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Brightening up the night

More than 5,000 people gathered at Wivenhoe Recreation Grounds for Burnie Bright Night 2026, enjoying an evening of entertainment, food, family-friendly activities, and a spectacular fireworks display.

While the evening began with a few light rain showers, the weather soon cleared and held out for most of the event. Crowds were entertained throughout the night by Palm Theory, *Continued on on P6 and 7*

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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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20,000 extra bulk-billed GP visits for West Coast

To the Editor.

Stolen from Granville Tramway!

Friends of Tracks and Tramways were very annoyed to find that a very essential part of their transporting equipment had been stolen from the tramway project. The trailer was situated on the Zeehan side of the pine river close to the Heemskirk Road and was stolen sometime last month. If anyone knows the whereabouts of this trailer please contact Grant Hodge 0429114499 .



QR codes link to videos in the ECHO

As you peruse these pages and read this month's Western Echo you will see that some of the stories have QR codes at the end. Scan the QR code with your phone and some of the stories will come to life! This is something I have been wanting to do for a while now and this June edition of the Echo is the first trial.

Videos in a newspaper... whoever would have thought it?

This could well be a new era in Tasmanian newspaper publishing and I would love to hear what you think of the idea, whether it adds to the paper and what you might like to see in action throughout these pages.

Please let me know via email to alan@westernecho.news

Alan/Ed

Gather and Glow returns to Wynyard

IT'S TIME TO SAVE THE DATE!

You have permission to embrace the magic of winter as Glow & Gather transforms Goldie Street into a vibrant hub of connection, celebration and play.

Following the huge success of last years event, again from 6pm, Goldie St will come alive with live entertainment, immersive experiences and delicious food from local restaurants and food vendors—all set against the cosy glow of fire pots and streetlights.

Come along for a buzzing night of connection and entertainment.

Get to know our local businesses and join in on the unique experiences they'll be offering throughout the night.

Stay tuned for updates on the special sessions planned for the evening!

Friday, 3rd July

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Goldie Street, Wynyard

Accessibility:

- Goldie Street will be closed to traffic, but street parking is available nearby.

- The area features wide paths and accessible walking spaces.

- Gutteridge Gardens will be open for picnicking and play.

- Additional street lighting will be provided by the Council for visibility and safety.

Explore, taste, connect and experience the magic of winter in Wynyard! Find more details: <https://warwyn.my.canva.site/gather-and-glow-night-market...>



Western Echo 'Wendy'

Well, as promised, I went to see Sam the Grooming Man and find out what this grooming thing is all about.

Wow! I loved it, a new haircut, shampoo, three people fussing over me and getting lots of cuddles at the same time.

Now I smell so pretty too (Dad told me I wasn't allowed to go rolling on the grass in the park for some reason though), and even the cats seem impressed.

Oh... I am one spoiled little dog and I love it!

Sam was wonderful, I was sooo brave too, even with the hot air machine that made lots of noise.

It was all so exciting and Dad says if I am good (*when am I not?*), then I can go back every couple of months for more grooming.

Dad asked Sam to leave me looking a bit scruffy and I think he did an amazing job, groomed and scruffy at the same time... I can't wait to go back again.



Woof to you all... Wendy

Labor is delivering cost of living support for all Australians

Delivered tax cuts for every taxpayer, including another cut from July 2026.

Delivered a pay rise for all minimum and award wage workers.

Expanded Paid Parental Leave (PPL) to 26 weeks from July 2026, and paid superannuation on all government PPL.

Introduced a \$10,000 bonus for housing apprentices, on top of their wages.

Introduced paid prac for midwifery, nursing, teaching, and social work students.

Boosted Medicare with an additional \$1.8 billion in hospital funding.

Expanded the 5% deposit scheme to include all first home buyers.

Provided more choice, lower costs, and high-quality care for all Australian women.

Delivered another pay rise for aged care nurses, following the first instalment in March 2025.

Opened a further 50 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics, including in Burnie and Devonport.

Made medicines cheaper, with all PBS medicines costing less than \$25.

Cut student debt by 20%.

Expanded bulk billing.



Authorised by Senator Josh Dolega, ALP, 1-3 Rooke St, Devonport 7310 TAS

More support to help Braddon residents into secure work

The Albanese Labor Government is again helping Australians get secure jobs and respond to local workforce needs here in Braddon.

A total of 49 organisations across the country will deliver Local Jobs, Local People projects that will better connect job seekers with employers, training and tailored assistance.

Here in Braddon, RTV Training will deliver a project called Entering the Construction and Energy Transition Industries, to support the workforce needs of our region, helping jobseekers move into work while supporting our local employers to get the workforce they need.

The program aims to build an individualised support plan for around 40 participants, targeting and building on their skills and abilities to access and secure nationally accredited training and employment opportunities in the construction and/or future energy transition industries, in Tasmania.

\$10 million in grants are being delivered as part of the extension of the Local Jobs Program to 30 June 2027.

Activities will relate to Local Jobs Plans in each Employment Region and focus on building skills and clear pathways into work. This includes where there are workforce shortages and in priority growth sectors such as manufacturing, care and support, digital and emerging technologies and the energy transition.

The Local Jobs Local People grants,

which have been extended to 30 June 2027, will support people who experience barriers to employment, including:

- mature-aged Australians (over 45)
- young people up to 24 years of age
- those needing additional help to connect with work or increase their hours.
- First Nations peoples

The support activities will be focused on job-ready training, industry-specific skills development, employer-led placements and wrap-around support.

Anne Urquhart MP said: "This program will help many local people who're looking for work to gain the skills and support they need to transition into sustained employment.

"It's particularly exciting that the program targets growth industries on the North West Coast, such as construction and clean energy transition industries.

"This will benefit jobseekers, employers and local businesses by delivering practical, community-led solutions that respond directly to local workforce requirements."

Marie McDonald, Operations Manager RTV Training went on to say:

"RTV Training are excited to commence the program. There are some fantastic opportunities in the construction and future energy transition industries.

"This is a great opportunity for our community to access quality training, to gain skills and knowledge to assist them to gain employment in an industry that is always seeking quality workers."



Wearing pink in the workplace

This June, you might notice a splash of pink around the workplace and community, and for one Tasmanian, that colour carries a meaning far deeper than a simple fashion choice.

Bec Pitt, a health, safety and training professional working in Tasmania's mining industry is proudly joining the national Wear Pink campaign this month, driven by something deeply personal, a beloved family member currently fighting breast cancer.

"This isn't just about wearing a colour," Bec said. "This is about standing up and being counted for someone I love, and for every person who has faced this disease."

By participating in the national tribute wall and wearing pink throughout June, they hope to honour not only their own family member but to stand in solidarity with the thousands of Australians and their families who know this journey all too well.

Breast cancer remains one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in Australia, with approximately 20,000 Australians diagnosed each year. Early detection saves lives, and campaigns like Wear Pink play a vital role in keeping that conversation alive in workplaces and communities across the country.

"If my wearing pink starts even one conversation, if it encourages one person to book a check-up or reach out to someone they love who is going through this then it is absolutely worth it."

How You Can Help

No contribution is too small. Every dollar raised goes directly to the National Breast Cancer Foundation to fund life-saving research that brings us closer to a world where no one loses their life to breast cancer.



If this story has moved you, please consider making a donation in support of this personal fundraising campaign:

Donate here: <https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/becpitt> or by using the QR code below.

Together, we can make a difference for the family members fighting today, and for those we hope never have to face this disease tomorrow.

To find out more about breast cancer awareness, early detection, and how you can support those affected, visit the National Breast Cancer Foundation at nbcf.org.au



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Scan the QR code or visit my page to donate

Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies - two Maugean skates are now back in the wild!

Two Maugean skates were recently returned to Macquarie Harbour by our IMAS researchers and members of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community who were working with us when the animals were first collected from the Harbour in December 2023.

Returning the skates to Country as they approach the end of their natural lifespan was an important step – for the Aboriginal community, the researchers, and the skates themselves.

"We have fitted them with tracking devices to monitor their movements, but this release goes beyond survival. It's about honouring the incredible contribution they've made to our understanding

of their species, and also to our captive population," said Professor Jayson Semmens, who is the captive management program leader at IMAS.

"It's also important for our Aboriginal community, who've worked with us from the beginning, providing knowledge and guidance that has helped us create holding facilities where our captive population can thrive – and may ultimately help to rebuild the Maugean skate population in our waters."

Find out how researchers prepared the skates to return to the wild, and about their amazing contribution to our knowledge and the captive population: <https://tinyurl.com/3uutn5hf>

Our captive management program is made possible through funding from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania. *Photo at right by Mark Priest - IMAS*



Nominations open for 2026 Tasmanian Volunteer Awards

Tasmanians are being encouraged to shine a light on the volunteers, organisations and community groups making a difference, with nominations now open for the 2026 Tasmanian Volunteering Awards.

Organised by Volunteering Tasmania, the annual awards celebrate the individuals, groups and organisations helping to build stronger, healthier and more connected communities across the state.

Nominations will remain open until 15 July 2026, with winners to be announced at a ceremony at Hobart Town Hall on Friday 18 September 2026.

Volunteering Tasmania Chief Executive Officer Mel Blake said the awards were an opportunity to recognise the people quietly making a significant impact in communities across Tasmania.

"Volunteers are at the heart of communities right across our state and these awards provide an opportunity to celebrate the people whose generosity, passion and commitment make a real difference every day," she said. "We know every volunteer contribution matters, whether it's supporting a local sporting club, helping vulnerable members of the community, leading a grassroots initiative or simply giving their time to make life better for others." Ms Blake said nominations were about sharing the stories behind the people and organisations creating change. "Some of the most powerful nominations come from genuine stories that bring volunteering to life," she said. "We encourage people to think about who has gone the extra mile, inspired others or created a lasting impact in their community. It's often the

small moments and personal stories that demonstrate just how powerful volunteering can be."

The awards feature a range of categories recognising contributions across the volunteering industry, from young volunteers and volunteer leaders through to inclusive volunteering and lifetime contributions. 2025 Inclusive Volunteering Award winner and Deepavali Tasmania Chair Ajit Ramadas said receiving recognition through the awards had been a rewarding experience for the organisation and its volunteers. "Being nominated and recognised gave us a real sense of connection and reminded us that the work we're doing is making a difference in our community," he said.

"It was a proud moment for everyone involved because it showed us that people saw value in what we were doing and acknowledged the impact we were having." Ms Blake encouraged Tasmanians not to assume someone's contribution was too small to recognise.

"People often underestimate the value of what they do, but volunteering creates stronger communities and changes lives in ways that are not always visible," she said. "If someone has made a difference to you, your organisation or your community, now is the perfect time to recognise them."

People submitting nominations are encouraged to review the nomination guidelines and ensure nominees are aware of and consent to their nomination before submitting an application.

For more information or to submit a nomination visit www.volunteeringtas.org.au



2025 Award Winners with Volunteering Tasmania CEO Mel Blake
Photo credit: Jillian Mundy

BMX a family affair



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Nominate a volunteer

Nominations are now open for the **2026 Tasmanian Volunteering Awards**. Shine a spotlight on someone making a difference in your community by nominating them.

Go to www.volunteeringtas.org.au/tasmanian-volunteering-awards

Nominations close on July 15, 2026.



Government backs enterprise with new hub in Wynyard

Big hART's Artisan Precinct has received over \$9.5 million in federal funding as part of the regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP) to build a social enterprise hub in Braddon, North West Tasmania — and work is already well underway.

“We weren't sitting around waiting for government money,” said Scott Rankin, Director, Big hART, “the Artisan Precinct is up and running. This funding helps us complete what our community has already started.”

The Artisan Precinct is a partnership between Big hART and North West Support Services (NWSS).

Located in Braddon — a community facing high unemployment, low educational attainment, and entrenched generational poverty, the Precinct directly confronts these challenges by doing what governments alone cannot: building a place where people learn, make things, start businesses, and find their footing.

Funding will support the construction and fit-out of six workshops, a dedicated First Nations workshop, a commercial greenhouse, an Artisan Hub, a Precinct Caretaker Residence, and sustainability infrastructure, a physical foundation for lifelong learning and genuine economic participation.

“Without innovative thinking, this region is dead in the water — and innovation comes from creativity,” said Artisan Pathways Producer, Dudley Billing. “We're not teaching young people what to think. We're teaching them how to think. We're teaching them to give it a go and backing their right to learn.”

The Precinct centres on the lost trades and crafts — the industrial arts, the skills and handiwork that AI cannot touch, the things our grandparents built and made. Not nostalgia — necessity.

As a pilot model for left-behind places, it creates a critical link between education providers, disability services, and local employers to shift intergenerational underemployment by backing local innovation.

Artisan supports people to trust their enterprise ideas and reimagine how they can participate in the local economy.

Micro-enterprises already operating out of the Precinct include First Foods, Artisan Greencare, Wedgetail Works, Hartland Boats, and Tunapri — small businesses helping young people make their skills pay.

Additional enterprises in development include stone masonry, stained glass, and ceramics. Artizine, the project's community publication, is part of the fabric of the whole.

Program funding received from Ian Potter Foundation and State Growth has allowed us to shape the programs and develop the vision and the relationships.

The backing from the RPPP now means we can scale our vision to full effect. We'd like to thank all partners involved.

“This funding gives our community a chance to lean into its strengths,” said Billing. “The trades that built this region can carry it forward — hand built, hand-made, ultra-local, and built to last. that's the Artisan Precinct.”

As Big hART celebrates its 35th year of delivering projects in Tasmania, and exporting its work nationally, in the Pacific, PNG and China, Artisan marks an excellent opportunity for Big hART to celebrate and extend its work here on the North West Coast where the organisation was founded.

Ferret racing for Mattie



Huge congratulations to the Rotary Club Of Burnie West on yesterday's ferret races at the Burnie Central Townhouse Hotel!

What an incredibly fun community event, all in support of helping make a dream come true for Young Burnie lad, Matty Dunn, who will now have the opportunity to drive thanks to the extraordinary fundraising efforts of Rotary in conjunction with the very generous contribution from Burnie Mazda. Together, this partnership has helped provide something truly life changing for Matty and his family. Community at its very best. And as for the ferrets... well... I can honestly say holding one was perhaps not a life highlight for me but it absolutely happened!

A massive congratulations to everyone involved. Burnie is so fortunate to have community groups and businesses willing to rally together to change lives. **Teeny Brumby**

It was a big day for young Matty! He was handed the keys to his very own Mazda CX30 with thanks to the Rotary Club Of Burnie West and Burnie Mazda

and everyone who came along to the ferret races and helped raise so much money for Matty to get his very own car!



