a much-loved tradition and a chance for the community to come together and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Adding to the excitement that evening, **Christmas Winter Wonderland** will open in the Burnie Arcade, bringing a little extra Christmas magic to the city.

The following evening, the **Christmas Twilight Market** will light up Burnie Arts Centre and Plaza on Saturday, 12 December, from 4pm to 9.30pm. Visitors can browse artisan stalls, enjoy live music, food and drinks, take part in activities for the kids and meet Santa, making it a great opportunity to find a special Christmas gift.

The season will wrap up with the much-loved **Burnie Carols by Candlelight** at Burnie Park on Sunday, 20 December, from 6.30pm. Families are invited to gather for an evening of festive music and community spirit.

CHRISTMAS PARADE
11 DECEMBER
6 PM
BURNIE CBD

WINTER WONDERLAND
11 DECEMBER
7 PM
BURNIE ARCADE

TWILIGHT MARKET
12 DECEMBER
4 PM - 9:30 PM
BURNIE ARTS

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
20 DECEMBER
6:30 PM
BURNIE PARK

Stay connected with Burnie

There's always something happening in Burnie, and Council's Burnie Connect Community eNewsletter is an easy way to stay up to date.

Delivered straight to your inbox each month, the newsletter shares the latest Council news, project updates, upcoming events and community initiatives from across the municipality.

Whether you're keen to find out what's happening locally, learn more about projects underway or see what events are coming up, Burnie Connect helps keep you in the loop.

Sign up to receive the monthly newsletter and stay connected with your community.

Subscribe at:
www.burnie.tas.gov.au/Community-eNewsletter

Free Household Chemical Disposal

Residents are encouraged to safely clear out unwanted household chemicals, with a free disposal event coming to the Burnie Waste Transfer Station.

The event will be held on Sunday, 15 November, from 10 am to 1 pm, providing an opportunity to dispose of old household, garden and hobby chemicals safely and free of charge.

Accepted items include household cleaners, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, paints and adhesives. Items must be sealed, clearly labelled and transported safely, with individual containers limited to 20 kilograms or 20 litres.

The service helps keep hazardous materials out of landfill and supports a cleaner, safer community.

For a full list of accepted items and event details, visit:
www.burnie.tas.gov.au/Chemical-Disposal

Community grants to help mark Burnie's bicentenary

Burnie will reach a significant milestone in 2027, marking 200 years of history, stories and community. Local groups are being encouraged to help shape the year through projects that recognise the city's bicentenary.

Burnie City Council is offering grants of up to $5,000 to support initiatives that acknowledge Burnie's people, stories, arts, culture and heritage, strengthen community connections and encourage participation.

The funding provides an opportunity for community groups and organisations to bring forward ideas that reflect Burnie's past, present and future, and contribute to the bicentenary in a meaningful way.

Applications close at midnight on Thursday, 19 November 2026.

For more information and to apply, visit:
burnie.tas.gov.au/Burnie200

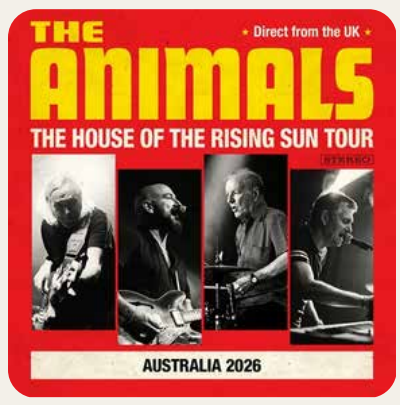
What's on at Burnie Arts



Kenny Rogers & Friends

Graham Toole is best known for his acclaimed Kenny Rogers & Friends theatre show performing timeless hits including Lady, The Gambler, She believes in me, Rhinestone Cowboy, Thank God I'm a Country Boy, Country Roads, Lucille, Galveston, You Can't make old Friends.

Thursday, 19 November
7:30 PM to 10 PM



The Animals - The House of the Rising Sun Tour

After all these years, the legend still grows... Great Songs. Great Memories.

Join The Animals this November as they perform all their Greatest hits on The House of the Rising Sun Tour.

Sunday, 29 November
8:30 PM to 10:30 PM

For information on this and more visit: **burniearts.net**

Save the date

Harcourts 321-GO kids' race
West Park Oval
Sunday, 15 November | 9 AM

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

Burnie City Council
Declaration of Office
Council Chambers, 80 Wilson St.
Thursday, 12 November | 5:30 PM

Burnie City Council
November Meeting
Council Chambers, 80 Wilson St.
Tuesday 24 November | 7 PM

WARATAH WYNYARD COUNCIL

Community News

Stories, projects and opportunities from across Waratah-Wynyard

NOVEMBER 2026

(03) 6443 8333
www.warwyn.tas.gov.au

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Bring the family and see how an evacuation centre works

Person Centred Evacuation Expo, Friday 13 November, Frederick Street Reserve, Wynyard



When: Friday 13 November 2026, 3pm to 7pm
Where: Frederick Street Reserve rooms, Wynyard
Cost: Free. All welcome, no bookings needed.

Ever wondered what happens at an evacuation centre in an emergency? Come along with your family, friends and neighbours and find out, in a calm and friendly setting, with the SES, Tasmania Police and Tasmania Fire Service.

Whether you are a parent, a carer, living with disability or just curious, the Expo is for you. You will leave feeling more confident and prepared. As far as we know, it is the first event of its kind in Tasmania.

What to expect

- Walk through a realistic evacuation centre set-up
- Meet SES, Tasmania Police and Tasmania Fire Service crews
- Explore emergency vehicles and equipment
- Live demonstrations and hands-on activities
- Make your own guide or social story at the instant photo stations
- Free community BBQ

Enquiries: (03) 6443 8333.

NOTICEBOARD

KEY DATES

7 and 8, 14 and 15 November
Garage Sale Trail. Register your sale free at garagesaletrail.com.au

Wednesday 11 November
Remembrance Day service, Gutteridge Gardens Cenotaph, Wynyard. Arrive from 10.30am, service starts 10.45am.

Friday 13 November
Person Centred Evacuation Expo, 3pm to 7pm

Saturday 14 November
Free Household Hazardous Waste collection, Waste Transfer Station, 1pm to 4pm. Keep chemicals in their original containers.

Sunday 22 November
Waratah Waste Transfer Station survey closes at midnight

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Sisters Beach Open Space Plan
The community engagement summary is now on our website. A draft plan is being prepared for public comment in early 2027.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Waratah, help decide where your waste station goes



Indicative map only. The proposed site is under investigation and has not been decided.

You told us what you thought last time. Now we are looking at a possible new site off Waratah Road, between the township and the existing station.

Nothing is decided yet. Tell us what you think by midnight **Sunday 22 November 2026**.

warwyn.tas.gov.au/projects/waratah-waste-transfer-station

ENVIRONMENT

Four Rivers: bringing Camp Creek back to life



Camp Creek, Wynyard

Weed control along both banks of Camp Creek starts this month and runs through summer and autumn, ready for native planting in winter 2027.

It is part of the Four Rivers project with our Landcare partners, protecting a home for the azure kingfisher, eastern barred bandicoot and Tasmanian devil.

Planting days are coming: watch our Facebook page.



SPRING LOADED

2026 RECAP

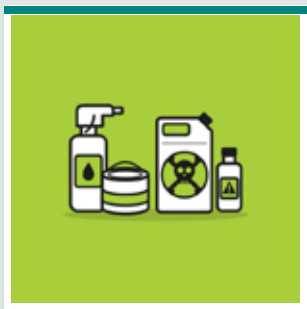
What a month!

90
events and activities

300+
sessions to get involved

31
days of celebration

Thank you to the businesses, artisans, groups and organisations who brought Spring Loaded 2026 to life. Tulip Festival photos: **wynyardtulipfestival.com.au/gallery**



More than 3.6 tonnes collected in 2025

FREE COLLECTION

Clear out the shed, safely and for free

Saturday 14 November, 1pm to 4pm, Wynyard Waste Transfer Station

Got old chemicals lying around? Bring them in:

- Poisons
- Pool chemicals
- Hobby chemicals
- Acids and alkalis
- Vapes
- Solvents and cleaners
- Floor care products
- Ammonia-based cleaners
- Pesticides, herbicides

Not accepted: oil, asbestos, fire extinguishers, ammunition, explosives and commercial quantities.
No early or late drop-offs.

ANNUAL REPORT 2025–26

Your Council's year in review



Our Annual Report 2025–26 is out. Thanks to careful budgeting we recorded an underlying surplus of $320,000, completing a decade of surpluses. Highlights include the Boat Harbour Beach facility, the Langley Park upgrade and two stages of the Inglis River Walking Track.

warwyn.tas.gov.au



Jono Vincent, 2026 Citizen of the Year

NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW

Australia Day Awards 2027

Know someone who goes above and beyond? There are four ways to say thank you, including a new award for creatives.

Citizen of the Year	Young Citizen of the Year
Community Event of the Year	Cultural Contribution Award NEW

Nominations close Thursday 10 December 2026.
warwyn.tas.gov.au/community-events/australia-day

FIRE SEASON

Keep your block fire safe

A tidy block helps protect your neighbours. Keep grass cut, clear overgrown areas and put in firebreaks on larger blocks this fire season. If you get an abatement notice, work is usually due within 28 days.

PARKS

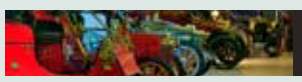
New play space for Somerset kids

Little ones in Somerset have something to look forward to: a new play structure is going in at Anzac Park, with shade sails to follow. Part of the park is fenced off for about a month.