Scan the QR code to watch the video



Underground with MMG

There's something truly special about Rosebery - one of Australia's longest continuously operating mines - right here in Tasmania.

Our underground operation reaches depths of more than 1.5 kilometres from the surface.

Scan the QR code below and watch the video for a glimpse of what life looks like down there.

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Kevin, Earthmoving Contractor & local Minister

90% of the salmon industry's economic activity happens in regional Tasmania. It keeps small businesses open, workers employed, and communities alive.

* Deloitte Access Economics 2023

Tasmanians depend on Salmon



Brightening up the night in Burnie Continued from front page

local favourites The Ringmasters, and Australian Idol contestant Jakco Gibb. The event featured a variety of family-friendly entertainment and local food vendors, creating a lively atmosphere for the community and visitors alike. A spectacular fireworks display brought the evening to a close and provided a memorable finale to the celebration.

Burnie City Council thanked all those involved in the event's delivery, including performers, vendors, volunteers, emergency services personnel, staff, and sponsors, as well as the thousands of attendees who supported the event. Mayor Brumby said the strong atten-

dance highlighted the value of community events in bringing people together. "Burnie Bright Night was a fantastic celebration of our community and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the event with family and friends," Mayor Brumby said.

"The event was the third major community event delivered by Burnie City Council's Community Services team, building on the success of previous community celebrations and reinforcing Council's commitment to delivering engaging events for the Burnie community."

Council is encouraging attendees

to provide feedback through a short post-event survey to help inform future community events and activities. Head to: burnie.tas.gov.au/PostBBN

Photos by Alan Jennison





As I was wandering around I heard a few people say there was a long wait for the pizzas, Someone piped up and shouted "It's worth the wait!" This is the Yum Yum, Pig's Bum team at the end of the night having sold out! Put me down for one at the next event please... Ed





Sammie Saltmarsh Photography

Winter magic returns

Light Up the West returns this June, bringing back the creativity, colour and community spirit that made last year's inaugural event such a standout success.

Held from 18–21 June, this year's program again promises something for everyone.

In Strahan, the Port to Post audio visual installation will once again illuminate the historic Post Office whilst art exhibitions, night walks, live music and family friendly activities will keep you busy.

For those who like their winter with a splash of bravery, the annual Strahan Solstice traditions are back – a plunge into the icy waters of Macquarie Harbour to raise funds for Speak Up Stay Chatty, and the early morning solstice swim at West Strahan Beach.

Zeehan and Rosebery are also gearing up to join the celebration, with local businesses and community groups planning markets, live music and other community activities.

West Coast Council is proud to support the event again this year, through the In-Kind Assistance Program and the West Coast Visitor Information Centre extending its opening hours.

Light Up the West is a great opportunity to explore, connect, and celebrate what makes our region extraordinary, even in the coldest months.

To view the full program, plan your visit, or make bookings where required, head to westcoasttas.com.au/lightupthewest.



Daniel O'Neill

Notice for food businesses

Food licences expired on 30 June, and new licences are required to comply with the Food Act 2003. Businesses with existing food licences recently received renewal notices. Food licence renewals can be paid at the Council Office and agencies, and online on our website.

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

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

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



Dog registrations

Dog registration renewal notices have now been issued across the West Coast. Under the *Dog Control Act 2000*, all dogs aged over six months must be registered by 1 July each year.

Council offers a range of registration options to suit different households – annual, three year and whole of life registration. Longer term registrations are a great way to save money and remove the worry of remembering each year. Concession card holders are also eligible for discounted rates.

If you're registering a dog with Council for the first time, please bring proof of microchipping and desexing.

If your dog was registered with West Coast Council previously and you haven't received a renewal notice by 28 May, please contact us. Dog registration renewals, and new dog registrations, can be completed at the Council Office and Council Agencies.

REGISTER BEFORE 1 JULY TO WIN

Dogs registered before 1 July will go into the draw to win one of three dog prize packs! Existing lifetime and three-year dog registration will be entered automatically.

Packs may include items such as toys, treats, bowls, poo bags and other goodies – and we'll tailor each pack to suit the winning dog's size and breed. Winners will be notified following the Council meeting on 28 July 2026.



NAIDOC

West Coasters are invited to a community morning tea to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

Held on 7 July from 11am–1pm in the Council Chambers at 11 Sticht Street, Queenstown, the morning tea will see attendees able to sample bush tucker and view arts and crafts. There will also be activities for children.

All are welcome, with the event supported by the local Aboriginal community, DIVERGE skyruns, University of Tasmania and West Coast Council.



Community members attended a ceremony on 1 June as part of National Reconciliation Week. Led by the local Aboriginal community, the ceremony provided an opportunity to come together, pause, listen and deepen our understanding of First Nations perspectives, while reaffirming a shared commitment to reconciliation within our community.

REMINDERS

12 JUNE

Recycling collection Zeehan, Rosebery & Tullah

3 JULY

Recycling collection Queenstown, Gormanston/Linda & Strahan

18–21 JUNE

Light Up The West

30 JUNE

Dog registration and food business renewals due

7 JULY

NAIDOC morning tea, West Coast Council chambers

Want a seat at the table? Run for your local Council!



This October, elections will be held for councillor, mayor and deputy mayor positions across all 29 councils in Tasmania.

Local government plays a vital role in shaping our communities, from roads and infrastructure to services, planning and community wellbeing.

The upcoming elections are an important opportunity for Tasmanians to have their say on who represents them.

If you are considering nominating, now is the time to learn more about the process and how you can best represent your community.

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) has prepared a Candidate Handbook outlining the nomination process, including eligibility and campaigning. The Handbook can be downloaded from www.lgat.tas.gov.au or hard copies are available from the Council office.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tue 23 June

Tue 28 July

Tue 25 August

2026

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

Feedback shines for West Coast Visitor Centre

The West Coast Visitor Information Centre (WCVIC) has received recognition from the Tasmanian Visitor Information Network (TVIN) for their outstanding contribution to the 2026 Visitor Information Centre Visitor Survey.

The survey is conducted annually across Tasmania, with results providing valuable insights into visitor behaviour, travel trends, and the ongoing role of Visitor Information Centres. These results help inform visitor centre management, and key industry partners such as Tourism Tasmania.

The WCVIC achieved the third-highest survey response rate across Tasmania, with the TVIN saying "this is an outstanding accomplishment and highlights the dedication of the team to supporting visitor research and industry improvement".

The WCVIC once again achieved above the state average in responses from visitors in the survey, as shown here. Visitor satisfaction results were outstanding, with 100% of visitors rating the information received from the WCVIC as very helpful or helpful, with no negative feedback, demonstrating an extremely high standard of visitor servicing. The positive feedback about the WCVIC highlights the continued importance of personalised visitor servicing and the influence of visitor centres on regional dispersal and visitor spending.

Congratulations to the WCVIC team for their professionalism and knowledge in achieving these results.



100%

rated the information received as helpful or very helpful



75%

planned to extend their stay and spend more on the West Coast after receiving information



80%

visited after noticing the yellow *i* signage

Other WCVIC survey findings:

86% of visitors surveyed were from mainland Australia

90% were aged over 35

93% were visiting the West Coast for a holiday

57% felt better informed about the region after their visit

Face-to-face advice:

Statewide 61% | **WCVIC 70.76%**

Visited for maps and brochures:

Statewide 46% | **WCVIC 60.59%**

Attraction and accommodation bookings:

Statewide 34% | **WCVIC 36.65%**



New interpretive signage is now in place at Hedley Faull Park, Queenstown, offering visitors a glimpse into the site's history and the legacy of Hedley Faull, for whom the park is named.

Sign designed by Soggy Brolly.

COME AND SEE US ON 20 JUNE AT



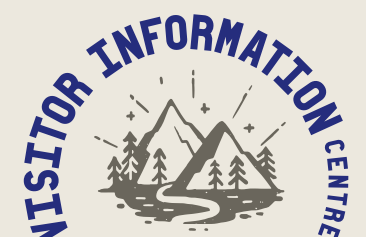
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\$25 million more for projects to build regional communities around Australia



Pictured left to right is Jobi Starick, Anne Urquhart MP and Dudley Billing.

From an artisanal precinct in Wynyard, Tasmania, to assisting investment diversification in Doomadgee, Queensland, the Albanese Government is supporting even more regional communities through the latest round of the \$400 million regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP).

The announcement today of more than \$25 million for eight new projects across regional, rural and remote Australia follows the announcement earlier this month of more than \$23 million for Victorian projects.

Included in the successful projects

announced today is more than \$9 million for Artisan Precinct Initiative in Wynyard, Tasmania, with an additional \$650,000 being contributed towards the project by Big Hart Inc.

The new precinct will transform an industrial site into a multi-enterprise social innovation hub featuring workshops, a greenhouse, a First Nations cultural space, and purpose-built infrastructure to support regional enterprise growth.

Other projects in this round include nearly \$5 million for the District Council of Cleve, South Australia, for an enterprise hub facility to provide administra-

tive, research, education and community functions, and more than \$2.5 million to progress planning to revitalise the local and regional economy of Doomadgee, Queensland, through diversification into new industries of tourism, cultural tourism and arts.

For more information and a full list of funded projects, visit infrastructure.gov.au/regional.

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, Kristy McBain MP said, "The Albanese Government continues delivering for regional and remote Australia. "The projects announced today, along with others that have been funded through the regional Precincts and Partnerships Program, we continue to deliver transformative investment that drives local jobs, economic growth and more resilient regional communities."

Member for Braddon, Anne Urquhart MP said: "The Wynyard Artisan Precinct Initiative is an exciting investment into the electorate of Braddons future, transforming a former industrial site into a vibrant hub for creativity, enterprise and community connection. "This project will open new opportunities for local businesses, artists and entrepreneurs, while celebrating our region's unique identity and supporting sustainable economic growth in North West Tasmania."

Mr. Thomas Farrell Passed away 100 years ago 04/06/1916

The death of one of the "best known prospectors in Tasmania, Mr. Thomas Farrell, occurred in the Ulverstone (General Hospital last night, after a short illness. The late Mr Farrell, who was in his 70th year, was for many years a resident of Burnie, Waratah and other centres on the West Coast, where his principal occupation was prospecting. He met with considerable success in this work, and was the discoverer of The Mt. Farrell silver-lead deposits, which now give employment to a large number of men. The deceased was also one of the first prospectors to discover osmiridium at the 10-mile in the vicinity of Waratah.

Although an old man, the late Mr. Farrell pursued his occupation until quite recently, making his headquarters at Burnie. About a fortnight ago he left the last named town on a prospecting trip to the Dial Range and while there contracted double pneumonia and pleurisy. He was conveyed to the Ulverstone General Hospital several days ago in a serious condition, but did not rally.

The late Mr. Farrell had a kind unassuming disposition which won for him a large circle of friends, all of whom will receive the news of his death with sincere regret. His wife and two sons predeceased him some years ago

The funeral will leave the Ulverstone Hospital tomorrow arriving at Wivenhoe cemetery at 1pm.



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Wyndarra news update

It's been a busy and exciting time for volunteer activities, with celebrations for the International Year of the Volunteer, National Volunteer Week and the Volunteer Tasmania Symposium.

New and long-standing volunteers, together with members of the community, came together for morning tea to recognise and celebrate the valuable contributions volunteers make every day.

Representatives from Wyndarra also recently travelled to Launceston to attend the Volunteer Tasmania Symposium, joining others from across the state to share ideas, experiences and the ongoing importance of volunteering within our communities.

Emergency Relief Funds. Wyndarra has an allocation of Emergency Relief Funds available to assist members of the Circular Head community facing financial hardship, offering assistance for everyday essentials as well as more complex issues.

Brokerage funds for Bond and Rent assistance as well as Aurora Hardship funds to assist with electricity costs are also available.

Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) Program is funded through the Federal Government and is provided through our On Call Service. Monday 1pm –

4 pm. Tuesday to Friday 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

Thank you to the Wyndarra participants and staff for the following article and pictures.

May is all about Mother's Day at Wyndarra, we like to let our mums know how important they are to us. And what a great job they do day in and Day Out, especially for us with special needs.

This year, we were able to hold luncheon in our new renovated, united on forty-three building.

Lindy Bell participated in a guess how many lollies are in the jar at the local pool, swirl and she won! Always something exciting's happening at Wyndarra, tune in next month to see what we've been up to.



Circular Head launches partnership to shape the future of local services

Circular Head Council is inviting the community to be part of a new conversation about waste - how it works, what it costs, and how it should look into the future.

Circular Head General Manager Paul Gardner said "the Waste Partnership is based on a simple idea - that managing waste is a shared responsibility. This is about being clear on what Council does, what the community does, and how we work together. Council provides the services and infrastructure, but how the system performs also depends on everyday decisions - like what goes in the bin and how much waste we create."

The Circular Head Waste Partnership has been introduced to bring Council and the community together to help shape a new waste strategy.

Councillor John Oldaker said "waste services affect every household and business, and the way they are managed has a direct impact on both costs and the environment.

Waste might not be something people think about every day, but it's one of the biggest and most expensive and complex service that Council delivers.

The reality is, managing waste isn't just a Council responsibility anymore - it's something we all share."

A number of pressures are driving the need for change, with the State Government's landfill levy a major factor.

The levy has significantly increased the cost of sending waste to landfill and will continue to rise.

General Manager Paul Gardner said "The landfill levy started at \$20 per tonne in 2022. This financial year it is \$45.84 per tonne, and from 1 July 2026 it will increase again to \$70 per tonne.

Every tonne of waste sent to landfill

attracts that cost. For a regional area like Circular Head, that adds up quickly.

It's one of the key reasons we need to reduce how much waste goes to landfill and look at smarter ways to manage it."

Mr Gardner said the levy is combined with other local pressures, including ageing infrastructure and the future closure of the Port Latta landfill.

"At the same time, we need to make sure any future system works for Circular Head - not just copy what happens somewhere else."

Mr Gardner said the Waste Partnership is about being open with the community and working together on practical solutions.

"We want people to understand how the system works, what drives the costs, and where they can have a say" he said.

"There are also simple things everyone can do - like using the right bin and reducing waste - that make a real difference."

Over the coming months, Council will share more information and provide opportunities for residents, businesses and community groups to get involved.

"This is about building a system that's fair, practical and sustainable - and making sure it works for our community now and into the future," Councillor Oldaker said.

How to get involved

Community members can stay informed and get involved in several ways, including:

- Taking part in upcoming surveys and engagement activities
- Signing up to receive updates directly through our monthly newsletter <https://www.circularhead.tas.gov.au/newsletter>

Wynyard Bowls Community Club freezing for MND

WBCC Inc is a bowls club with a proud history of more than one hundred years.

Our members take great pride in our pennant and social competitions, as well as in supporting the club's broader social activities.

Our club is strongly committed to equal opportunity; & pennant teams are selected based on ability and capability.

We are always keen to support and participate in fundraising events.

During several pennant season, we held days where the funds raised supported causes such as skin cancer, prostate cancer, and breast cancer, all of which have affected members of our club and their extended families.

Our most recent fundraising day was for MND.

Club volunteers promoted the event through our Facebook page, with Leroy Mackrell preparing the advertising.

Rob Groenewege organised a game of Scroungers, Several members also took part in the Big Freeze ice bucket challenge, which was a donation to be in the draw to tip the ice buckets over the

participants which was and including R Groenewege (Premier League bowler), E Abell, aged 11 (our pocket rocket, novice bowler), and M Nitz (Premier League bowler).

Our MND day raised over \$600 to be donated to the cause of helping find a cure.

Scan the QR code at right to watch the video!

Our volunteers are the heartbeat of our club and they cover areas from, Bingo (Monday Night), Music nights (2nd Tuesday of the month) Social Bowls and kiosk (Wednesday & Saturdays), Parmi & Roast Nights alternating Friday nights with "Jag the Joker" which is at \$1,250.00 our last "Jag the Joker" was up to \$5,000.

We welcome people of the community to visit our club at any time.

**We are situated at 17B Park Street, Wynyard
Phone 64422536
wynyardbowlsclub@gmail.com**



Scan the QR code to watch the video



Rosebery Mine

Community Newsletter

June 2026



Image: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School students with their copies of *Luna Roo: the Kangaroo Baller*

Simultaneous Storytime

MMG Rosebery is proud to once again support community literacy, sponsoring local schools to purchase copies of the 2026 Simultaneous Storytime book.

Students at Rosebery District School and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School received copies of *Luna Roo: the Kangaroo Baller* by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd, illustrated by Jake Minton.

First portal cut in three decades

MMG Rosebery has reached a significant milestone, cutting a new portal for the first time in 30 years, as part of a project to extend the mine's operational life.

The Tom McDonald Exploration Portal – named after the prospector who discovered the Rosebery orebody in 1893 – will enable underground diamond drilling in a historic section of the site, first mined between 1890 and 1915. The portal will provide access to a highly prospective but largely underexplored resource that cannot be explored from the surface.

It will also improve our understanding of the deposit while supporting local employment on the West Coast.



Image: Tom McDonald Exploration Portal

Planning for the future

Members of our West Coast community recently joined us for an information session on long-term tailings storage solutions – an important part of our planning for 100 years and beyond of continuous operation.

We took community members on bus tours to Exe and Bobadil Heights, where we shared an overview of the tailings storage locations being considered as part of this long-term planning.

An information session was also held in Burnie, and we are grateful to everyone who gave their time and engaged with us. We look forward to continuing these important conversations with our communities.



Image: MMG's Kevin Robinson engaging with members of the local community

A year of milestones

MMG Rosebery isn't the only one marking a significant milestone this year – the Rosebery Toorak Football Club is also celebrating the 40th anniversary of the merger of the Rosebery Saints and Toorak Tigers.

To honour the occasion, MMG Rosebery sponsored the purchase of Heritage Jumpers for the club.



Image: Ella Mackrell and MMG's Scott Hay & Steve Scott

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Under The Horizontal *with Tewkesbury Wharf*

The most well-known harbour on the West Coast during the late colonial period was Trial Harbour, but the date of its establishment has always been uncertain. Eminent tomes like Blainey's 'The Peaks of Lyell' and Bink's 'Pioneers of the West Coast' have stated the date as being 'on the 9th or 10th of March', and this uncertainty has since passed into history. The information they drew upon is contained in a set of articles published in 1896 by the Zeehan and Dundas Herald. It remains to this day, the definitive narrative of early West Coast history.

The author of the articles is not named, but great chunks of the original information has been repeated in later articles and used verbatim in Con Curtain's memoirs appearing in the Advocate in the late 1920s. It remains the definitive text when it comes to Trial Harbour and the Mount Heemskirk tin boom, and its collection of anecdotes and a couple of dates are found in every history of Mount Heemskirk. The establishment of Trial Harbour was a big factor in fuelling the boom to come, along

with the man that caused it to happen, Alex Ingleton.

In late 1880, Ingleton left his job as manager at the Narra Tarra lead mines in WA and headed for Tasmania, to the Montagu tin mine at Mount Heemskirk. He duly landed in Launceston and was met by the

able to use the track to Heemskirk, they opted to return to the coast and go via Circular Head. They lost a horse at Rocky Cape when it went lame, and another ran off between the Arthur and Pieman Rivers.

They crossed the Pieman at the Heads and may or may not have met

ately sprang into action. Within a week there would be a port for the mine.

On the 24th of February, some business types left Waratah on a trek to Mount Heemskirk on a fact-finding mission. After an eventful journey they arrived at Mount Heemskirk on Monday, spending a couple of nights at the Cumberland claim. On the Wednesday the 2nd of March, they were invited down to the harbour to see the Trial tied up and a couple of tents ashore. They were told the boat had arrived around 10am on Monday the 28th of February.

This account is taken from that of John George Davies, the owner of the Mercury newspaper, and is one of three contemporary accounts written by members of the group. They provide a colourful description of the very early days of Mount Heemskirk.

As a interesting footnote, one of these accounts mentions that John Conrad is already on the scene and erecting the building that would later become the first Trial Harbour Hotel.

Trial Harbour late 1880s

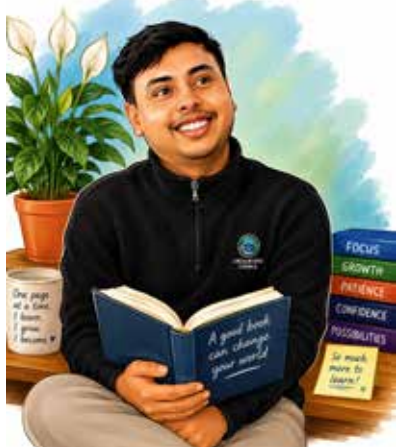


man he was replacing, Fred Thorne. They arrived in Waratah in early February, but owing to Ingleton's medical condition and the horses un-

the crew of the Trial, also in the vicinity at the time. They arrived at the Montagu huts on the 23rd of February 1881, and Alex Ingleton immedi-

Circular Head's Always Learning Legends

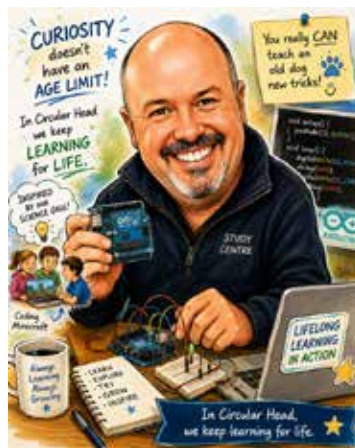
Always Learning Legends are local people whose stories remind us that learning isn't about where you start – it's about where it can take you.



Aavash: Sometimes a book can change more than what we know - it can change how we see ourselves.



Kayla: Sometimes the best learning begins just outside our comfort zone - and every mistake helps us grow.



Tony: Curiosity doesn't have an age limit - in Circular Head we keep learning for life.

Read our stories at:



Every person's learning journey is unique - and your story could inspire someone else to take their next learning step.

As you read these stories, we invite you to think about your own learning journey. What have you learned? What challenges have you overcome? What skills have you gained?

You might discover that you're already an Always Learning Legend too.

Do you have a learning story to share?

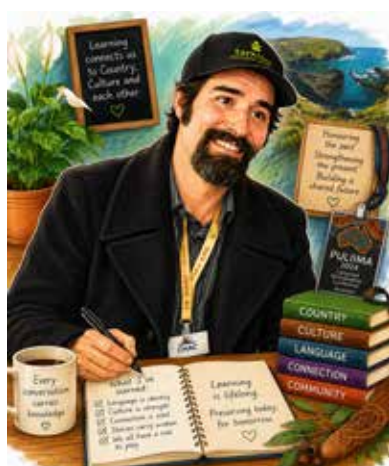
For more information please contact Kate Grey:

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Kirsty: Learning new skills can open doors to new opportunities at work and in life.



Stephen: Learning in Circular Head doesn't stop at the classroom - we discover and grow throughout life.



Katy: Trying something creative can open the door to confidence, curiosity and lifelong learning.





Thousands Celebrate at Burnie Bright Night 2026

More than 5,000 people gathered at Wivenhoe Recreation Grounds for Burnie Bright Night 2026, enjoying an evening of entertainment, food, family-friendly activities, and a spectacular fireworks display.

While the evening began with a few light rain showers, the weather soon cleared and held out for most of the event. Crowds were entertained throughout the night by Palm Theory, local favourites The Ringmasters, and Australian Idol contestant Jakko Gibb.

The event featured a variety of family-friendly entertainment and local food vendors, creating a lively atmosphere for the community and visitors alike. A spectacular fireworks display brought the evening to a close and provided a memorable finale to the celebration.

Burnie City Council thanked all those involved in the event's delivery, including performers, vendors, volunteers, emergency services personnel, staff, and sponsors, as well as the thousands of attendees who supported the event.

Mayor Brumby said the strong attendance highlighted the value of community events in bringing people together.

"Burnie Bright Night was a fantastic celebration of our community and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the event with family and friends," Mayor Brumby said.

"The event was the third major community event delivered by Burnie City Council's Community Services team, building on the success of previous community celebrations and reinforcing Council's commitment to delivering engaging events for the Burnie community."

Council is encouraging attendees to provide feedback through a short post-event survey to help inform future community events and activities. Head to: burnie.tas.gov.au/PostBBN



Bridging the gap at Shorewell Creek

Great progress is being made at Shorewell Creek, with Council's Maintenance team completing the new bridge structure.

The Civil crew has also been busy extending the stormwater system and preparing the area for the next stage of works.

New concrete footpaths are up next as the project continues to improve local infrastructure and connectivity in the area.



Brooklyn Road Safety Upgrades to Begin

Works to improve safety on Brooklyn Road will begin on Monday, 15 June 2026.

The project includes new kerb and channel, a wider footpath, a new pedestrian crossing and a high-friction road surface to help improve safety for both drivers and pedestrians.

The works are expected to take around 8-10 weeks, weather

permitting.

Traffic management and partial lane closures will be in place during construction.

Please take care, follow traffic directions and observe reduced speed limits while works are underway.

To follow the project, head to: www.burnie.tas.gov.au/BRUpgrades

Burnie Honours Outstanding Community Contributors at 2026 Community Recognition Awards



Left to Right: Uncle Beau, Burnie Parkrun organisers Dane and Steve, Mayor Brumby, Wayne Flight, Astri Kirkland, and Mayson Reader.

Burnie's community spirit was celebrated on Wednesday 20 May, as residents gathered for the 2026 Community Recognition Awards, recognising the individuals and organisations whose dedication, leadership, and service continue to make the city a vibrant and connected place to live.

The annual awards highlight the achievements of local people and groups who have made significant contributions to the Burnie community across a range of areas including volunteering, community leadership, sport, youth development and cultural advocacy.

Citizen of the Year was awarded to Brendan Murray (Uncle Beau) in recognition of his outstanding contribution as a Tasmanian Aboriginal community leader.

Through cultural advocacy, mentoring and a commitment to inclusion and connection, Mr Murray has made a lasting impact on the Burnie community and the wider North-West Coast.

Young Citizen of the Year was presented to Mayson Reader, whose achievements at just 14 years of age include leadership, volunteering, excellence in STEM, and inspiring other young people to pursue their goals and reach their potential.

Senior Citizen of the Year recipient Wayne Flight was recognised for decades of service to community sport through Burnie Table Tennis. His dedication to coaching, mentoring and supporting participants of all ages and abilities has helped foster a strong and inclusive sporting community.

Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Astri Kirkland for more

than 20 years of service supporting multicultural communities throughout the region. Her work has helped create opportunities for connection, inclusion and greater cultural understanding.

The Community Event of the Year award went to Burnie Parkrun, which has grown into much more than a weekly fitness event. The initiative has become a welcoming community gathering that promotes health, wellbeing and social connection for people of all ages and abilities.

Burnie City Council congratulates all award recipients and nominees and thanks the many individuals, volunteers and community groups who continue to strengthen the social fabric of our city through their commitment and service.

Further information about the 2026 Community Recognition Awards recipients is available at burnie.tas.gov.au/CRA2026.



Water Mirror

Water Mirror is a breathtaking fusion of Taiko percussion, dance, acrobatics, and cutting-edge projection and lighting design. With acclaimed reviews, award nominations, and standing ovations, this show is a standout choice for anyone seeking a remarkable and unforgettable performance.

Friday, 19 June | 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Burnie Arts Theatre



Aladdin

Victorian State Ballet

Much loved by children and adults of all ages, Aladdin and his adventures come to life in a brilliant ballet production and splendour of lush costumes, breathtaking music and beautiful choreography.

Wed, 24 June | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Thur, 25 June | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Burnie Arts Theatre

For information on this and more - burniearts.net

Community Invited to Have Their Say on Draft Dog Management Policy

Burnie City Council is inviting residents, dog owners and the wider community to provide feedback on its Draft Dog Management Policy, which will help guide how dogs are managed across the municipality.

The draft policy aims to balance the needs of dog owners with those of the wider community, while supporting responsible dog ownership and helping to protect public spaces, wildlife and the environment.

The policy covers a range of topics, including off-leash dog exercise areas, on-leash and prohibited areas, and expectations around responsible dog ownership.

Community members are encouraged to have their say by reviewing the draft policy and completing a short survey.

Feedback received during the consultation period will help inform the final policy and ensure it reflects the needs and expectations of the Burnie community.

Consultation closes at 4 pm on Monday, 22 June.
www.burnie.tas.gov.au/DogPolicy

Dog Owners Encouraged to Check Registration Details

Burnie City Council is reminding dog owners to ensure their registration details are up to date ahead of the annual dog registration renewal period.

Residents whose dog has moved to a new address within Burnie during the past year are encouraged to notify Council by completing a Change of Details form online. Annual dog registration renewal notices will be issued in July.

Keeping registration details current helps Council quickly reunite lost dogs with their owners and

Draft
Dog Management Policy

HAVE YOUR SAY

Help shape a safe, respectful, and dog-friendly Burnie.

increases the likelihood of pets being returned home safely if they wander.