Be the first to know

Events, projects and local news from across Waratah-Wynyard, in our free Community eNewsletter.

warwyn.tas.gov.au/enews



DID YOU KNOW?

Wynyard is home to the **Ransley Veteran Car Collection** at Wonders of Wynyard, including the equal oldest Ford in the world. 18 vehicles on display, and kids under 15 get in free with a paying adult. **wondersofwynyard.com**

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy at the time of publication; any errors will be corrected by notice on the Council website. Articles by Waratah-Wynyard Council, 21 Saunders St (PO Box 168), Wynyard TAS 7325, with office hours from 8:30am to 5pm Mon–Fri (after-hours calls are taken on call). Please note that some event details are subject to change at short notice, with notice provided on the Council website. For feedback, please email council@warwyn.tas.gov.au.

Penguins need care too

At Penguin Rehab & Release, we are concerned that some penguins needing help may not be reaching us. We want to change that, and we're asking the community to play an important role.

If you come across a penguin that appears unwell, injured or displaced from its colony, we encourage you to continue reporting it to the Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) hotline. However, we'd also love you to contact Penguin Rehab & Release directly.

Why both? Because not every penguin needing help is necessarily a bird flu case, and the distinction is important.

The EAD hotline plays a vital role in managing the risks associated with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), commonly known as bird flu. Penguins showing symptoms consistent with this highly contagious disease cannot be accepted into our rehabilitation program.

However, where a penguin's symptoms are not consistent with bird flu, there may be an opportunity for rescue, assessment and rehabilitation.

EAD's response is specifically focused on managing potential contagious disease risks. Consequently, a penguin that doesn't present as a suspected bird flu case may fall outside the scope of that response but may not automatically be referred to a wildlife rehabilitation organisation.

That's where we come in.

At Penguin Rehab & Release, we are happy to talk through the circumstances of an individual penguin and assess whether rescue and rehabilitation might be possible. Where appropriate, we may be able to admit the penguin into our quarantine facility, assess its condition and provide the care it needs, potentially giving it a second chance at life in the wild.

And we know just how much of a difference that opportunity can make.



Emerald and Betty

Meet Betty:

A Rescue Worth Celebrating

For some time, we had been hearing about penguins that had died or were dying with symptoms consistent with HPAI. These were penguins we simply couldn't help.

Then, finally, we received the call we had been hoping for: a penguin in need of rescue but showing no signs or symptoms of bird flu.

Found on a porch, this little penguin had become separated from the rest of her colony. Thankfully, she wasn't showing signs of disease, giving us an opportunity to safely carry out a rescue.

It was also a significant milestone for Penguin Rehab & Release, as this was our first rescue conducted under the full HPAI protocols. Wearing the required PPE and following enhanced biosecurity precautions, we carefully worked through the new procedures and practical requirements.

Our new arrival was safely transported to our quarantine facility, where a thorough assessment revealed no concerns suggesting HPAI. However, she was very dehydrated and significantly underweight, so she certainly needed some help.

We were also extremely mindful of ensuring that no potential disease was given the chance to spread into our facility as one very special penguin, Emerald, was already in our care and had been in rehabilitation since before HPAI spread to Australia. We maintained heightened biosecurity throughout the quarantine period, taking the potential threat very seriously, but as each day passed without any signs of HPAI developing, our excitement grew. Could this finally be the friend Emerald had been waiting for?

Once quarantine was successfully completed, our new arrival was ready to move into the enclosure. We named the new penguin Betty and were overjoyed to finally be able to give Emerald some penguin company.

And the best news? Emerald and Betty took to each other almost instantly!

Betty's story is a wonderful reminder of why it is so important that penguins in need don't go unnoticed. Had that initial call not reached us, she may have missed out on the opportunity to receive the care she needed.

How You Can Help

We want to make sure that no penguin with a chance of recovery misses out simply because we haven't heard about them.

If you find an unwell, injured or displaced penguin, please:

• Continue to report it to the EAD hotline. This is particularly important for identifying and managing potential bird flu cases. Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: 1800 675 888

• Also contact Penguin Rehab & Release directly. We can discuss the penguin's circumstances and assess whether rescue and rehabilitation may be an option. Phone 0437 565 672

Even if you're unsure whether a penguin needs rescuing, please get in touch. You don't need to make that decision yourself. We'd much rather have a conversation, assess the situation and establish what help might be possible than not hear about a penguin that could have been saved.

Betty has shown us what can happen when the right call is made at the right time. With the community's help, we hope there will be many more penguins given that same opportunity.

Celebrating 135 years in Tasmania's west

St. Fursaeus' Catholic Church (1891-2026)

A great milestone, a legacy and a special time of historic remembrance for the west coast – A Heritage of Tasmania: St. Fursaeus' Catholic Church Zeehan. In 1891 Zeehan was booming. Miners and their families came to the West Coast, and among them were Catholics.



Father Timothy O'Callaghan, a Cork-born priest, was appointed to the Zeehan mission in January of that year. The foundation stone of St Fursaeus' was laid on 20 April, and on 29 November the church was solemnly opened. This is an historic special moment, and the day was celebrated by the people of west coast and from across Tasmania.

25th October, Sunday 2026, morning people across the island started to gather at the holy place of St. Fursaeus' Zeehan to make it once again a memorable one with a "Thanksgiving Mass." Fr. Arokia, the Administrator of the West Coast Catholic Parish welcomed Archbishop Tony for the Mass celebration and Mrs. Eleanor Phelan, the Anniversary Co-ordinator, welcomed the people of God. Archbishop Tony Ireland (Archdiocese of Hobart) celebrated the Thanksgiving for the blessings God had showered these many years and spoke on the presence of God in the mining town of Zeehan. The emphasising quote of Archbishop was that "We are not celebrating 135 years of timber and iron. We are celebrating 135 years of the presence of God among his people on the West of Tasmania…… So, after 135 years, let the invitation sound once more through Silver Town: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. And may St Fursaeus' continue to be what those first Catholics intended it to be — a house of prayer, a home for Christ's people, and a light of faith shining on Tasmania's West Coast." Fr. Arokia thanked all the people who contributed for the success of the historic day of St. Fursaeus'.

After the Holy Mass, the celebration began with cake cutting by Archbishop and the parishioners of St. Fursaeus'. Then, people joined the event of joy by taking part in the fellowship which was arranged at the coffee-room and portico spaces. The catering food was taken care by Bobbie, the Anniversary Co-ordinator, in an extensive manner with varieties in it. There were games organised for the kids by Rachel and her team like face painting…. cards, simple games etc., where children enjoyed it smiling. This celebration is not just an event; it's an opportunity for people of God to grow in faith and deepen our connections. From the humble beginnings that laid the foundation to the vibrant community we are today, this anniversary is a testament to the grace that has guided people, the challenges that have strengthened the faithful, and the love that binds all together. In closing, thank you everyone for being a part of this significant moment in St. Fursaeus's history. May this celebration be a reflection of faith that unites, the hope that inspires, and the love that binds all together.



Settlement of Stanley, the bicentenary

Over the weekend 30th October to 2nd November, Stanley commemorated 200 years of European settlement, this being the closest date to when the brig Tranmere arrived on 24th October, 1826 with the first settlers.

With the formation of the Van Diemen's Land Company (VDL Co) in May 1824 by wealthy London merchants who were interested in developing a supply of fine wool for the British textile industry, the die was cast for the European settlement of Stanley and North West Tasmania. By Royal Charter (1825), the Company was granted the rights to select 250,000 acres in one block in the unexplored area of the far North-West. Circular Head (Stanley) was chosen as the site for the first settlement, mainly due to the port accessibility by sailing vessels. The township was renamed Stanley in 1842.

The weekend began with the showing of the film "The Light Between Oceans" which was filmed in the early 1900s between New Zealand and Stanley in 2014 and set the scene for the weekend. Also in the Town Hall was a bush dance on Saturday night which was enjoyed by all.

It literally rained on Stanley's parade on Saturday 31st October. However, it did not deter the parade participants who endured the conditions with umbrellas or just got wet! The parade was led by the Burnie Highland Pipe Band followed by three steam engines and various floats, vintage vehicles and tractors and people dressed in period costume. At the rear were the Edith Creek working bullocks. Russ and Molly of ABC Muster Dog fame joined the parade rounding up three sheep as they went.

The Stanley Primary School children, staff and parents looked resplendent all dressed in period costume and even consisted of a couple of convicts! There was an appearance of Tasmania's only Prime Minister, Joe Lyons and his wife, Enid all covered to ensure they did not got wet! It was great to see so many people dressed in heritage costume for the occasion.

Unfortunately, the weather made it difficult for most of the exhibitors – working blacksmith, Swingle Hill Shires, Historical Machinery Club but the Sea Eagle spinners and weavers and display of historical photographs was very popular. Two new local publications by researcher, Betty Jones, were launched covering Stanley's properties and people from 1923 until 1976. They will be available at the Museum.

The balance of the weekend was held in good weather conditions. The Open day at the historic property Highfield was very well attended with a display of convict bonnets by Dr Christina Henri in the Chapel. The official Opening of a Commemorative Garden to mark the occasion was performed by Minister Roger Jaensch in the grounds of the Stanley Museum. The focal point of the garden is two wire sculptures donated by Stanley wire sculptor. Jennifer Grubba of Lila's Tree. The sculptures represent two young girls who are playing and looking out to sea, reinforcing the connection Stanley has with the surrounding water. They will stand as a lasting symbol of the resilience, character and shared history of our community, connecting past generations with those yet to come.