Dog owners whose registration tag has been lost or damaged can obtain a replacement tag from Council for a small fee. Residents who have recently moved to Burnie or welcomed a new dog into their family are also encouraged to ensure their pet is registered.

Dogs are required to be registered from six months of age, with registrations and renewal payments available through Council's website.

Save the date

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

Burnie Citizenship Ceremony
Burnie Arts
Monday, 15 June | 4 PM - 5 PM

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

Family Fun Night (PotLuck Dinner)
Burnie Salvos, 99 Wilson St.
Saturday, 20 June | 6 PM - 8:30 PM

Winter Solstice Swim
West Beach, Burnie Foreshore
Sunday, 21 June | 7:30 AM

Burnie City Council Monthly Meeting
Council Chambers, 801 Wilson St.
Tuesday, 23 June | 7 PM

For more info - burnie.tas.gov.au

West Coast Tassie doesn't whisper... it grabs you by the throttle and dares you to keep up!

Part two



Being a mountain gal, the West Coast Range was calling, so Thumper and I answered loud and proud. We rolled onto Mount Jukes Rd and straight into a playground of twisties, the kind that make your whole body lock into that perfect rhythm. Thumper growling, me grinning like a lunatic. Down we carved to Crotty Dam, then pushed on to the edge of the bitumen at Darwin Dam, part of Lake Burbury.

Glassy water, thick wild bush, mountains looming like giants in the background. Found a few camp spots that were basically begging me to stay... fire pits ready, soft ground underfoot. Yeah, I'll be back!

Then the day levelled up. Message comes through from a fellow sidecar swinging chick... she's rolling into Zeehan on a KTM 1290 Super Duke. Say less! Thumper and I were gone. Back through the range, fuel stop in Queenstown, then punching up the Zeehan Highway. Doesn't matter what road you pick out here, they all slap a smile across your face... until they don't.

Roadworks. Red lights. Gravel. Traffic. Even cops lurking like party poopers. Fine. I behave... briefly. Then it's a

quick sprint into Zeehan.

Zeehan's a strange little gem. Old mining town vibes, wide empty streets, colourful heritage buildings like it's half-way stuck in another century. Back in the day it was booming with silver miners and wild money. Now it's quiet... Almost eerie... Until a 1290 Duke roars into town and wakes it up.

And then I hear it... that deep KTM thunder rolling in. Two chicks who love speed. Two KTM's with power at the throttle. West Coast roads. Game on!

We kicked things off at Reece Dam, one of Tassie's best kept riding secrets. Built back in the 80's as part of the Pieman River hydro scheme, it's not just a dam... It's a launchpad into some seriously addictive roads. Onto Heemskirk Rd, engines singing, corners coming thick and fast. Riding with someone who actually knows how to ride? Different game. Faster, sharper, fun.

Sweepers opened up, throttles twisted a little more each kilometre... Then boom! Cop car over a small crest. We fly past, both instantly checking mirrors... And yes, maybe twisting the throttle a touch more. Purely for safety reasons, obviously.



We regrouped back at Reece Dam, laughing like idiots, snapping the obligatory bike shots. Lake Pieman stretched out beside us, calm and massive. Even got Miss Eleanor's bike onto a cheeky bit of dirt. Brave girl.

Then it was time to stretch the legs. Pieman Rd heading east into Meredith Range... fast, flowing, wild. Dense bush one minute, then it cracks open and mountains. We swapped leads back and forth, carving it up, before linking into

ing the last of the day's adrenaline before swapping helmets for a pub table. Gnocchi, creamy chicken, a solid pinot and plenty of laughs with old mates and new faces. Even had a little police cameo... but not for us this time.

Night rolled in and it was time to find camp. A rider pointed me toward a spot just over the 99 Bends. Dangerous suggestion but I couldn't resist. Riding those bends in the dark? Pure focus. No distractions. Just you, the bike, and the road



Murchison Highway through Tullah. Another fuel stop. Thirsty!

And then... the crown jewel; Anthony Rd! If you ride and haven't done it, fix your life.

Eleanor hadn't ridden it before, which is borderline criminal so I took her in. 40kms of absolute magic. Tight twisties,

dancing under your tyres.

At the top, the last light was fading over Queenstown. Dropped down, found the spot by the lake, pitched the tent as the cold crept in. Lake Burbury was created by damming the King River, and it stretches out like an inland sea. Fire crackling, boots crunching along the



flowing sweepers, little bursts to open it up... all wrapped in insane scenery. Tyndall Range towering on one side, Mount Read, Murchison, Dundas standing proud on the other. Lake Plimsoll weaving alongside like it knows it's part of something special.

We stopped at the sign, because you have to. Took it in. Proper "holy shit this is good" moment.

Then back toward Queenstown, chas-

shoreline, nearly full moon lighting it all up.

One of those days where everything just hits right.

Throttle, mountains, good people, wild places.

Honestly... you can keep your comfort zones. This is where the real living is

*Lights Camera Adventure
Irene Adventurette*

Young scientists rock

The Young Tassie Scientists program connects academics who are passionate about their work, with the Tasmanian community!

Through a certified training program, Utas students become Young Tassie Scientists, ready to visit schools all around Tasmania and share their work through talks and activities. The YTS also participate in community science festivals and expos, as ambassadors for science during National Science Week.

The Young Tassie Scientists program shares engaging presentations by inspiring role models – showing how every subject has (at least) a little bit of science in it shows school students of all ages the connections between studying at school, at university and career opportunities provides teachers with opportunities to strengthen their knowledge of current research done here in Tasmania provides early career researchers with opportunities to build their science communication skills, and complete 12.5% coursework shares insights into the life and work of researchers with the wider community.

Since 2017 the Young Tassie Scien-

tists program has consistently reached an audience of over 27,000 Tasmanians every August. That's 5% of the Tasmanian population who has spoken with a Young Tassie Scientist face-to-face as part of National Science Week!

The Young Tassie Scientists program is proudly supported by the University of Tasmania. The Young Tassie Scientists visit schools around Tasmania during August to celebrate National Science Week. They share their work through engaging talks and activities which can be adapted for students in grade 3 through to grade 10.

A typical visit involves three scientists arriving at your school, where they split up and give their 20-minute presentations concurrently in separate classrooms. Classes rotate between the presentations so that students get to meet three different scientists during a 70-80 minute visit.

Young Tassie Scientists visits are free thanks to funding from the University of Tasmania. Whilst we try to visit as many schools as possible each year, our visits are subject to scientist availability.

Community Connector funding brought forward for Neighbourhood Houses

We're pleased that the Tasmanian Government has accepted our proposal to have Community Connector funding in the 2027/28 forward estimates brought forward to the 2026/27 financial year. This means Houses will receive two years' worth of Community Connector funding in one financial year.

While this doesn't amount to additional funding, it will allow Neighbourhood Houses a year of safer staffing levels.

"This flexible approach by Government provides important breathing space while we work together on the Neighbourhood Houses Needs Analysis," said Michelle Ewington, President of Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania.

"We are hoping the Needs Analysis will deliver an adequate funding model that will address cost-of-living pressures and increasing community need. It is an important opportunity to build a more sustainable longterm model for Neighbourhood Houses across Tasmania."

Neighbourhood Houses are the trusted, local hubs at the heart of Tasmanian communities - open to everyone, always. Every week, they provide connection, learning, and vital support to over 28,000 Tasmanians.

"When we back Neighbourhood Houses, we are investing in the everyday relationships and local leadership that hold communities together," said Ewington

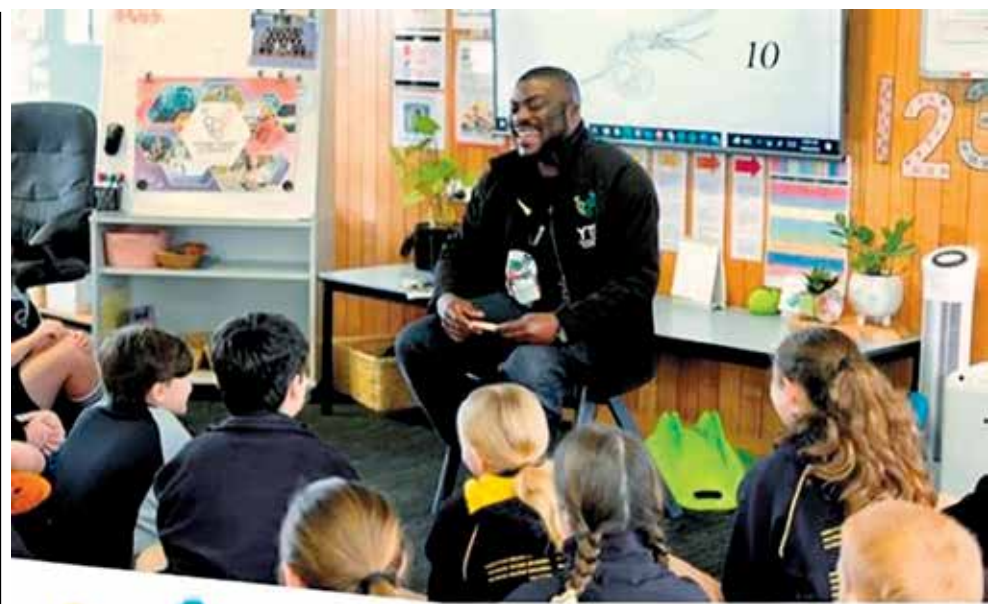
Looking back to the 20's



Glen McLeod was a prominent citizen in Waratah.

In the late 1920s he was the first to operate a petrol powered tourist launch on the Pieman River. Then, in 1930 when Ray Whyman sold his Waratah-Corinna mail and freight service, Glen became the new owner. He provided a valuable service to miners and prospectors along the Corinna road.

There were stables and a settlement at the Nineteen Mile and it was here supplies were left to be collected by men working the many shows in the area. I have seen evidence of a telephone line down near Flea Flat on Nineteen Mile Creek so maybe 'the grocer' could announce his arrival. This photo gives a wonderful glimpse into another era, with Glen and his customers



Young Tassie Scientists

Find out what scientists really do!

The Young Tassie Scientists are researchers who volunteer their time to share their passion for science through interactive presentations at schools and community events across Tasmania as part of National Science Week in August.

They build awareness of the importance of science, technology, engineering, maths, and medicine (STEMM) in our community and inspire students to consider STEMM study and careers.

Visit dates

North, NE, East coast: 11 – 13 August
Circular Head: 17 – 20 August
North West: 25 – 28 August
West Coast: 24 – 26 August

How it works

1. Apply for a Young Tassie Scientists visit on our website. Applications **open on 1st June and close on 30th June**
2. We aim to visit every school who applies, especially those in regional areas
3. We contact you in July to confirm a visit to your school in August.

- Suitable for grade 3 to grade 10
- All schools can apply for a free visit

To find out more, scan the QR code or visit YoungTassieScientists.com



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Council Supports Reconciliation Through Connection and Conversation



Nicole Franks (Warawyn Childcare), Mayor Mary Duniam, Lucy Taylor (Waratah-Wynyard Council), and Sarah Robertson (Warawyn Childcare) at the breakfast. Picture: Waratah-Wynyard Council.

Waratah-Wynyard Council has supported National Reconciliation Week 2026 through a range of meaningful activities that encourage learning, reflection and community connection.

A highlight has been the Sea of Hearts Project undertaken by children, families and educators at the Council run Warawyn Early Learning Centre. In the lead up to National Reconciliation Week, the community were invited to decorate paper hearts and share messages, words or drawings that represent respect, connection and reconciliation.

The individual hearts came together to create a vibrant collective display at the childcare centre during National Reconciliation Week, symbolising a shared commitment to building stronger relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the wider community.

Adding to the week's activities, Mayor Mary Duniam joined representatives from Warawyn Early Learning and Council's Community Engagement team at the National Reconciliation Week Breakfast held in Pataway/Burnie on Tuesday, 2 June. Hosted at the Burnie Arts and Function Centre, the breakfast brought together businesses, government agencies and community organisations from across the region to engage in important conversations about reconciliation in Tasmania with the theme, Truth. Reckoning. Change.

This year's event featured guest speaker Dr Ian Sale, who shared the story behind the 2025 gifting of land at Dempster Creek to the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania.

The act returned stewardship of the land to its traditional owners and demonstrated a practical commitment to protecting its ecological and cultural values.

The breakfast also featured a performance by acclaimed Tasmanian artist DENNI, adding a powerful cultural element to the morning's program.

National Reconciliation Week is observed annually from 27 May to 3 June and provides an opportunity for all Australians to learn about shared histories, cultures and achievements, while exploring how each of us can contribute to reconciliation in our communities.

Through initiatives such as the Sea of Hearts Project and participation in National Reconciliation Week events, Waratah-Wynyard Council continues its commitment to fostering understanding, respect and meaningful connections across the community. The learn more about Council and the Warawyn Early Learning Centre's Narragunnawali/ RAP visit Council's website:

warwyn.tas.gov.au/reconciliation-action-plan/



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Sisters Beach Erosion Planning Update

Sisters Beach, Tasmania

A number of long-term projects are underway at Sisters Beach relating to coastal erosion, the creek mouth area, foreshore management and the future of public open spaces.

These projects are being progressed collaboratively by Council, Parks and Wildlife Service, technical specialists and the community to help better understand coastal change and support future planning for the area over time.

Community members can learn more, read the plans and stay up to date with project information, opportunities for engagement and progress on Council's website:

<https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/projects/sisters-beach-erosion-planning>



Camp Creek Draft Master Plan Consultation

Wynyard, Tasmania

Council has prepared a Draft Camp Creek Master Plan, setting out a vision for the future care, restoration and use of this important natural area at the eastern entrance to Wynyard.

The plan focuses on protecting Camp Creek's wildlife and vegetation while supporting low-impact recreation, walking connections and community education.



Visit www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/camp-creek for more information and your chance to have your say.

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Sam, the grooming man tells his tale (tail?)



What started out as a fun way to spend time with my mum soon grew into a career I didn't see coming.

Throughout school, like most teens I had zero idea of where my future would take me, but I knew when I got home I'd be in the salon with mum helping her out.

She taught me how to bathe animals when I was younger and as the years rolled on I progressed in my knowledge and skills, I began learning how to groom

our four legged friends.

It wasn't something I ever thought about doing for a job, but when the opportunity arose to move to Tasmania with my young family five years ago, I decided to take it.

We took a leap of faith and relocated here so I could help my mum and dad with the running of their business, twelve months in I was given the opportunity to grow, when Dawn at Pawprints offered

me my own space.

That's when I knew, I might actually be good at this grooming thing, the book keeping side as many of my valued clients know is my weak point.

As the months passed I was blessed to have my clientele list grow from a few dozen to hundreds of furbabies.

This meant I needed some more room, although leaving Pawprints was hard, it was time to move on to bigger things.

March 2025 we moved in to 126 Goldie St Wynyard and we haven't looked back.

We've grown from a humble 20 clients to over 1400, many of which travel to entrust

me with their fur babies.

I cannot begin to thank everyone enough for all the continued support, you have all stuck by me with the moves, price changes, meat venture, missed calls and forgotten replies, I truly am grateful to you all.

It isn't always an easy job or as fun as you may think. There's been multiple occasions where you've spent all this

time washing a puppy only to put it on the drying table and have it poop in the direction of the dryer, which is exactly how you think it sounds. Poop wall art is definitely a setback and not for the faint-hearted or weak stomach.

The amazing cuddles, tongues to the ear, and wagging tails make it all worthwhile.

Seeing an owner come back to pick up their pup and radiate when they first see their loved one after a hair cut is what it's all about. I've never been in the job for the money. My motto has always been the dogs' comfort and health over fashion and money.

Over the last few years I've seen a lot of things that would upset the average person and it impacts me also, but I've also seen a lot of love and that's what keeps me going in an industry that not many stay in due to its physical and mental load.

I'm proud to say I've been doing it for over 18 years and I love what I do. *I can be contacted on 0 436 376 733 Hi to Wendy too...*

Sam



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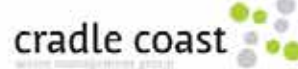
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Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

SWEET'S RAILWAY HOTEL BURNT TO THE GROUND. MAN KILLED IN FLAMES.

In the early hours of Easter Saturday, 29 March 1902, Zeehan was awakened by the sound of fire bells as Sweet's Railway Hotel, near the corner of Belstead and Gellibrand streets, was consumed by fire. The Fire Brigade attended but their efforts suffered from the pump silting up.

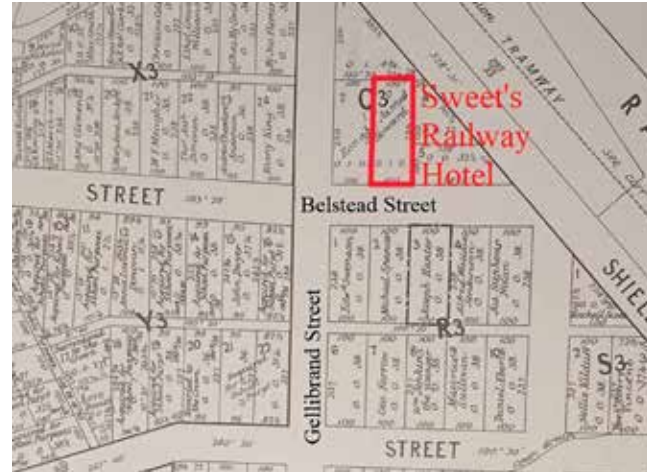
Sadly, 51-year-old Matthew Hogan (nicknamed "the digger,") perished in the flames when the staircase he was descending collapsed. After moving to the West Coast in about 1890 he had worked mainly prospecting but with some stints mining. He had only arrived in Zeehan from Montezuma a few hours previously. A little while before leaving there he told a mate that he wasn't going to travel to Zeehan that night, and would spend the Easter weekend in the bush. For some reason he changed his mind, and later checked into the Hotel.

Almost nothing except the cash register and some furniture was saved from the Hotel and Mr Sweet suffered a large financial loss.

Later that day Coroner Gilmore opened a Coronial Enquiry at the Hospital when only evidence regarding identification was taken to allow for the burial of the remains.

When the enquiry recommenced, the first witness called was Louis Sweet, who stated that he was awakened between 2:00 and 3:00 a.m. by one of his manservants, who slept in a room adjoining the private parlour on the ground floor. He went to the parlour, where he saw flames which he thought were coming through the window from

outside. The bathroom was close by, and was an enclosure under the verandah. Nearby was a sitting room which abutted the verandah. He noticed a light under the door, so opened it and found it on fire. He did not see



any drunk people about the premises that night, and he believed everyone staying that night was sober. Kerosene was used for lighting purposes.

Alick Neilson, a servant at Sweet's Hotel, deposed he last saw Hogan at 11:25 p.m. just before witness went to bed. Hogan was then quite sober and well. The bathroom adjoined the bedroom that he shared with Ned Erickson. Their bedroom was in the main building, and the bathroom outside. He had woken up about 3:00 a.m. and saw fire coming from the bathroom, he then woke everyone else up. As far as he knew no one went into the bathroom that night. Did not know of anyone having a row with the Sweets. It was possible for the fire to have started in the parlour and then spread to the bathroom.

Edward (Ned) Erickson stated he had gone to bed a few minutes before midnight. He slept in the same room as Alick Neilson, who had woken him about 3:00 a.m. He ran out and threw a bucket of water on the fire in the bathroom, but it made no difference. Did not see fire anywhere else. After shutting the back door, he went upstairs shouting. When he came back downstairs, he saw the fire bursting through the back door, and through the windows of the parlour. He was sure that the fire had started in the bathroom.

Morris Sullivan deposed that he was staying in the same room as Casey and Badkin on the first floor and had gone to bed at 9:30 p.m. He was aroused about 3:10 a.m. by Alick Neilson. Made his escape by jumping from an upstairs window. The body of the fire appeared to be round about the bathroom or back parlour.

Peter Casey deposed that he went to bed about midnight. Alick Neilson had woken him up. When he got up, he saw Hogan, who was fully dressed, standing at the door; with his portmanteau in his hand. Told the deceased to get out, and he replied to the effect that he was right enough. Witness had escaped by jumping through a window. He had seen a big body of fire in the front part of the hotel.

The next witness Ernest Badkin

said Hogan had pushed the door of their room open and asked, "How are you in here? Are you all right?" Casey said, "For --- sake get out of this, we are all right." Hogan replied, "Mind you don't stay too long. I am all right." Hogan then walked away down the passage. Shortly after witness tried to get down the stairs but could not do so.

Louis Goodchild deposed that he was cleaning an engine at the railway yards, and between 2.30 and 2.45 a.m. he saw the reflection of a fire and smoke from the back of the hotel. He rushed over and entered through the front door. The staircase was not alight then, and he saw no flames but there was a great deal of smoke. Did not go round to the back of the hotel.

Contradictory evidence was supplied by Nellie Nolan, a resident of Belstead Street, who said she saw the fire break out under the stepladder or escape in the backyard of the Hotel about 3:00 a.m., nowhere near the bathroom. She did not see anyone about at the time.

After the Coroner had summed up, the jury declared that there was no evidence to show how the fire started, and no blame was attachable to anyone.

Matthew Hogan's remains were conveyed to their last resting place on Easter Sunday. It is not known today where he was buried.

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

Gina Diprose new album release

Local singer songwriter Gina Diprose has released her new album, Finding My Way Back to Peace, a heartfelt collection of songs created to share love, peace and joy with listeners across the community.

Gina describes the album as part of her ongoing spiritual journey. "I have never felt that I have all the answers, and this keeps my mind, heart and soul open to new possibilities. I am a work in eternal progress — growing, stumbling and falling along the way."

Guided by faith and grounded in hope, Gina offers this blessing to all who listen: "May the light of the way lead you to where you need to be for your highest good, in Jesus' name."

Creative Team

- Lyrics: Gina Diprose & Kerry Sweet
- Music & Production: Mark Daley, Tin Hut Studio, Queenstown
- Mastering & Cover Design: Mike Raine
- Photography: Mark "Doc" Doran

Track List

1. Spirit Guide Me
2. The Love That Saved Me
3. In Your Grace I Stand
4. On the Wings of Peace
5. I Could Always Come Home
6. We'll Never Be Apart
7. Love What I've Become

Finding My Way Back to Peace is a gentle, uplifting album that invites listeners to pause, reflect and reconnect with what brings them comfort and strength.

Gina will officially launch the album at the Strahan Village Winter Solstice Street Market on: Saturday 20 June 2026 11:00am – 2:00pm A warm, family friendly celebration featuring live music, community stalls and the first opportunity to purchase the album.

Gina will also be featured on the Tasmanian Connection on Huon FM 95.3, Kingston FM 98.5. On June 25th, 2026. The show hosted by

Mike Raine can be streamed from the Huon FM website.

Mike presents The Tasmanian Connection every Monday 8:00pm-9:00pm. Featuring Mike's selection of music from across Tasmania. This show is repeated every Saturday 11:00am-12:00

For enquiries or community features, please contact: Gina Diprose 0428 761 831 OR Kerry Sweet 0478 826 330



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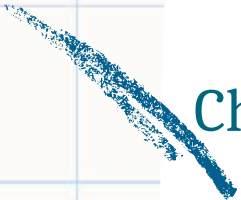
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CIRCULAR HEAD Community News

BE PART OF A NEW CONVERSATION ABOUT WASTE -

How it works, what it costs, and how it should look into the future.

We recently launched the Circular Head Waste Partnership - a new way for Council and the community to keep talking about the future of waste services in our area.

Waste affects all of us. From household bins and recycling to rising landfill costs, these are challenges we need to work through together.

The Waste Partnership is about keeping people informed, listening to community ideas and concerns and having honest conversations about the future of waste in Circular Head.

This is not a short-term consultation - it's an ongoing conversation.

Over time we'll be sharing more information about:

- How our waste system works
- The rising costs of waste and landfill
- What happens to our recycling
- Ideas and opportunities for the future



As part of the Waste Partnership launch, there's now a short survey asking people:

"What makes it hard for you to reduce the waste you send to landfill?"

It sounds like a simple question, but it will give us a really good understanding of where we're starting from and what challenges people are facing.



Fill in the survey

FREE RECYCLE BIN LATCHES FOR CIRCULAR HEAD RESIDENTS

It's frustrating when you do the right thing with your recycling, only for a gust of wind to send it flying down the street. We have a solution!

Thanks to our partners at the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group (CCWMG), we have received some FREE recycling bin latches to help keep lids closed on windy collection days.

The latch is designed to keep your bin lid secure but automatically releases when the collection truck lifts and empties the bin.

If you regularly have trouble with recyclables blowing out of your yellow-lid bin, simply:

- Pop into the Council office and collect a free latch
- Scan the QR code at the counter and register your details (so CCWMG can check in in 3 months and see if everything is working ok)
- Follow the fitting instructions we provide.



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WAYS TO CONNECT WITH COUNCIL

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Want updates or information?

Visit our website, follow us on social media or sign up for newsletter updates - e.g. services, projects, events, consultations and Council decisions.

Want to give feedback on a Council project, plan or decision?

Take part in a "Have Your Say" consultation.

Have an idea, concern or question?

You don't need to wait for a consultation. You can contact Council, speak with a Councillor or ask a public question at a Council Meeting.

HOW TO ASK A PUBLIC QUESTION

Council Meetings aren't just for Councillors and staff - they're for the community too.

If you've ever wondered why Council made a decision, wanted an update on a local issue, or had an idea you'd like to share, please come along to a Council meeting.

Every Ordinary Council Meeting includes Public Question Time. It's your chance to ask a question, make a comment or simply raise something that's important to you and your community.

How does it work?

Complete a *Question to Council* form, available online or on the night, and give it to Council staff. Ask your question or make a statement when called at the meeting.

Can't make it on the night?

You can still submit a question in writing to the General Manager at least 7 days before the meeting. Your question will be read out on the night.

Whether your question is about roads, waste, parks, planning, community facilities or something else entirely, hearing directly from residents helps us understand what matters most.

SAVE THE DATE

Men's Health Night

Date: Friday 19 June
Time: 6pm to 7:30pm
Location: The Pavilions Cafe, Smithton
RSVP: Kurtis 03 6452 4858 or kmaher@circularhead.tas.gov.au

Free Community BBQ

Date: Thursday 18 June
Time: 7am
Location: Armour Mitre 10

Free Community BBQ

Date: Friday 26 June
Time: 11:30am
Location: Bolt Boy, Smithton

Understanding Mental Wellbeing for Effective Communications Training

Date: Monday 22 June
Location: United @ 43, Smithton
Enquiries: Kylie (03) 6452 4803 kmonson@circularhead.tas.gov.au

Special Council Meeting

Special meeting for budget adoption
Date: Thursday 2 July
Time: 6pm
Location: Circular Head Council

July Council Meeting

Date: Thursday 16 July
Time: 6pm
Location: Circular Head Council

August Council Meeting

Date: Thursday 27 August
Time: 6pm
Location: Circular Head Council

CHArts Festival

Date: 4 September to 4 October
Location: Circular Head

QUICK UPDATES

State Growth Bass Highway Updates - Work on the new Heavy Vehicle Driver Rest Area at Detention River has started and is expected to be finished by December 2026. Upgrades west of Yanns Road at Rocky Cape are scheduled to start in July 2026.

Improvements between Hellyer and Edgcombe Beach are planned to follow.

Transport Services Tas Website



Church Street Road Works

Work has started on the first stage of the Church Street Master Plan and is expected to be finished by end June.

Safety Reminder - Please do not place flares or other flammable materials in household wheelie bins. Flares can be disposed of safely and free of charge at White Hills Waste Transfer Station.

Contact us at Council or visit our website for more details on these updates and events.

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Tales from Emmerton Park - meet the residents

My Story – Jenny Carter



I was born in Wynyard in 1940 to Keitha and Geoff Blazely. Dad was a baker in Wynyard, where we lived, and Mum stayed busy keeping the family home running and looking after me and my older brother Neville.

Neville was the quiet one, but me on the other hand, I was a bit of a bugger of a kid! I had a big personality, a cheeky smile and an infectious laugh. I was always noisy, always busy and usually get-

ting into something. Back then I had the longest blonde hair. I can remember sitting on it. Most of the time I wore it in two long plaits looped back around.

Sadly, Neville was tragically killed in a car accident in Melbourne as a young man. It was a heartbreaking loss and very hard on all of us.

I attended primary school in Wynyard and later travelled by train to Burnie High School. The school was right near the ocean where the Makers Workshop is today. The train would stop right at the school, and all we had to do was cross the road and we were there.

It was during my school years that my love of sport really began. I was a complete sports nut and loved the support and community spirit that came with it all. Netball quickly became my favourite sport; it became a huge part of my life. My high school coach was Joan Lean, she was fantastic. We played against teams all over the Northwest and won most of our games. I played goal shooter and had a pretty good eye. My dear Dad never missed a game. He was always there supporting me from the sidelines.