This corresponded with the opening of the refurbished St Paul's Church with a plaque being unveiled to mark the occasion. A community sausage sizzle sponsored by Stanley's IGA store was held in the grounds with everyone present also sharing a "200" cake to mark the occasion. Wynyard choir, The Ferals, performed in the Church prior to the Opening.

An impromptu street parade by the steam engines and Edith Creek working bullocks led by two bagpipers was a highlight on Sunday morning. This was a reminder of what the wide Church Street was built for – maybe not steam engines but definitely bullocks and horses with drays and wagons and transformed the street back to yesteryear.

Various activities including a guided walk of the Pioneer Cemetery and Alexander Terrace and an open microphone session in St Paul's Church. The tall ship, Julie Burgess, was in port for the weekend with two sailings being offered on one of the days with inspection at other times. Open home was held for various properties including the Stanley Primary School, the Presbyterian and Catholic Churches and the Plough Inn.

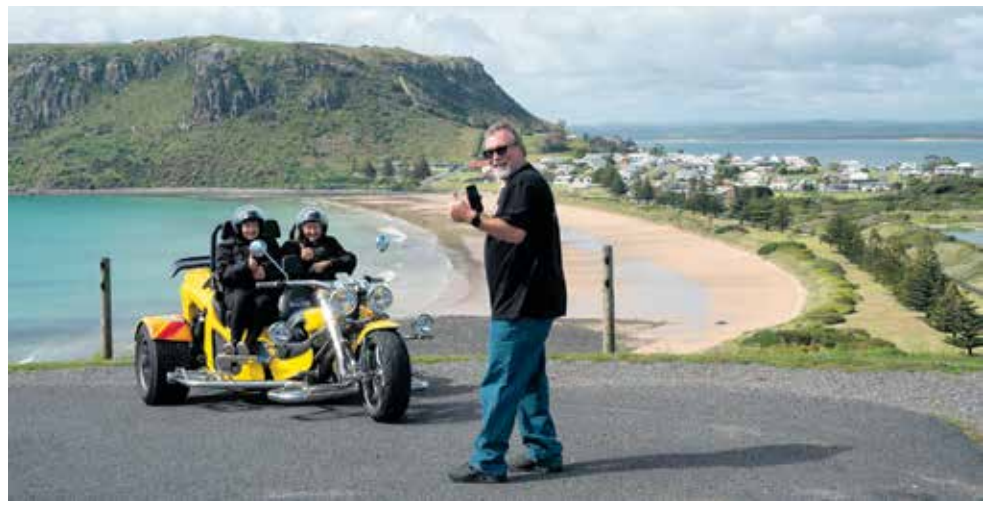
Visitors were able to view Stanley's unique Christmas trees that were erected early specifically for the occasion. Stanley's businesses were very accommodating and the town catered for the additional numbers adequately.

The Bicentenary committee would like to thank the following sponsors:

Circular Head Council, TasPorts, Parks & Wildlife, IGA Local Grocer, Stanley, Community Bank Smithton & Districts, Julie Burgess Volunteers, Hearts 'n Crafts, Stanley, Circular Head Garden Club, Gateforth Peonies, Tourism Association, Phil Templeton Building, Newman Excavations, Smithton Men's Shed, Heath Wells, Museum Volunteers and Circular Head Show Society members.

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Joint raffle between the *Circular Head Show Society, Rocky Cape and Smithton Lions' Clubs and Circular Head Saints Football Club*

sponsored by *Temma Farm* in conjunction with *Greenham Tas* and *Perry's Quality Meats*

$5.00 per ticket – 30 Prizes to be Won! Over $8000 value

1st	**Robbins Island Wagyu Beef/Greenham Tas 6kg Strip Loin** Donated by the ***Hammond Family*** (value $1,200)
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4th	**Ezi-Jak Tyre Changing Tool** donated by ***Elders Smithton*** (value $400)
5th	**Pennicott Wilderness Journey Voucher** Donated by ***Pennicott Wilderness Journeys*** (value $380)
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7th	**Noah's Luxury Bed & Breakfast** for two (one night) (conditions apply) Donated by ***Noah's Luxury Bed & Breakfast Stanley*** (value $320)
8th	**Gordon River Cruise** for two donated by ***World Herirage Cruises, Strahan*** (value $320)
9th	**$300 Voucher** donated by ***Muirs Smithton***
10th	**Arthur River Cruise** for two (Red Boat) donated by ***Arthur River Cruises*** (value $290)
11th	**Vouchers** donated by ***All Wheel Services*** (value $250)
12th	**Glynn's Lawyers** services for legal consultation for one person's will (conditions apply) Donated by ***Glynn's Lawyers*** (value $250)
13th	**Hamper Gift Pack** donated by ***Grumpy Goat Co, Smithton*** (value $210)
14th-18th	**Cape Grim Beef** – 1 x 3.5kg Scotch Fillet donated by ***Temma Farm*** in conjunction with ***Greenham Tasmania*** (value $200 each)
19th–20th	**Black River Lamb** (side) donated by ***Phillip & Fiona Medwin, Gateforth Farm*** (value $190 each)
21st	**Split Wood** (approx. 2 metres) donated by the ***Bergman Family*** (value $180) Or **Circular Head Gift card** to the value of $150
22nd	**Crayfish** (approx 2kg) donated by ***Graham Airey*** (value $170)
23rd	**COB Ham** (approx 6kg) donated by ***Perry's Quality Meats*** (value $170)
24th	**$150 Fuel Voucher** donated by ***Fuel on Goldie***
25th	**$100 Voucher** donated by ***Circular Head Motorcycles***
26th	**$100 Meal Voucher** donated by ***Lanigan's Rocky Cape***
27th	**$100 Meal Voucher** donated by ***Rocky Cape Tavern***
28th	**$100 Fuel on Goldie Fuel Voucher** donated by ***Cheryl Lardner***
29th	**$100 Voucher** donated by ***Smithton Betta Home Living***
30th	**$100 Voucher** donated by **Treena's Garden Supplies**

Thank you to all donors of the above prizes

*Raffle will be drawn at December **Stanley Harvest Market 19th December 2026** at 7:30pm*

*Tickets available at various local outlets, or online at **RaffleLink** via the above QR code, or contact secretary@circularheadshow.com.au*

Go go go





A few hardy Gogomobile enthusiasts have been travelling around Tasmania lately and our roving photographer Kerrie was on hand in Zeehan to capture some shots.

The Goggomobil was a popular line of post-war microcars manufactured by Hans Glas GmbH in Dingolfing, Germany, from 1955 to 1969 (and later by BMW until 1969).

Overview & Models

• T Sedan: A small two-door sedan powered by a rear-mounted two-stroke straight-twin engine (245 cc to 392 cc).

• TS Coupe: A sporty 2+2 coupe variant with distinctive styling.

• TL Van: A small utility/postal van featuring sliding doors.

• Goggomobil Dart: An Australian-built fiberglass roadster version produced by Buckle Motors in Sydney from 1959 to 1961.

Australian Connection & Pop Culture

• Local Production: Buckle Motors assembled Goggomobil models and manufactured about 700 doorless Dart sports cars using German running gear and custom Australian fiberglass bodies.

• Yellow Pages Commercial:

The car became a famous piece of Australian pop culture through a 1990s Yellow Pages TV advertisement featuring actor Tommy Dysart spelling out "G-o-g-g-o" in a broad Scottish accent while looking for parts.





Harness racing in the rain at Wivenhoe



Local harness racing fans were treated to a thrilling spectacle at Wivenhoe Recreation Grounds on Friday night as the annual North West Plate highlight meeting delivered high-stakes action even allowing for the rather damp weather.

The feature event of the program, the $12,000 Kevin Redpath North West Plate Final (2180m), saw the Wayne Yole-trained gelding Settebello secure a dominant victory.

Driven by Mark Yole, the pacer capitalized on a flawless standing start from the front row to lead the entire distance, cruising home comfortably ahead of outsider Alberio and the heavily backed race favourite, Repetitive.

Beyond the marquee feature, the evening was a resounding triumph for the Yole family stable, which dominated the card with multiple victories across the program.

The fast-paced, tight-turning local circuit provided its trademark electric atmosphere, drawing a passionate crowd of racing enthusiasts to witness a showcase of top-tier regional pacing talent.

With pristine track conditions and competitive fields, the event successfully highlighted the enduring appeal of the sport on the North West coast, setting a high benchmark for the remainder of the summer racing circuit.









New cat centre facility

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that after 5 years of planning, hard work and determination, our brand new surrender facility on Tasmania's North West Coast is officially OPEN!

This is another HUGE milestone for Just Cats Tasmania, and one we are incredibly proud of.

In March 2025, we opened our Burnie Adoption Centre, giving cats on the North West Coast a greater opportunity to find their forever homes.

Now, we have taken another enormous step forward by providing a safe and dedicated facility for surrendered, stray and trapped cats.

For far too long, there has been a need for a facility like this on the North West Coast, and we are so proud to finally be able to offer this much-needed service to the community.

FIVE YEARS IN THE MAKING!

This project would not have been possible without the financial support of the Tasmanian State Government, whose grant helped make this dream a reality.

The funding also included a brand new transport van, allowing us to safely transport cats between our facilities and provide an even better service across the region.

We are incredibly grateful for this investment in animal welfare and for the opportunity to continue expanding the work we do.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our new surrender facility operates STRICTLY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

If you need assistance with surrendering a cat, or have a stray or trapped cat requiring our help, please contact Just Cats FIRST to make arrangements.

Please do not arrive at the facility unannounced with cats. This allows our team to manage intake safely, ensure appropriate accommodation is available and provide the best possible care for every cat entering our facility.

WHAT A JOURNEY!

As Just Cats celebrates 14 years of operation this November, opening this facility makes the occasion even more special.