My love of netball stayed with me long after I stopped playing. I became an

umpire and umpired for many years in Smithton and travelled all over Tasmania umpiring finals. I was also honoured to become a life member of the Burnie High School Girls Netball Association.

They even flew me to King Island once, which was my first time on a plane. I remember looking out the window as Tasmania grew smaller and smaller beneath me. I was hanging onto the armrests a little tightly on the way over, but coming home was much easier!

I left school at fifteen when a job became available at the ESA Bank. The English, Scottish and Australian Bank in Wynyard. Mum had to give special permission for me to leave school early. When I first started, I had to study all the ledgers to familiarise myself with the customers. I worked there for seven years, mainly as a teller, although I helped with many other jobs as well.

It was at the bank that I met my first husband, Freddie Ashworth. Freddie was a lovely man who also loved sport. He was involved in rowing and was a coxswain. His father was a Church of England minister. We were married at the Anglican Church in Wynyard in a big celebration surrounded by family and friends.

Before long, our son Guy Charles and daughter Sue arrived. Guy works as a

health and safety officer on the Snowy Mountain Scheme and Sue became a nurse. They brought us so much joy and happiness.

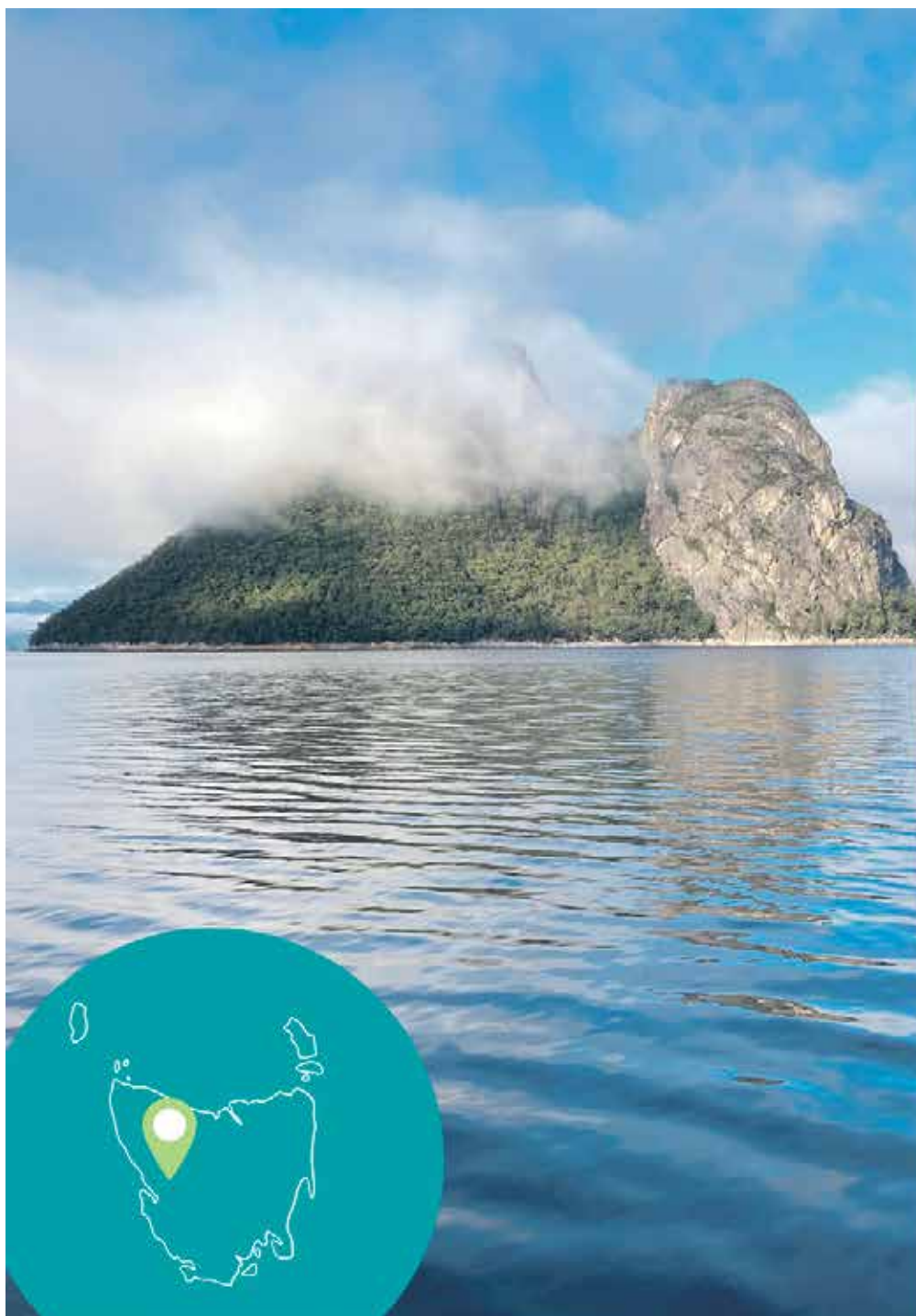
Sadly, Freddie passed away in 1971

In 1975 I married John Carter. John was also a lovely man, and we shared many happy years together. We were married for 30 years before sadly losing him as well.

Later, I began working at Umina Park, where I managed the laundry for seven years. One day the office girl left, and they offered me her position. I accepted and remained there for another fourteen years.

As I got older, I began dealing with a few health issues and eventually moved in with my daughter Sue. More recently I moved into Emmerton Park in Smithton, and I am so happy here. It is a wonderful place to call home.

I have lived a full life with plenty of love, family, sport and memories along the way. I have always enjoyed a laugh and kept myself busy, and I still believe that a good smile and a positive outlook can take you a long way.



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Stanley Bicentenary Settlement - part two

With the arrival of James Alexander Gibson as Van Diemen's Land Company (VDL Co) Chief Agent in 1841, a new policy of land tenancy with seven year leases at 2s per acre per year was introduced. The following year, town status was bestowed upon Stanley which was named after Lord Stanley, the British Secretary of State for the Colonies. The first official town map was drawn up, including one hundred and thirteen ¼ acre allotments, by John Lee Archer, Police Magistrate and former VDL Co Civil Engineer and Government Architect. He was responsible for designing government and other notable heritage landmarks in southern Tasmania.

1851 saw the beginning of real growth in Stanley with the sale of the first blocks of land for £10 per ¼ acre allotment. Settlers and ex-convicts alike seized the opportunity for private enterprise to be part of an emerging settlement that was "growing (in) importance as a service centre for outlying farming districts". (Beyond the Ramparts by Kerry Pink and Annette Ebdon)

In 1848 the Stanley population was listed as 168 adults, 65 children and 60 houses and cottages. By 1921, the population was approximately 700 in 158 houses. This was the main period of growth and development over the entire course of the history of Stanley and would have been the population peak. The Victorian gold rush of 1851 did lure some away looking to make a fast fortune.

A retirement dinner was held for Mr Gibson in 1859 in the newly completed stone store built for Mr F.W. Ford. An address which was signed by 286 tenants and inhabitants was read out by Mr Ford and conveyed the esteem with which Mr Gibson was held. Mr Ford "spoke of a gentleman who, as manager of the VDL Co, Police Magistrate and representative in the House of Assembly, had caused Circular Head to become from a barren wilderness to the beautiful spot it is."

(Cornwall Chronicle 2 Nov 1859) Sadly, well and was undoubtedly the life line of the early settlement. The wharf area con-



Mr Gibson passed away seven months later in England.

tinued to expand with a "middle" wharf which was built by J.A. Austin 1891-92

for steamers among other vessels.

The town's dependence on the sea and sailing ships for sixty years, meant the settlement needed to be as independent as possible. It was not until 1880 that a coach service was commenced by Jack and Harry Adams. This was taken over by the Tatlow family with coaches running from Stanley to Burnie and outlying settlements.

in a couple of locations before the stone building in Pearse St was completed in 1867. Private schools operated in the town for many years at various locations. After the erection of the Wesleyan (Methodist) Chapel in 1873, there were four Church buildings including Church of England, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian.

Law and order had to be maintained and it was common for people to spend time in the local "lock-up" for quite minor as well as serious offences. During this period, the House of Correction was described as a 12 feet by 12 feet wooden 'box' with a partition dividing it into two cells. A prisoner could sit, lie or stand but not walk while in it.

There were a number of public drinking establishments including the Commercial Hotel, Black Horse Inn, Shamrock Inn, Poor Man's Friend and the Emily Hotel (some lasting longer than others) as well as a brewery located in Rougemont Street which operated for approximately twenty years.

The town's first postmaster and an early school teacher was Irish immigrant, William Horatio (Henry) Walsh, who built a very substantial family home from yellow Sydney sandstone which sat majestically on Alexander Terrace until it was demolished in 1890. One family that had a huge impact on the settlement during this period was the Edwards family. John and Martha Edwards with four children settled at Stanley 1854 where they had another six children. Mr Edwards was a saddler and harness maker by trade but opened a very substantial general store on Alexander Terrace in 1857. After Mr Edwards died, his business was taken over by his son, James H. Edwards. After Stanley Cottage was demolished, three new cottages were built in this vicinity for Mr Edwards. Their daughter, Miss Maria Edwards, owned a considerable amount of property in the town, including Church Street (then Burnie Street) and Harrison Terrace. Other members of the family contributed greatly to the town.

Blacksmiths and wheelwrights provided an important service to the early settlers in Stanley and included the following families: Burley, Bryant, Chatwin, Davidson, Eustace, Dodd, Fraser, Freeburgh, Godfrey, Harman, Jacobs, King, Madsen and Tatlow.

The old cemetery, located at the base of the Nut, was opened in 1827. Undertakers in the town until the 1920s were Alfred McKaige, Douglas Ferguson and H.B. Eustace.

The Victorian period was one of immense growth and development for Stanley. The early residents showed great skill and adaptability and immense perseverance to endure the many hardships they must have faced.

Compiled by the Stanley Discovery Museum - June 2020

Reference Sources:

Along the Terrace, 1843-1922 by Mrs Betty Jones

Beyond the Ramparts by Kerry Pink and Annette Ebdon

The wooden jetty built by Henry Hellyer in 1827 served the sailing ships

The VDL Co stores and buildings were purposefully built in close proximity to the wharf but a large fire in December 1842 destroyed a cluster of Company buildings which were replaced by a John Lee Archer designed stone building and a storekeeper's cottage. A lime kiln was centrally located in order to burn shells brought usually from Hunters Island for the purpose of making mortar for use on such buildings. The Victorian stone was transported via the ballast of ships.

Education and religion were an important part of the settlement. A school was first established by the VDL Co in 1842 at the temporary residence of Reverend T.N. Grigg. The first Board of Education school opened in 1854 and operated

Stanley Bicentenary Weekend Activities:
When: Saturday 31st October to Monday 2nd November 2026
Where: Stanley Recreation Ground (Saturday) 10am-4pm
A free family day including a procession open to the public to participate with activities and displays throughout the day.
Highfield House (Sunday) 10am-3pm
Free admission to the public with guest speakers throughout the day.
Stanley Museum Open all weekend with new book publications for sale.
Monday - cemetery walk and official proceedings at Museum
"Julie Burgess" in port over the weekend offering 2 hour trips from the port (weather dependent) sponsored by TasPorts
Enquiries: E: stanleydiscoverymuseum@gmail.com
Follow Facebook: Stanley Discovery Museum



Am I biased for liking bowls?

The Circular Head indoor Bias Bowls Association runs an indoor bowls pennant season running from April through to August.

There are six teams competing this year.

The season is currently halfway through, and the current ladder positions are:

- Saints 80 pts
- Stanley 63 pts
- Senior Citizens 58 pts
- South Forest 57pts
- Country Club 50 pts
- Emmerton Park 16 pts

At the end of the home and away season the teams are divided into 2 groups of 3, where the top 3 teams compete in finals in Division 2 and the bottom 3 teams compete in finals for Division 3.

The winners of each division then compete against the equivalent winners from the Wynyard Burnie Association to become Western Division Champions and then get to compete at state championship level if they are successful.

Indoor bias bowls is different from lawn bowls, as it is played on a specially designed carpet which is 1.83 metres wide and 9metres long.

As the name suggests, the game is played indoors which makes it great for winter when a person can continue playing a sport but not having to worry about rain and cold and is perfect for all ages and abilities.

If interested, keep your eye out on social media over the next few months for upcoming try-out sessions or contact the CHIBBA secretary, Ric Skilton via email C.H.I.B.B.A@outlook.com

Photos supplied:
IMG 4923. John Van Norden (Emmerton Park)

IMG 4926 Joan Kraus (Saints) Barney Williams (Emmerton Park) watching on.
IMG 4929 Janine Stokes(South Forest) just bowled the blue bowl, Cynthia Dunlop (Senior Citz) waiting to bowl.
IMG 4932 Cynthia Dunlop(Senior Citz) bowling down the Yellow.



New Display at Heritage Centre



The staff at the CH Heritage Centre are excited to unveil a new exhibit showcasing the maritime history of our region. With 250 kilometres of coastline, the sea played a crucial role in communication, industry, and trade during the early years. The community's maritime activities have encompassed commercial fishing, recreational pursuits, and boatbuilding.

This display narrates the story of European exploration, starting from the early visits by Baudin and Bass and Flinders, to the ships that brought the first settlers and the shipwrecks that are part of this rich narrative. The Mosquito Fleet, comprised of small boats trading in and out of Smithton, along with the local boat-building industry, has been pivotal to the area's seafaring heritage. The commercial fishing industry, which has flourished due to the sea's natural resources, is a central theme of the exhibit.

A highlight of the exhibit includes artifacts from the wreck of the Rebecca, which sank in 1853 between Cousta Rocks and Temma on Tasmania's West

Coast. Donated by a local fisherman who salvaged them in the 1970s, the display features a concretion—a large block of material containing ferrous metal, ceramic shards, wood, and glass from wine bottles. A natural concrete fused these items together on the keel of the Rebecca, creating a unique archaeological piece that is now exhibited with the permission of the Underwater Heritage Office. Additionally, a two-meter section of framing timbers from the wreck showcases the dowel holes and copper rivets characteristic of wooden boat construction.

The exhibit recounts the tragic story of the 1853 wreck, where nine lives were lost, along with the dramatic rescue of eleven survivors. It also references a previous incident involving the Rebecca on King Island in 1843, which resulted in the loss of five lives.

This exhibit has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of Steve and Lori Pilkington, Kingston Bros., Think Big and Seen Signs.

Circular Head's Always Learning Legends

Always Learning Legends are everyday people from our community who show that learning can happen anywhere, at any age and can change our lives in meaningful ways.



Kylie: Learning happens everywhere. On the field, in the community and through the connections we make.



Cass: Learning gives us the skills and confidence to support and give back to our community.



Rochelle: Learning can reconnect us to language, identity and community - strengthening culture for generations to come.



Kate: Learning in Circular Head doesn't stop at the classroom - we discover and grow throughout life.

Our Always Learning Legends (ALLs) are local people whose stories remind us that learning isn't about where you start... it's about where it can take you. Some learned new skills. Some built confidence. Some discovered a new hobby, volunteered, connected with culture, improved their wellbeing or found new ways to support others. Their stories show that learning happens everywhere... at work, at home, in the community and throughout our lives.

Everyone has a learning story. Sometimes we just need help recognising it.

This initiative is part of the Learn for Life project, supported by 26Ten and hosted by Circular Head Council. It reflects our region's recognition as one of only five UNESCO Learning Cities in Australia and one of five 26Ten Communities in Tasmania.

Together, we are working towards a community where people feel confident to:

- Have a go
- Ask for help when needed
- Learn in ways that suit them
- Recognise the value learning brings to their lives
- Celebrate their strengths and achievements



Read our stories at:



For more information or to share your story, please contact Kate Grey:

☎ 0498 746 605

✉ kgrey@circularhead.tas.gov.au

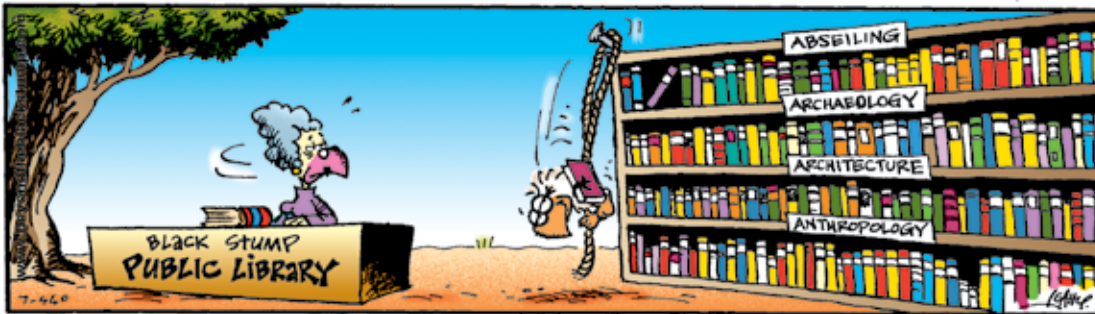


WESTERN ECHO PUZZLE PAGE

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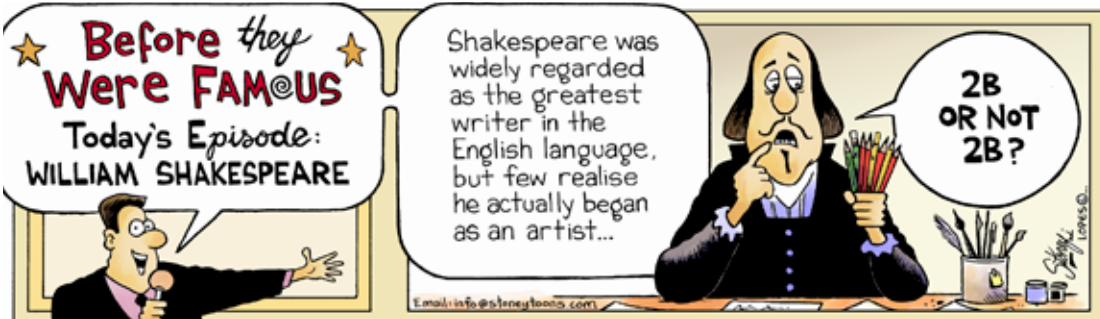
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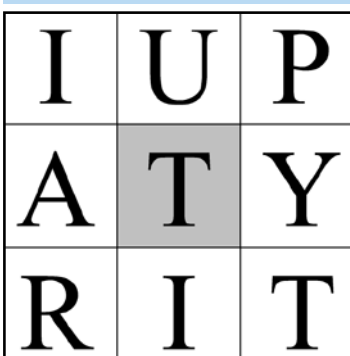
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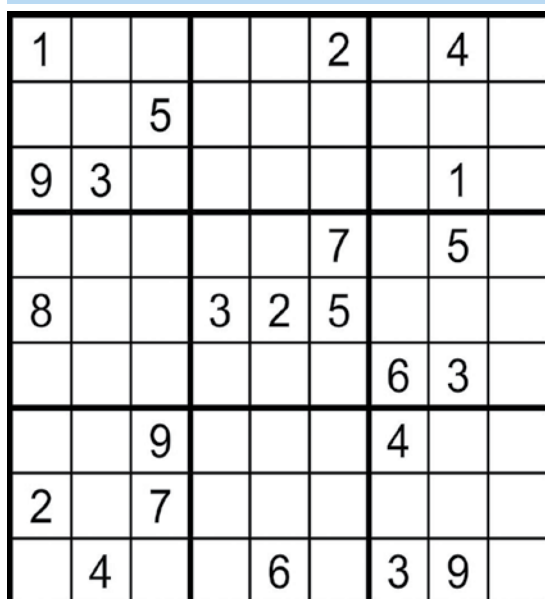


TODAY'S TARGET
 10 Words **Good**
 13 Words **Very Good**
 16 Words **Excellent**
 19 Words **Genius**

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.

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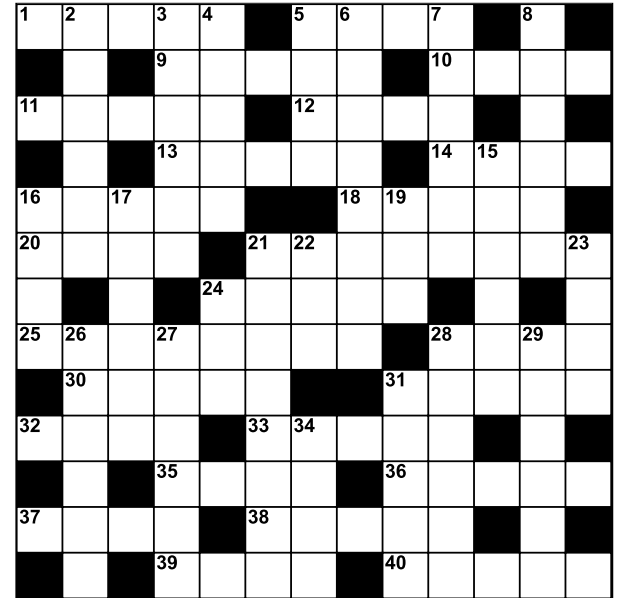
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CROSSWORD No. 10869

ACROSS

- Marine growth
- Crippled
- Swift
- Welsh national emblem
- Worth
- Silent
- Part of flower's calyx
- Ineffectual
- At no time
- Highly skilled
- Lyric poems
- Afternoon performances
- Loathed
- Showing mettle
- Close up
- Sharp
- Emblem of membership
- Regrets
- Of the kidneys
- Fish
- Skin disease
- Scottish dance
- Incendiarism
- Snake-like fishes
- Poor



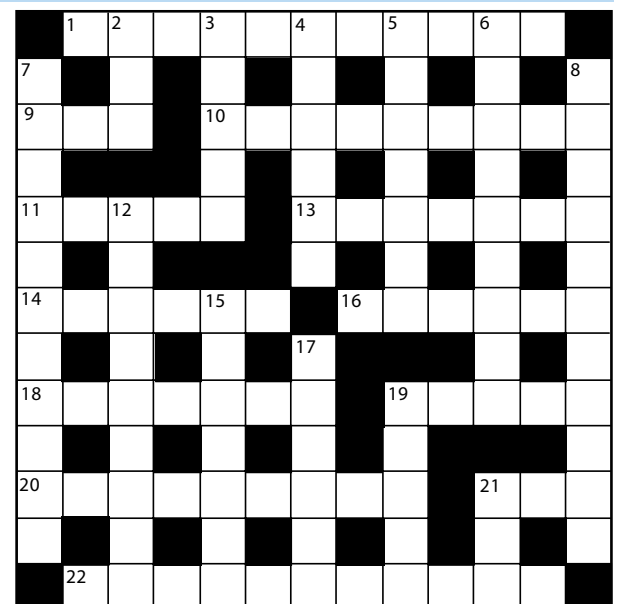
DOWN

- Followed orders
- Gets up
- Coming after
- Capital of Peru
- Flattered servilely
- Cricket team
- Repeat from memory
- Laid bare
- Common sense (coll)
- Italian city
- Carried out
- Motherly
- Consumed
- Part of the foot
- Success
- Very poor person
- Steal livestock
- Salty
- Concurred
- Conductor's wand
- Facial features

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16520

ACROSS

- Diplomatic bag! (7,4)
- The appearance of one who succeeds, we hear (3)
- It's sulphurous rock near the edge (9)
- About the middle of September, it's most desirable to make an investment (5)
- A fiddler who performs a modern dance (7)
- Anguished cries about fifty sacred remains (6)
- He's out of his class (6)
- She gets the highest score (7)
- Also affected by the right kind of battery (5)
- Start a tiring translation in Old English (9)
- Shooting-stick – that's a hint (3)



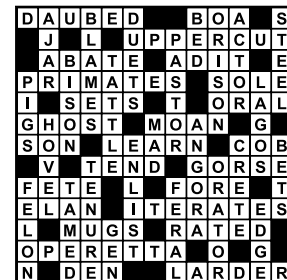
- Correspondence to newspapers providing reading matter (11)

DOWN

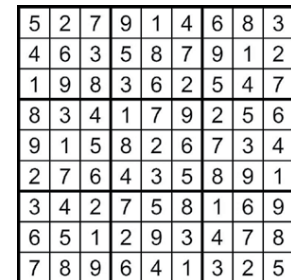
- One of the crew to put a black coat on (3)
- Round trip before noon and a little after (5)
- They are used in weight-lifting (6)
- One in frenzied search for bank official (7)
- Deficiency causes brief collapse (9)
- Clipjoint (7,4)
- Occult sign for office workers (11)
- This could make real spice cheaper! (4,5)
- Vehicle for No. 10 in the schedule! (7)
- Silken material that covers the goatskin (6)
- Don't keep straight on – it's very steep (5)
- Not the full charge for salad food (3)

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

Crossword No. 10868



Sudoku No. 020



Cryptic No. 16519

Across: 1 Road; 3 Importer; 9 Madness; 10 Fired; 11 Lose one's head; 13 Repose; 15 French; 17 Reproduction; 20 Exist; 21 Airmail; 22 Paradise; 23 Less.
Down: 1 Ramblers; 2 Andes; 4 Misses; 5 Off the record; 6 Terrain; 7 Reds; 8 Demonstrated; 12 Shingles; 14 Premier; 16 Ideals; 18 Late; 19 Leap.

Jumble 699

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WEST

Rosebery Harvestime Church
 Bible Based - Non Denominational
 Bringing Christ to the Community
 and the Community to Christ
 Bible study Fridays at 10:30am
 Sunday Services at 2:00pm
 7 Agnes Street Rosebery
 (behind the pharmacy)
 0466 011 913
<https://www.facebook.com/Rosebery-HarvestimeChurch>



41 ESPLANADE STRAHAN

STRAHAN VILLAGE Street Market

20 JUNE 11AM-2PM

- CARO'S CREATIVE FACE PAINTING
- MINI SHOW BAGS
- FREE BALLONS
- LIVE MUSIC - GINA
- TRIPLE MOON
- CWA CAKE STALL
- FLOWERDALE CARMEL APPLES
- LOVED LEGO & MORE
- HOBART BREWING
- SWALLOW WINES
- JEWELS & CRAFTS BY EM
- KATHY'S MINI CAKES
- SPEAK UP STAY CHATTY SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- IPM BOAT JUMP @ GORDON RIVER CRUISES
- WOODWORK
- TOYS
- WILD THISTLE ARTISAN SOAP
- RECYCLED DENIM GOODS
- ECOESSENCE TASMANIA
- FLAVOURISTA
- BABY CLOTHES AND BATHROOM LINEN
- LUNA'S UNIQUE SUNCATCHERS
- METAL SIGNS, BOOKS & MODEL CARS
- 3D PRINTS
- CAM'S SPUDS
- JEWELLERY & MUCH MORE!



ASURIA **thrive group 50**

Are you a Cert III qualified Educator living on the West Coast?

Session 1	Session 2
Wednesday 1 July 1.30pm-2.30pm Queenstown Library 9-13 Driffield St	Wednesday 1 July 4pm-5pm Heemskirk Motel Hotel Main St, Zeehan

Thrive Group is looking to support passionate local educators who are interested in career opportunities at our Early Learning Service in Queenstown, or establishing their own Family Day Care business on the West Coast.

If you...

- Hold a minimum Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care OR
- Would like to complete funded training to gain a qualification
- Are passionate about supporting local families
- Are looking for a rewarding career in early childhood education and care
- Want to be part of a trusted Tasmanian organisation.

To register your interest or find out more, please phone Nicky - 0438 099 082

ROSEBERY COMMUNITY MARKET

Celebrate the Winter Solstice with us!

SATURDAY 20 JUNE
4 - 7 PM
MEMORIAL HALL

Join us for an evening market with hot soup, roast meat & gravy rolls and the Footy Club.

Contact Jo to book a spot:
0417 849 543

FREE BBQ MEET & GREET

SATURDAY 4TH JULY | 12PM - 2PM

AT THE TOP PUB

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE | BALLOONS & GAMES | MEET NEW PEOPLE | COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Come along, connect with your neighbours & be part of something great!

Winter SOLSTICE Event 2026

June 20th Tom Macdonald Plaza 5-7:30pm

Karaoke @ Top Pub 8-Late

Hot Soup

Hot drinks and Food

Market in the Hall 4-7pm

Toasted Mallows and S'mores

Fire pits

Hot Roast Rolls

Open for Dinner

Icecream Van

PROUDLY SUPPORTING National Breast Cancer Foundation

RESEARCH. PREVENTION. CURE.

GO PINK FOR JUNE

BREAST CANCER DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE. This June, neither will my support.

IT HITS CLOSE TO HOME. Breast cancer isn't just a statistic to me. I have people in my life who have faced this disease, fought it, and been changed by it.