From our humble beginnings to operating multiple facilities and our own veterinary clinic, we continue to grow because we believe every cat deserves a chance.

To everyone who has supported us, believed in our vision and helped us reach this milestone — THANK YOU!

We are so proud of what we have achieved, and even more excited about what this new chapter means for cats across Tasmania's North West Coast.

Here's to saving more lives, helping more cats and making a real difference.

Just Cats Tasmania – 14 years of making a difference, one cat at a time.



Scouting for memories



Were you a Cub, Scout, Venturer, Rover or leader on the West Coast or do you have any fond memories, funny stories or pictures of your time with Scouts you'd like to share? The West Coast has been home to scouting for 115 years! We'd love you to celebrate with us by sharing your memories. Please email hands-onherts@outlook.com or send a message via our Facebook page 1st Queenstown Scout Group.

Wyndarra news update

Christmas Hamper time.

Wyndarra is calling for assistance once again this year for the Christmas hampers.

Monetary donations, food, gifts or any other contribution to help towards the hampers would be appreciated. Every donation big or small makes a difference.

Donations close Monday 21st December.

Contact Tammy Edwards on 64522722 for any further enquiries.



Welcome Belinda.

Wyndarra is pleased to announce that Belinda Willie has been appointed general manager.

Belinda has been an important part of Wyndarra for many years, most recently leading the organisation as interim General Manager.

Belinda has a deep knowledge of Wyndarra which began with work experience, volunteering, then Connections Program coordinator and more recently manager of Wyndarra Support Services.

We wish Belinda all the best in her new role.

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all who joined us recently at our annual general meeting where we officially recognised and thanked our retiring Committee of Governance members for their incredible service and contributions. The AGM also saw the election of new committee members. While specific executive office bearer roles are still being finalised, you can view the full list of our updated committee members on our webpage. A huge thank you to all our Committee of Governance members, past and present, for their ongoing invaluable time, dedication and voluntary time that they you give to our organisation.



CIRCULAR HEAD
Community News





More milestones for our $2.1 million Community Recreation Fund!

We're making great progress on two exciting projects!

At Kings Park in Stanley, we've been working with Stanley Primary School students (pictured) to gather ideas for the new playground, helping shape the design ahead of the tender process.

Meanwhile, at West Esplanade Foreshore Park in Smithton, we've awarded the pump track contract to internationally experienced Velosolutions Australia, with completion expected in February 2027.

The West Esplanade Master Plan also includes new playgrounds, improved paths, landscaping, better river access and upgraded public facilities. The plan sets the overall direction, with detailed designs continuing to evolve as the project progresses.

Want to know what's happening next? Both projects have dedicated pages on Council's website, including project updates, key milestones and timelines.

QUICK UPDATES

Powerline vegetation works - TasNetworks will be assessing vegetation near powerlines across parts of Circular Head, with clearance works expected to begin in late November. Read the TasNetworks update.

Irishtown Road Resealing - Preparation works have been completed on approximately 1.6km of Irishtown Road, with resealing expected in late November or early December, once the asphalt repairs have had time to settle.

Enter Your Christmas Parade Float! - Gather your crew, get creative and start planning your Smithton Christmas Parade entry, with free registration and $950 in prizes up for grabs across six categories!

Scholarships NOW OPEN - Circular Head Mayor's Education Fund, Soroptimist International of Circular Head and Rotary Club of Smithton.

Australia Day Award Nominations are Open - Know someone who deserves recognition for making a difference in our community? Nominations close 11 December.

Information on all of these quick updates are on Council's website.



We've got important community conversations happening in Circular Head and we'd love to hear what you think!

White Hills Waste Transfer Station
We're continuing our conversation about the future of waste services in Circular Head. We're interested in understanding what our community knows about how White Hills Waste Transfer Station is currently funded and what people think is fair.

Church Street Outdoor Dining
We're also seeking feedback on the outdoor dining area in Church Street, Stanley. How is the space working for you and what would you like to see in the future?

Community Catch-Ups
Throughout 2026, Council has held informal Community Catch-Ups across Circular Head, giving residents a chance to chat with the Mayor and General Manager about local issues and ideas. Help us plan for 2027! Complete our short survey and tell us what you'd like from future sessions.



New Recycle Rewards Racks

We've installed 10 new collection racks on public bins in Smithton and Stanley, making it easier to keep eligible 10-cent drink containers out of landfill and give someone else the chance to claim the refund.

Did you know? Since Recycle Rewards began in May 2025, Circular Head residents have returned 2,583,205 containers – an average of 377 per person, ranking us 11th in Tasmania!

A fantastic effort from our community! Find out more:
www.recyclerewards.com.au



Winners of the GOLD for the second year running!

We're incredibly proud of our Smithton Visitor Information Centre, taking home GOLD at the 2026 Tasmanian Tourism Awards!

A huge congratulations to our wonderful team who go above and beyond, whether they're helping locals explore their own backyard or welcoming visitors to our beautiful corner of Tasmania. Council is proud to provide this service that does so much to support and showcase our region. Well done team – what a fantastic achievement!

WHAT'S ON

14 NOV - Dark Sky Sidewalk Astronomy
From 7.30pm at Tatlows Beach, Muunatrikar/Stanley.

15 NOV - Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection
2.30pm–4pm at White Hills Waste Transfer Station.

19 NOV - Council Meeting
6pm at Council Chambers, Smithton.

28 NOV - Circular Head Show
A full day of fun for everyone at Stanley Recreation Ground.

10 DEC - Council Meeting
6pm at Council Chambers, Smithton.

11 DEC - Smithton Christmas Parade
Starts at 7pm. Save the date & start planning your entry!

12 DEC - Stanley Christmas Parade
Starts at 11am. Floats must arrive before 10.30am to register on the day.

13 DEC - Carols @ Highfield
Historic Highfield House, Stanley. Gates open at 6.30pm, carols start at 7pm.



We'll be at the Circular Head Show on 28 November to hear your thoughts on these three topics, answer questions and chat about anything else Council-related!

Can't make it? All consultations have online surveys, so you can have your say from home.

www.circularhead.tas.gov.au/yoursay



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Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

YOUNG MAN GETS ARM CAUGHT IN MACHINERY, DIES TWO DAYS LATER.

At about 4:30 a.m. on Thursday, 6 August, 1908, at the Tasmanian Smelting Company near Zeehan, Horace Sherrin, aged 17 years and three days, had his right arm caught between a pulley and a belt. He was attempting to reinstall the belt with the machine still running. He was conveyed to the hospital and about 9:00 a.m. his arm was amputated. Two days later he died.

A coronial enquiry was held on Monday, 10 August before Coroner E.W. Turner and a jury of seven.

The first witness, Dr. G.E. Butler, deposed that he had examined Horace and found his upper arm had been fractured and that the main blood vessels and nerves were severed. The deceased was quite coherent and told him that he had caught his arm between the belt and the pulley.

James Harrison, Inspector of Mines, stated he had interviewed a lucid Horace at the hospital who said "It was our own fault; we had no right to touch the belt until the engine stopped." Deceased told witness the accident happened through his putting the belt on.

Edward Kidd, Chief Engineer at the Smelters, believed the area was sufficiently lit, and that all reasonable precautions had been taken. There was no rule as to the putting on of belts while the machinery was in motion, nor was it necessary for the machinery to be stopped. There was no signal to the engine driver when a belt came off except to go and tell him.

H. Green, Inspector of Machinery on the West Coast, said he had inspected the machinery and guards and they were fit and proper. He did not think it hazardous to put a belt on if the person was used to doing it. It was very unusual to stop an engine to put a belt on.

The Enquiry heard from another six witnesses, including Henry Lowe, a carpenter; J.B. Giles, an engine driver who was in charge of the machinery; Alexander Clifford, Horace's workmate; John Harkins and James Shearing, other workers who were nearby at the time of the accident; and Horace's father Frederick Sherrin.



They all supplied mainly corroborative evidence, although there was some difference in their interpretation of the phrases "Hold there" "Hold" or "Hold her" which were all used and meant either to "stop the engine running", or to "Stop the feeding (of the ore into the buckets)." And some stated they replaced the belts with the engine running normally, while others did so only after it had been slowed down.

That night the belt had come off three times, this being caused by the buckets of the elevator becoming choked. Horace was working on the middle floor of three and came down to help clear the buckets.

After they had been cleared the third time witness Giles said that Sherrin and Clifford passed him to go upstairs and he said "If you are going to put that belt on, I will slow down the engine." One of them said "No," and by that he understood they were not going to put the belt on. About two minutes later witness heard a thud and someone cry out. He heard someone say "He is bleeding." He asked Horace how the accident happened who replied "It was my own fault." It was usual to let the engine run for two or three minutes, and then stop the engine to allow the belt to be put on. Did not know any occasion when the belt had been put on while the engine was in motion. Alexander Clifford said after the buckets were cleared Horace and he went upstairs to put the belt on, after the engine had been slowed down. This seemed the case as they ascended the stairs. They had met Giles at the foot of the stairs, and he asked "Will I slow down?" Witness replied "Yes, when you are all ready." Witness had told deceased he would tell him when to put the belt back on, as Horace had told him he was worried about doing that. Talking to Horace immediately after the incident, deceased had said "I think my arm is broken." And when he asked how, Horace had replied "I put my hand on the pulley."

The final witness James Shearing deposed he had heard Clifford call out "There's a man hurt; stop the engine; hold her." Witness asked Sherrin how the accident happened, and deceased pointed to the pulley. He did not speak. He had since replaced Sherrin, and the engine driver had told him not to put the belt on unless the engine was stopped.

After hearing all the evidence, the coroner summed up, and the jury declared death was accidental, while adding that there should be a better system of signalling; that an instruction should be issued that no belts should be replaced unless the engine was going very slowly or stopped; and that such work should only be done by experienced men. Horace had only worked at the Smelters for three weeks.

The funeral took place at 3:30 p.m. the following Tuesday. Many members of "F" Company (a unit of local defence volunteers of which Horace was a member) were present, along with the Cadet Corps. The coffin was carried by his military comrades, and among the wreaths on top were the belt, hat and side arms of the deceased. Father Bernard Murphy read the burial service, after which a volley was fired over the grave by a squad of "F" Company. The location of the grave is known. Horace's brother Hedley, who died aged 24 on August 1, 1904, is also buried in the cemetery.

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

BMX riding in Wynyard

Round two of the Wynyard BMX Club 'Twilight series' got underway last weekend and I thought I would head out and take a few photos. Unfortunately I arrived later than planned and missed most of the action. I did manage to grab a few shots though so here they are. I will be going to more BMX events and hopefuuly grabbing some of the action on video so stay tuned.











Beach volleyball expanding across the coast

The North West Volleyball Association (NWVA) is excited to expand volleyball opportunities across the North West Coast of Tasmania with the introduction of beach volleyball this summer.

The Association already runs indoor volleyball competitions, including competitive and social rosters, alongside Youth Training and open Training Sessions from February through to December.

With the addition of beach volleyball, we are looking forward to taking the sport outdoors and making the most of Tasmania's beautiful summer weather.

But it's about more than just having fun in the sand. Beach volleyball gives us another opportunity to connect with the wider community, welcome new players and introduce more people to the sport, hopefully encouraging them to become involved in our indoor competitions as well.

Our goal is to continue growing volleyball across the region, creating opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, and building a welcoming and inclusive volleyball community.

Whether you're an experienced player or have never played before, everyone is welcome!











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WYNYARD YACHT CLUB

By Michael Hughes

We have had a few sails this month, as well as the Start Sailing course (learn-to-sail for adults) commencing on the 24th, free for female members of the Wynyard Yacht Club. It has been really good having lots of people sailing.

On the 17th it was really good getting to practice some starts with a buoy positioned opposite the river to our boat ramp and Chris Symonds and Ella doing the flags. After that, we went up the river a bit (towards Gutteridge Gardens) and sailed around a bit there. I got beached in the Hansa I was sailing (an un-capsizable 1-or-2-person boat with two sails), but thankfully Steve came and towed me away from the shore. It was a fantastic day, with lots of people there, including a few of my friends and lots of great adults on the RHIBs (powerboats) to help us while sailing.

The 24th was a great day for learn-to-sail, with not much wind and Chris and Mia taking all of the Start Sailing participants in the river to learn lots on their first day of the course. It went for 2 hours and they learned (on a Pacer, a two-person two-sailed pointy boat) how to tie some sailing knots, put up and down the mast, attach the rudder to the boat, put the rudder up and down, put the centreboard up and down, put the jib (the little sail at the front) up and down, paddle with oars, and steer with the tiller (stick that you hold to steer) on the water while being towed by a RHIB, as well as doing a tack on land. A tack is when you push the tiller away from you and cross over the boat after letting the boom, which is the big, hard pole that attaches to the sail and holds it down swing overhead.

Everyone doing normal Saturday sailing had the wonderful Brady Tassicker taking us, a great sailing coach and a fantastic sailor. We went out to sea and sailed a triangular course around three buoys that were put out, and with a mixture of Pacers, Hansas, a Laser (very fast, very tippy one-person one-sailed pointy boat) and very, very briefly a Sabot (a small boat with a flat front and a triangular sail, one-person). Everybody did quite well, with my dad even coming back out to alternate sailing a Pacer and the Laser, even though the Sabot that he was sailing's mast fell down. After George, Leon, and I capsized in a Pacer on purpose, pretty much everybody had their boats in.

After the sail, Steve asked us all if we wanted to be taken on his RHIB to see the humpback whales that were swimming not too far off the coast. Leon, George, Will (my brother), Harley, my mum, lots of other people, and I went in the RHIB and watched the two beautiful humpback whales swimming gracefully through the water, right next to our motorboat. It was a fantastic sight. After that, Steve went back to take a new load of people whale watching, and we washed, derigged, and put away our boats, as well as Brady teaching George, Leon, and I something new about capsizing.

We have had some fantastic days of sailing lately, with the exception of the 31st being cancelled due to bad weather, and it is really good that we have lots of new people and parents learning to sail through Start Sailing. I am really grateful for what the Wynyard Yacht Club offers for me and my friends.







Free skin cancer screenings at Stanley show

Free skin cancer screenings at the Circular Head Agricultural Show in Stanley on Saturday 28 November 2026.

This is an exciting new initiative for Tasmania, with our mobile skin cancer screening van beginning its journey around the state, providing free skin awareness examinations to communities, particularly in regional and rural areas.

Our program officially launches at the Lions District Convention in St Helens on 30 and 31 October, followed by visits to Ringarooma and Scottsdale before arriving in Circular Head.

The Lions Club of Rocky Cape is proudly sponsoring and hosting the van at the Circular Head Show.

Our trained volunteer dermoscopists will provide free skin examinations, helping people become more aware of suspicious skin changes and encouraging early medical follow-up where necessary.

It's important to point out that our service is an education and referral service only. Our screeners do not provide a diagnosis or prognosis, but will recommend follow-up with a GP where appropriate.

Circular Head Show details:

Date: Saturday 28 November 2026

Location: Circular Head Agricultural Show, Stanley

Cost: Completely free

Bookings: 0417 581 107 and Walk-ins



Get your float ready for Christmas in Zeehan

Calling all community groups, businesses, families and individuals to participate in this year's 2026 Zeehan Community Christmas Street Parade.

This year the parade will commence at the Zeehan Primary School and make it's way to Howard's Park.

Assembly time from 3:15pm with parade commencing at 3:55pm.

The six categories are as follows:

Best Business Float

Best Community Group Float

Most Creative Float

Best Dressed Individual (Junior, Birth-9 Years)

Best Dressed Individual (Senior 10 years - 17 Years)

Best Dressed Individual (18 years +)

Some great prizes up for grabs, kindly sponsored by Different Strokes.

Scan the QR code at right to register

Tales from Emmerton Park - meet the residents

My Story – Mary Stone (nee Davern)



I was born in Ulverstone in 1955 to Dorothy and Malcom Davern. I was the eldest of four children. When I was very young, we moved to Redpa. Our family enjoyed the area, although it was a bit rugged back then.

Dad found work at Hayes Mill. The logs and timber were sent down the 16-mile line to Smithton, behind the Bridge Hotel,

When I was four, Dad was working on the line using the rail line pump trolley when he sadly passed away. My brothers and sisters were all younger than me. Needless to say, Mum was devastated, left widowed and grieving with four very young children.

I went to school at Broadmeadows, which was a very small school. Everyone knew what everyone else was up to in the district. Later, we moved to Mella, but sadly, more tragedy was about to overcome our family when my dear mother suddenly passed away when I was six years old.

All of us children moved into Smithton to live with Mum's sister, Mary Jackson. Auntie Mary and Uncle Les had thirteen children of their own, most of whom had grown up and left home. Luckily, they took us all in. Losing Dad and then Mum was very hard on all of us, but Auntie Mary and Uncle Les gave us a very loving home.

I then started school at Smithton Primary and later attended Smithton High. I was quite shy, and I still am, but I soon made a few good friends. We all played basketball together and had lots of fun. I can't recall getting into too much trouble and grew up relatively unscathed.

After I left school, I helped at home, as Auntie Mary and Uncle Les brought a little farm at Broadmeadows. I helped with the usual household chores as well as working in the cow shed. I also did a few odd jobs around the district, including babysitting and house cleaning. I always thought I would never have children of my own because they were far too naughty!

I remember the day I met my future husband, Brian Stone. I sort of knew him already, as it's a small town. One day, I was walking down the street when he jumped out of his truck in front of me. We started talking and hit it off from the start. Brian was very tall and handsome, with dark hair and blue eyes. He also had a great sense of humour and made me laugh.

We married when I was nineteen, and Brian was quite a bit older than me. We had a lovely wedding with lots of guests in attendance. Our flower girl was Fay Marthick (nee Stone), and Helen Stewart and my sister Dorothy were my bridesmaids.

For our honeymoon, we sailed to Sydney on the SS Taroona. As it turns out, I am not a very good sailor and was terribly seasick. In Sydney, we saw all the usual sights, but the hustle and bustle of the big city was too much for me. I couldn't wait to go home, back to my beautiful part of the world. This time I was happy to travel by plane!

We moved into our lovely home on Brittons Road, where we lived for forty years. It wasn't long before we started our family. First came Roslyn, then Wayne and Katrina. We thought we would have one more bundle of joy to complete our family.

I remember going into labour and the doctor saying, "It's a boy!" Michael had arrived, but before we knew it, the doctor added, "And a girl!" Marelle had arrived too. Twins! What a surprise! We hadn't had a clue we were expecting two babies. It didn't take us long to get an extra crib and a few other things together. Soon, the whole town was buzzing with the news!

We had a shack at Arthur River, just over the bridge. We went there on weekends and during the school holidays whenever we could. The children loved the freedom of running around, fishing and riding their motorbikes up and down the beach. They had lots of fun, and so did I, watching them learn the hard way!

Brian and I eventually retired to the bush at the back of Forest. We lived off grid, with no mains power or town water, and were completely self-sufficient. We used generators and batteries for power and collected rainwater from the roof into tanks. We loved our life there. We had each other and, occasionally, a snake or two!

Sadly, after six years living at Forest, Brian passed away, and life in the bush was never the same. I moved back into Smithton and lived in a unit on Brittons Road, where it was good to see people regularly again, I lived there for 22years.

I became unwell and moved into Emmerton Park in May 2024. It is a very nice place to live, everyone is very friendly and I have reconnected with some old friends from time gone by.

Circular Head is a very special place to me with lots of great memories. There is no better place to live.

Pinktober in Smithton

Our Pinktober fundraising month has been an amazing success, bringing our community together to show support for those affected by breast cancer.

We all know someone whose life has been touched by breast cancer, and we understand the widespread impact this disease has on individuals, families and the wider community. Pinktober is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness, show support and contribute to an important cause.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support of our local Smithton businesses, who kindly donated prizes for our fundraising raffle. Their contributions helped make the month extra special, and we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to:

Smithton Reject Shop
Boots and All
Tall Timbers
Bridge Hotel
Smithton Newsagency
Mitre 10
Smithton Haircare
Well Wragg Pharmacy
Smithton IGA
Terry White Pharmacy Smithton
Showcase Jewellers
It's All Good Health and Gifts
Wine Donated by Sinapius

On Friday, 30 October, we held a special gold coin donation afternoon tea. This was our final opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and a lovely chance for everyone to come together, enjoy afternoon tea and celebrate what has been a wonderful month of fundraising and community support. We raised an amazing $1541

A huge thank you goes to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, made donations, contributed prizes, attended our afternoon tea or helped in any way throughout Pinktober.

It is through the kindness, generosity and community spirit of people like you that we can make a difference.



Magic and moo-sic



I met Stephanie at the Burnie in bloom function over the weekend and had to find out more about Maggie Moo Music so here is what she said. 'Maggie Moo Music is bringing a whole lot of musical magic, fun and learning to children across Tasmania's Northwest Coast! Our interactive Moosical Sessions are specially designed for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, combining catchy songs, dancing, movement, puppets, musical instruments, sensory play and plenty of imagination. More than just music, our sessions encourage early childhood development, building confidence, coordination, language skills, social connections and creativity in a fun, relaxed and nurturing environment. Whether your little one loves to sing, dance, explore or simply take it all in, there is something for everyone. With familiar favourites, original Maggie Moo songs and plenty of opportunities to get involved, every session is an adventure! With a passionate team bringing the sparkle to local childcare centres, community events and LiL programs, Maggie Moo Music is making it easier than ever for little ones and their grown-ups to connect, learn and make memories together. Come along, join the fun and let the moo-sical magic begin! Contact Maggie Music on 0438 048 672 or on FaceBook

Alan/Ed

Burnie was blooming!

What do you get if you mix great food, live entertainment, giant balloons, face-painting, craft and wares stalls, carnival rides and kids entertainment all in one place? Burnie blooms of course. Now I must admit, I was expecting flowers for the blooming part but soon realised this is an event where 'Burnie' blooms. Lots of smiling faces, well fed people and exhausted children at the end of the day point to the success of the event.



















Another kind of Abundance

Making our towns edible

Annie Venables



In previous articles in this series, we've explored some of the ways we can strengthen our local food resilience – from saving and sharing seeds to building greenhouses and finding ways to grow more of our own food. But perhaps there is another step we could take.

What happens when we start growing food not just in our own backyards, but throughout our towns? Queenstown already has a community garden, and during my recent travels in the UK I discovered an inspiring example of how this simple idea can grow into something much bigger.

On the corner of Cutten and Bowes Streets, the Queenstown Serenity Community Garden, established in 2023 by Mic Galvin and Jenny Smith, is gradually transforming a quarter-acre block into a productive and creative space, with raised beds, fruit, berries, herbs and vegetables, with plans for native bush foods and further planting to encourage biodiversity.

Between four and twelve people might gather on a Sunday afternoon weather permitting, to garden, share skills and enjoy a cup of tea and cake. A new greenhouse has recently been built, another is planned for a second block of land between the church and hospital. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join in.

But could we take the idea further?

Whilst in the UK, I came across Incredible Edible, a grassroots urban gardening movement that transforms public places into free community food plots. It was started in Todmorden, by a small group of local people including Pam Warhurst. Their idea was wonderfully simple: why not grow food wherever there is a bit of available land? Today, fruit, vegetables and herbs appear throughout the town – outside the railway station, in car parks, along canal towpaths and even outside the police station and health centre.

One story particularly caught my attention. A newly built health centre had been surrounded by prickly plants. The local group asked permission to remove them and replace them with fruit trees, bushes, herbs and vegetables.

It made me think of the sizeable area around Queenstown's new ambulance station, currently planted with spiky vegetation. Could this be another opportunity for edible planting?

In Todmorden, growing food has also become a way of involving children. Working alongside the community, they help build growing projects, learn about food and discover the satisfaction of getting their hands in the soil. Imagine local children growing up seeing fruit trees, herbs and vegetables in their town, rather than only encountering food wrapped in plastic in the supermarket.

Pam's message is that small actions can make a difference. Her wonderfully inclusive motto is: "If you eat, you're in."

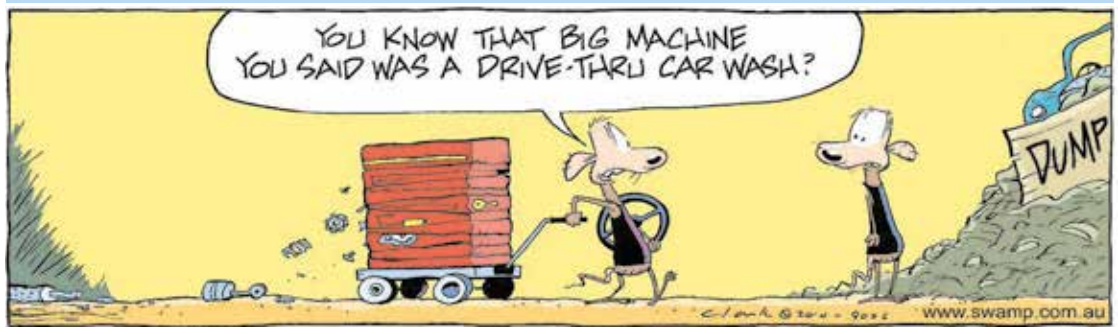
Perhaps that is the next step for Queenstown. We already have people willing to grow, share knowledge and get involved. What if we began looking at the unused spaces around our towns as opportunities rather than empty patches of land? A few fruit trees here, some herbs there, a vegetable bed where there is room.

Food resilience isn't just about producing more food. It's also about creating a landscape where growing food becomes part of everyday life. And perhaps our community garden could be the beginning of something much bigger.

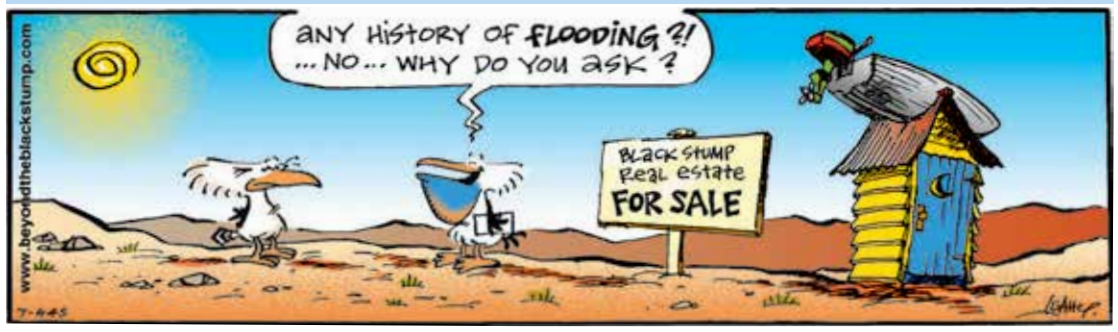
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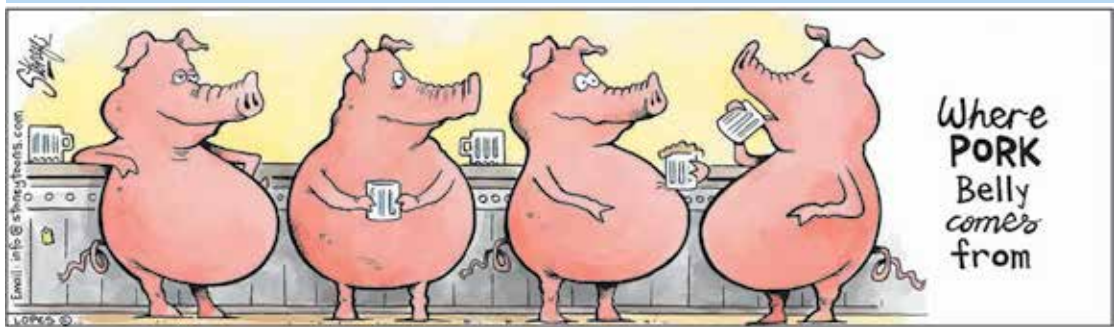
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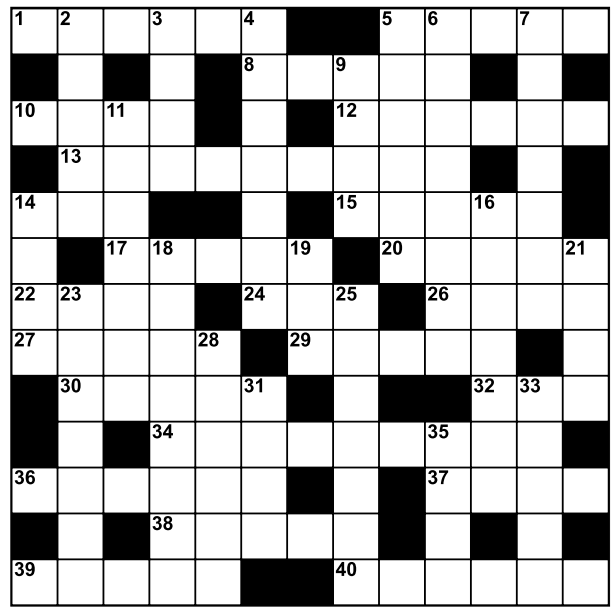
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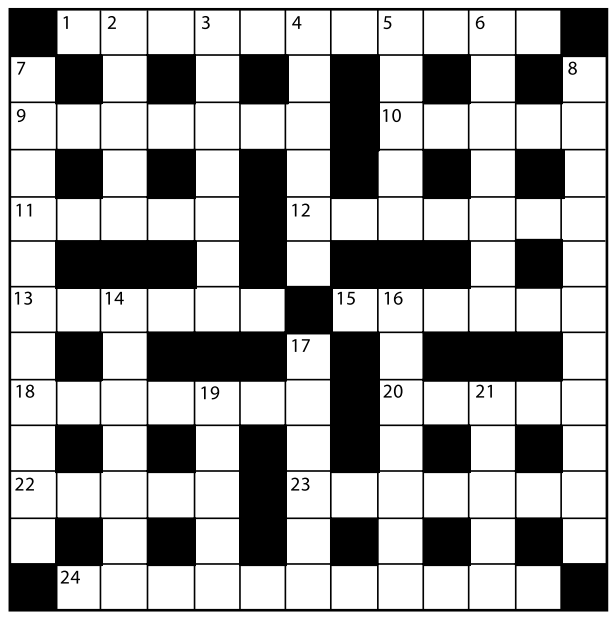
ACROSS

1 Separated
5 Saloon car
8 Chemical compound
10 Periods of time
12 Legendary son of Daedalus
13 Shopkeepers
14 Beverage
15 Use again
17 Tracking system
20 Commonplace
22 Possesses
24 Meadow
26 Direction
27 Attire
29 Light beam reflecting body
30 Form of expression
32 Greek letter
34 Glutinous muddiness
36 Chaste
37 Have on
38 Brilliance of success
39 Comment in undertone
40 Emphasise

DOWN

2 Conscious of
3 Examine
4 Relating to tenths
5 Unrevealed fact
6 Effacements
7 Talismans
9 Rank
11 Longed for
14 Walked
16 Breed of cat
18 Aided
19 Corded fabric
21 Sicilian volcano
23 Scribes
25 Painters
28 Comfort in sorrow
31 Factory
33 Former Russian rulers
35 Water pitcher

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16525



ACROSS

1 Is it worn by a master-builder? (11)
9 Clothing torn without intention (7)
10 It fell to Newton to notice gravity! (5)
11 Did some pressing (5)
12 Jumps in a supple way, perhaps (5,2)
13 I should be, when small (6)
15 Like a bird at the back (6)
18 Word of praise Nona has revealed (7)
20 I bail out with a defence of being elsewhere (5)
22 Rub out a letter in Gaelic (5)
23 It's wrong to give a hand like this (7)
24 Main type of nausea? (11)

DOWN

2 Get an own-goal without victory when it's due (5)
3 Foot-lever that could be altered (7)
4 What a snake may do to disconcert (6)
5 Some tomahawks from a Nebraska city (5)
6 A reply showing wit or spite, perhaps (7)
7 The rug's done instead of a camping item (11)
8 Trustworthy, but guilty (11)
14 Having some will left (7)
16 Doesn't go out to support a transgression (5,2)
17 Sailor with a raincoat on the road? (6)
19 Possibly dense requirements (5)
21 Notions Sadie has (5)

JUMBLE No. 705

C	T	N
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TODAY'S TARGET
15 Words **Good**
20 Words **Very Good**
26 Words **Excellent**
31 Words **Genius**

THE RULES: How many words of 4 letters or more can you make from these 9 letters? In making a word each letter may be used only once, and the centre letter must be included. There must be at least one 9-letter word. No slang, foreign words, plurals, hyphens or apostrophes.

SUDOKU No. 026 ★☆

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PREVIOUS ANSWERS

Crossword No. 10873

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Sudoku No. 025

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Cryptic No. 16524

Across: 1 Senorita; 5 Slip; 9 Upas; 10 Wiseacre; 11 Broom; 12 Louvres; 13 Loses one's head; 18 Coracles; 19 Dhow; 20 Fiddler; 21 Pasha; 22 Ramp; 23 Drifters.

Down: 2 Esparto; 3 Onshore; 4 Trial and error; 6 Lucerne; 7 Pressed; 8 Revues; 13 Lucifer; 14 Serfdom; 15 Sickle; 16 Hydrant; 17 Another.

Jumble 704

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First ever RogCon in Tasmania a success

RogCon I hear you ask? What on earth is RogCon? Well... the short answer is Tasmania's biggest celebration of all things tabletop! This means games like Dungeons & Dragons, Warhammer and all sorts of role-playing games and so many of them were at this convention. Over 1600 people turned up to play, watch and take part in the event with quite a few dressing in costume (co-splay). There were vendors selling pokemon, dragonball, all sorts of games and even custom artwork. This was an amazing event run by 'Realm of Gaming' and will return next years so watch the Echo for dates and don't miss it. ***Alan/Ed***



















Helping people find genuine support that cares

While I was at RogCon over the weekend I met Jessica, a very interesting young lady who has started up a company called Hexa connect to help people find support when needed. I had a quick chat and here is the story of Hexa Connect. (Jessica is on the right of the shot). ***Alan/Ed***



Hexa Connect was born from personal experience, as a single mother raising children with high support needs, I experienced firsthand the challenges families face trying to find meaningful, reliable support.

I know how difficult it can be to find people who genuinely understand. Rather than accept that this was simply how things had to be, I decided to build the difference I wanted to see across the sector.

Starting from nothing, Hexa Connect has grown from a vision of providing compassionate, professional support built on genuine relationships, collaboration and the belief that everyone deserves to feel valued, included and connected.

Our decision to partner with 'Realm of Gaming' as major sponsors of RoGCoN reflects these same values. We wanted to help bring an inclusive community event to Burnie, creating opportunities for people from all walks of life to connect, participate and belong.

We're proud to continue supporting 'Realm of Gaming''s growth and future RoGCoN's while also sponsoring Tasmanian gaming team 'Every Inch Counts'.

We're incredibly proud to be part of the North West community and to offer our NDIS services to local individuals and families. For us, it's about building stronger communities and making a meaningful difference, together.

Jessica Wakefield - Hexa Connect Managing Director
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WE ENJOY - WYNYARD TULIP FESTIVAL

Photos on this page by Kylie Gillard

Braving unpredictable spring weather, an estimated 10,000 locals and tourists flocked to the banks of the Inglis River on Saturday for the 34th annual Wynyard Tulip Festival. Organised by the Waratah-Wynyard Council, the massive single-day community event transformed Gutteridge Gardens into a lively hub of music, color, and local culture. Despite a bout of morning wind and rain, crowds packed out the newly formatted Goldie Street market stalls and the bustling East Wynyard Foreshore. Families flooded the waterfront for adrenaline-pumping thrill rides, while a continuous lineup of local bands played well into the evening. A major drawcard for the festival was the nearby Table Cape Tulip Farm, which hosted thousands of visitors who made the journey up the Cape via a free festival shuttle bus. Farm manager Dave Roberts-Thomson noted that while cooler winter conditions had delayed the start of the 2026 blooming season, the iconic clifftop fields burst into vibrant color just in time for the weekend's festivities. The day concluded with a spectacular fireworks finale launched over the Inglis River at 9:00 pm, putting a dazzling cap on Wynyard's premier tourism event.

















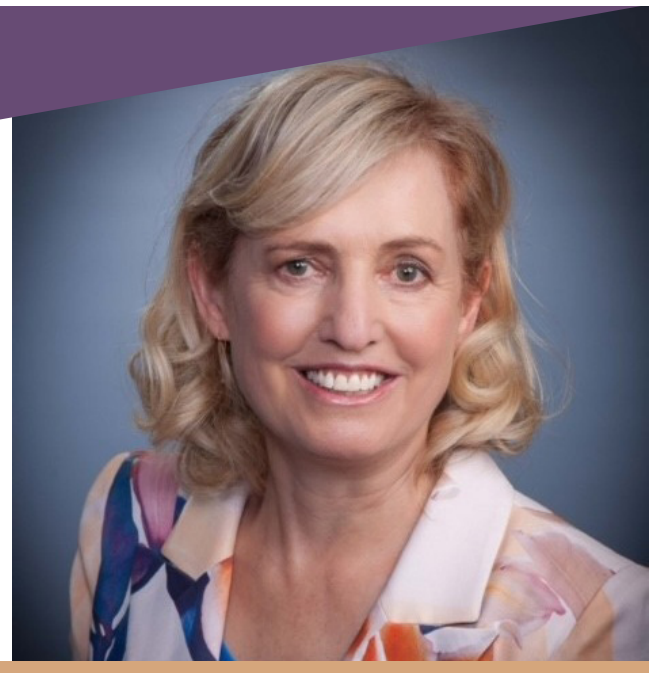


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TULIP FESTIVAL

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Sponsors recognition day

Stanley Demons Indoor Bias Bowls Club Unveiling of New Bowls Tournament Carpet and Coloured Bowls – Sunday the 18th October 2026.

This event has topped a very busy year for the Stanley Demons Bowls Club.

After recognising the standard of the ageing carpets and bowls, the playing members and partners commenced a campaign to source and raise funds to commence the upgrading of equipment, by registering in the "Refundables" Program, along with successfully applying for various grants.

The Club was successful with several grants totalling $7,090 with funding from:

• the Circular Head Council's Community Small Grants 2025/26 Round One for a new tournament mat.

• the Bendigo Bank, Smithton and Districts Community Bank for a second new tournament mat.

• the Tasmanian Government Active Clubs Program 2025/26 for a new set of coloured bowls.

The club contributed $1,283 from their own funds and were also beneficiary of a private donation of two sets of coloured bowls by Peter Boatwright and Leanne Brett.

Over the previous twelve months the Refundable Item Collection has continued with the assistance of many individuals and local businesses with over 33,500 items being recycled.

A lead battery collection has also made the district a safer place with many disused lead batteries being recycled.

The Demons Bowls Club open afternoon was well attended by playing members, partners, representatives from all other indoor bowls clubs within Circular Head, along with previous players of The Stanley Golf Club bowls team which was a precursor to the Demons.

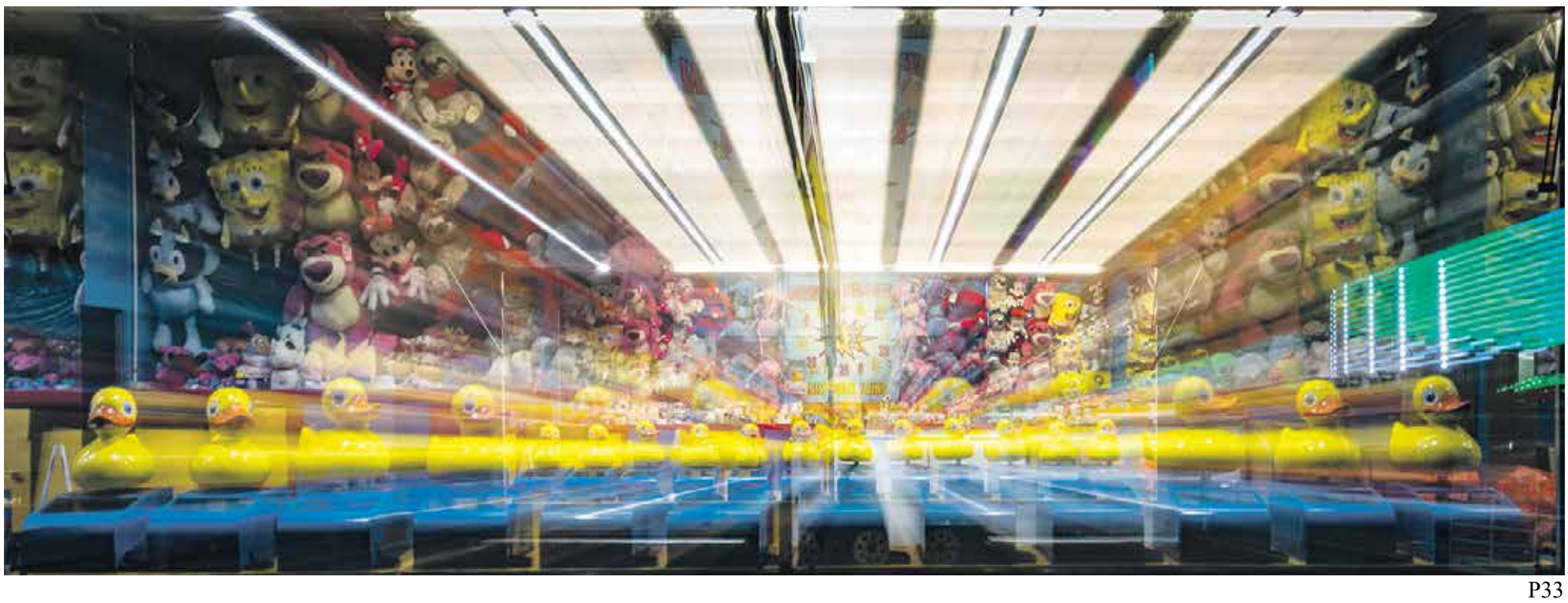
Representatives from the Circular Head Council, along with the Bendigo Bank Circular Head Branch, also attended with an apology from the Active Clubs Program Tasmanian Government representative.

A fantastic afternoon tea and refreshments were enjoyed by all, with some interesting stories shared by some of the previous players before a social try out of the recently acquired bowls equipment.

The Demons indoor Bowls Club welcomes new and previous players to join us at training sessions commencing in the new year, at the Stanley Recreation Ground Complex for a social bowl before next seasons Circular Head Indoor Bias Bowls competition.

Contributed by the Stanley Demons Indoor Bias Bowls Team





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WEST





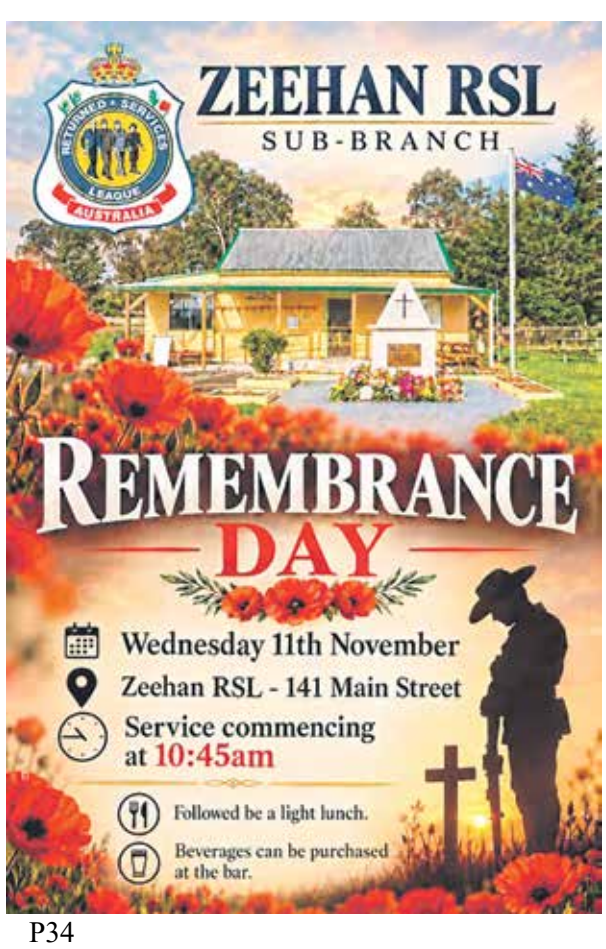














WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NORTHWEST

Let us know at the 'Echo' if you have an event coming up and we will feature it here for you!

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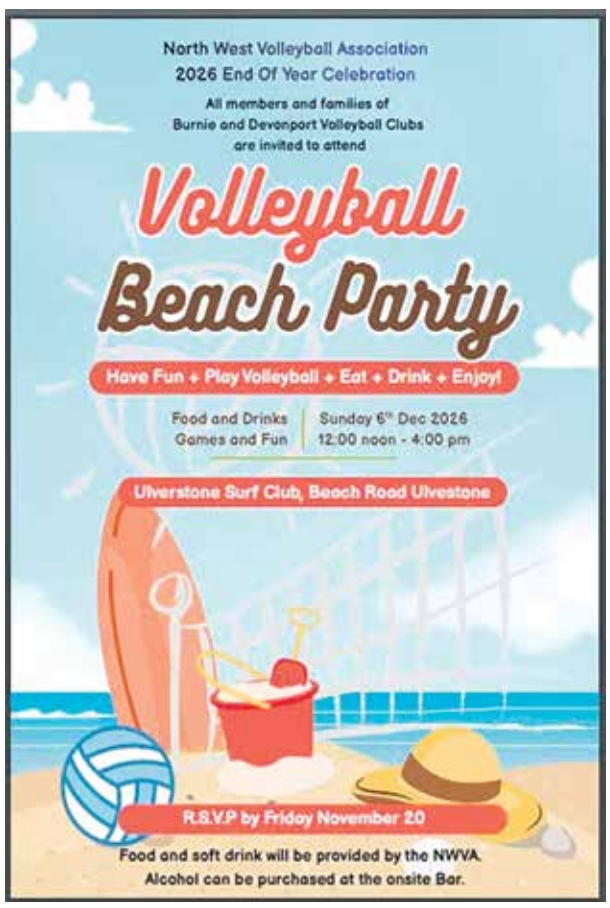














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A brand-new dating site just for Tasmanians!
The big dating sites charge an arm and a leg for winks, messages etc and are nearly all foreign owned, social media singles sites are fraught with all sorts of problems and not terribly private or friendly, and I know a lot of people (myself included) are frustrated trying to find a good, safe way to meet people online.
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Records were shattered on Tasmania's North-West Coast as New Zealand's Georgie Grgec and Victoria's Ed Marks powered to historic victories at the 42nd edition of the Strait Link Burnie 10. Staged under cool and calm conditions that cleared just ahead of the starting gun, the iconic coastal race doubled as the Australian 10km Road Running Championships.

The event welcomed over 3,100 participants, marking the largest field of runners the event has seen since 2013. Local organisers praised the atmospheric turnout and spectators lined the dual-lane coastal highway to cheer on the elite waves, casual fun-runners in the 5km event, and the youngest competitors in the 800m kids dash. With the national championships locked into the Burnie calendar through 2027, the historic afternoon further cements the event's reputation as Australia's premier community road race.



















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