I WORK ON A MINE SITE. You'll usually find me in hi-vis workwear. This June, I'll be wearing hi-vis pink to raise awareness and vital funds.

RESEARCH SAVES LIVES. Every dollar goes directly to life-saving research that gives people a better chance at beating breast cancer.

Together, we can make a real difference.

PLEASE SUPPORT ME DONATE TO BEC'S PAGE

fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/becpitt

Scan the QR code or visit my page to donate

ONE MONTH. ONE MISSION. ONE FUTURE WITHOUT BREAST CANCER.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NORTHWEST



WYNYARD COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

SPONSORS & DONATIONS WANTED

Help us create an affordable and memorable night for the Wynyard community!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT
We are seeking:

- FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIPS
- FOOD DONATIONS
- DRINK & SNACK DONATIONS
- LUCKY DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS
- GENERAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT

EVERY CONTRIBUTION, NO MATTER THE SIZE, HELPS MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

WHY SPONSOR?

- YOUR BUSINESS LOGO FEATURED ON EVENT FLYERS & PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL
- RECOGNITION ON BREAKING THE CYCLE TASSIE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS
- PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AT THE EVENT
- SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES, YOUNG PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

OUR GOAL
To create an affordable community event that brings people together, strengthens connections and provides a positive environment for local families and young people.

CONTACT
ASHLEY SMITH
CONTACT US VIA BREAKING THE CYCLE TASSIE

SUPPORT LOCAL CHANGE LIVES

BREAKING THE CYCLE TASSIE • BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES THROUGH CONNECTION, SUPPORT AND OPPORTUNITY.

Rotary Club of Smithton Annual Book Fair 2026



Date: 13th - 31st July, 2026
Time: Mon to Fri 10am-3.30pm
Sat: 10am-12.30pm


Donations of books, puzzles, games, toys, DVDs and CDs would be greatly appreciated and welcomed. *Thank you*

Please contact Wendy on 0429 186 876

*All proceeds support pre-kinder books, Youth programs & Community projects.

VOLLEYBALL

TRAINING & SOCIAL GAMES



- EVERY WEDNESDAY 6PM TO 6PM
- 10th JUNE TO 8th JULY
- \$5.00 entry fee
- HELLYER COLLEGE HOBART
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PLAY. IMPROVE. CONNECT.

Whether you're new to the game or a regular on the court, come train, have fun, and be part of a great volleyball community!

COME FOR A GAME. STAY FOR THE SEASON!

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STARRING CLINTON HUTTON & THE BAND

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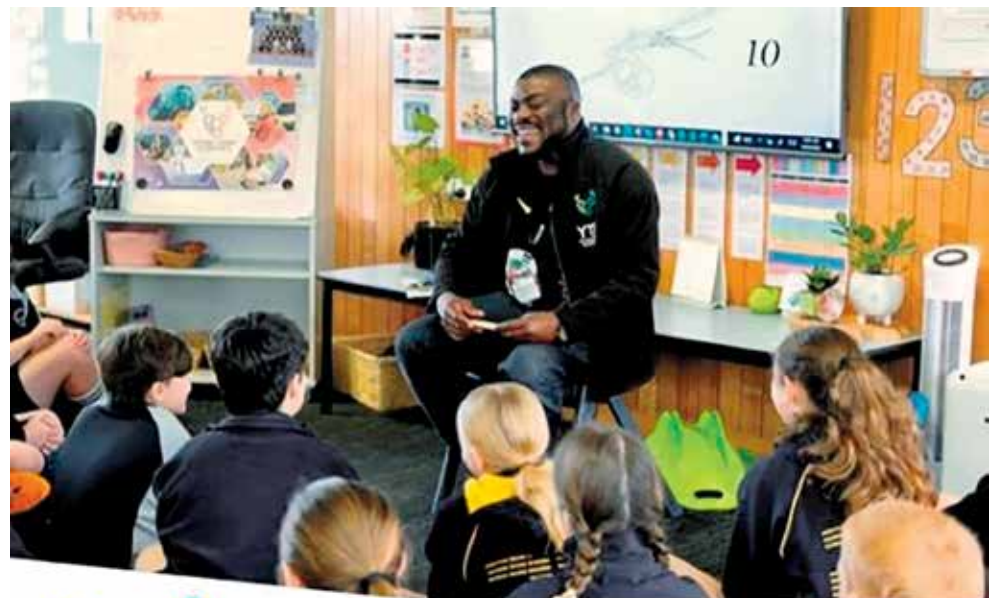
AUGUST 15TH
7PM - 11.30PM



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Tickets \$20 (booking fee)

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Young Tassie Scientists

Find out what scientists really do!

The Young Tassie Scientists are researchers who volunteer their time to share their passion for science through interactive presentations at schools and community events across Tasmania as part of National Science Week in August.

They build awareness of the importance of science, technology, engineering, maths, and medicine (STEMM) in our community and inspire students to consider STEMM study and careers.

Visit dates
North, NE, East coast: 11 - 13 August
Circular Head: 17 - 20 August
North West: 25 - 28 August
West Coast: 24 - 26 August

How it works

1. Apply for a Young Tassie Scientists visit on our website. Applications **open on 1st June and close on 30th June**
2. We aim to visit every school who applies, especially those in regional areas
3. We contact you in July to confirm a visit to your school in August.

- Suitable for grade 3 to grade 10
- All schools can apply for a free visit

To find out more, scan the QR code or visit YoungTassieScientists.com



bookings essential



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saturdays - 1pm to 4pm
last saturday of the month - 10am to 4pm
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A season of remarkable achievements



The Smithton Bowls Club, as part of the Smithton Country Club, with a membership of just over 40, has accomplished an extraordinary feat during the 2025/6 season.

Despite the club's geographic isolation—where the nearest rival is almost an hour's drive away—Smithton has emerged as a formidable force in regional bowls competition, representing the Northwest region with pride and determination.

Early in the season one of our division 2 players Rodney O'Halloran, represented Tasmania at the Australian Arm Bowling championships in Warrnambool Victoria. Rodney has also now been selected in the 2026 Tasmanian team to compete at Tweed Heads in September.

Later in the season both Rodney and Leigh Pinner were chosen to represent the Northwest Region in the Tasmanian Arm Bowling League.

The Smithton Bowls Club demonstrated remarkable consistency and skill throughout the home and away season, with both Division 2 and Division 4 teams finishing at the top of their respective ladders.

This outstanding performance set the stage for an important journey: the club travelled to South Burnie to compete in the grand finals for both divisions. Facing strong opposition, Smithton emerged victorious in both matches, securing wins in Division 2 and Division 4.

This achievement is particularly noteworthy given the significant distances the club must travel during the season, reflecting the dedication and perseverance of its members. The dual triumph stands as a testament to Smithton's commitment and excellence in regional bowls competition.

Following their hard-fought victories in both divisions, the Smithton Lawn Bowls Club teams set out the very next weekend for Turners Beach, where the 2025/6 State titles were to be contested.

Facing off against the strongest regional winners from both the southern and northern parts of Tasmania, both Smithton teams delivered commendable performances on the Saturday. Division 4 showed great determination and spirit throughout their matches. However, despite their best efforts and a valiant attempt to maintain their high standard, Division 4 ultimately fell short in their second game of the day. This result

brought an end to their remarkable season, but their commitment and sportsmanship were evident to all present.

Division 2 began their state title campaign with a decisive victory in their opening match on Saturday, overcoming Westbury by a margin of six shots.

This success was the result of a collective, strong performance across all rinks, reflecting the consistency and determination shown by the team throughout the season.

Entering Sunday's match, the team carried with them a quiet confidence, buoyed by an outstanding year in which they had suffered only two defeats in the pennant competition. However, the early stages of the final saw Smithton start a bit slowly; after the initial two ends, they found themselves trailing by approximately ten shots overall.

Ultimately, Division 2 surged ahead and secured a remarkable victory, winning the final by a commanding fifteen shots. The final bowl was met with a surge of emotion and well-deserved congratulations, marking a memorable and hard-fought triumph for the club.

The Club wishes to express its sincere congratulations to all players who participated throughout the season, both on and off the green. Every player's effort, whether during matches or in support roles, have significantly contributed to making this season a memorable and successful one for the Smithton Lawn Bowls Club.

Special recognition is also extended to the emergencies who were on hand during the two days of competition. Their readiness and support were invaluable, ensuring the Club remained well-prepared and resilient throughout the challenges faced.

The achievements of this season are a true reflection of the collective commitment, dedication, and teamwork displayed by all involved.

Next season is not far away, starting in mid-October. We have entered 2 teams in Saturday mixed gender pennant along with 2 teams on Wednesday (mens) and 2 teams Thursday (ladies). The club welcomes interested people to come and try our wonderful sport.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page "Smithton Bowls Club for weekend activities over the winter spring months where you can come and give bowls a try.

Heartwood Collective - Building connections, one project at a time

What began as a simple idea to bring people together has grown into the Rosebery Heartwood Collective Network, a grassroots community initiative focused on connection, mentoring, practical skills and building a stronger, more resilient West Coast community.

Founded by ADF veteran Daniel Bakewell, Heartwood was born from a desire to create a welcoming space where people of all ages and backgrounds could come together, learn from one another, share knowledge and build meaningful friendships. Heartwood isn't a club or organisation in the traditional sense it's simply a network of neighbours connecting with neighbours.

After serving 20 years in the Australian Defence, Daniel understands firsthand the importance of purpose, teamwork, connection and community. Like many veterans, the transition from military life to civilian life brought new challenges and perspectives. Heartwood became an opportunity to channel those experiences into something positive that could benefit the wider community.

Today, the network continues to grow, bringing together locals who are passionate about strengthening community connections across the West Coast. Through woodworking projects, practical life skills, mentoring opportunities and community gatherings, Heartwood provides a space where knowledge can be shared across generations and where people can experience a genuine sense of belonging.

At its core, Heartwood is about far more than woodworking. It's about creating opportunities for people to connect, learn, support one another and build confidence in a friendly and welcoming environment. Whether you're young, young at heart, highly skilled or just starting out, everyone has something to contribute and something to learn.

Daniel hopes to continue growing the initiative while encouraging conversations around community connection, mentoring, practical skills and life after military service.

A key focus is ensuring valuable skills, knowledge and experiences are passed on to future generations.

"Strong communities don't happen by accident," Daniel said. "They happen when neighbours take the time to connect with neighbours."

Rosebery Heartwood Collective also hosts regular free community BBQs designed to bring people together and strengthen local connections.

Regular activities currently include:

Adult Maker Sessions

- Sundays: 10:30am – 11:30am

- Sundays: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Young Makers (8yrs -17yrs)

- Thursdays: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

- Sundays: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

One-on-one projects and mentoring can also be arranged.

To learn more, connect with Rosebery Heartwood Collective on Facebook or contact Daniel directly on 0400 995 546.

WE'RE CLOSED
This Weekend

★ Heartwood will be closed for ★
KINGS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND!

We'll be back and ready to create, build and connect again
FROM THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

THURSDAYS & SUNDAYS	SUNDAYS
YOUNG MAKERS <i>Build skills & build confidence</i>	EVERY SUNDAY WOODWORKING, HOME PROJECTS, LIFE SKILLS
WOODSHOP, LIFE SKILLS, CREATIVITY & REAL-WORLD PROJECTS	For adults of all skill levels
FREE	FREE
Learn practical skills Use real tools Work on cool projects Connect & have fun	Learn new skills Use tools Connect with others
SESSION TIME 3.30pm – 4.30pm	SESSION TIMES 10.30am – 11.30am 1.00pm – 2.00pm
WHERE 2 Morrisby Street, Rosebery	WHERE 2 Morrisby Street, Rosebery

BUILD PROJECTS CONNECT WITH OTHERS | **HAVE FUN & BUILD CONFIDENCE** | **LEARN NEW SKILLS USE REAL TOOLS**

CALL OR TEXT DANIEL 0400 995 546 TO JOIN OR FIND OUT MORE! | **FIND, FOLLOW, SHARE US ON FACEBOOK** | **WWVP Certified**
Rosebery Heartwood Collective Network | Parents Welcome | All skill levels welcome

Show Society AGM and plans for the future

The Annual General Meeting of the Circular Head Show Society was held recently with Craig Dwyer returned as President while Kathy Monson was appointed Secretary/Treasurer expanding on the role of Treasurer from last year and relieving Sue Smedley of secretarial duties after a period of ten years.

Sue thanked Kathy for taking over the reins and the committee for their support and commitment to the Society.

In his annual report, the President remarked that at the forefront of the committee is the aim to provide a budget family day while providing an outlet for all things rural.

I believe we are the epitome of what a rural show entails and aims to showcase the country feel of Tasmania and allow visitors to get back to that rural feeling and appreciate what happens on the land and value the work producers put in to produce their food.

While the Society recorded a net deficit, it reflects the maintenance, repair and improvement of infrastructure that has

been ongoing over the last few years.

This year the cattle steward shed was upgraded, and new display boards were made for the Exhibition Hall.

The Treasurer reported the Society's strong asset position and healthy cash reserves continue to provide stability and place the organization in a good position to support future events, maintenance and improvements.

The Society was very appreciative of a State Government Agricultural Show Grant which enabled the Society to purchase three portable grandstands that were used to capacity in different areas most of the day.

The cost of providing entertainment and attractions for the day, particularly with the absence of side shows, has increased dramatically and so the decision was made reluctantly to increase the admission fee of children (5-14 years) to \$10 from \$8. A family ticket will still be available for \$40.

In addition to the usual exhibits, sheep dog trials were the first and complement-

ed sheep dog demonstrations by Pandara Kelpies and the dog high jump organized by the North Motton Rural Youth, both of which were very popular.

A new area to be expanded upon this year is Champion of Champions across three areas – sheaf tossing, shot putt and weight for distance. I

it is hoped that sports and other clubs may put in a team to compete against each other. The horse jumping competition was held over two days, which was very popular with all participants.

The Annual raffle was held again in conjunction with three other organisations – the Smithton and Rocky Cape Lions Clubs and the Circular Head Saints

Football Club.

Over \$100,000 has been raised since inception with thanks to major sponsors Temma Farm and Hammond Family in conjunction with Greenham Tas and Perry's Quality Meats plus other prize donors.

The President highlighted the support for the Show with over 100 sponsors and expressed the appreciation of the Society to each and every one. Similarly, without the many volunteers, exhibitors and patrons there would be no event.

The Society is looking forward to the 116th Circular Head Show on Saturday 28th November.



The map said mountain bike trail... The warning signs said adventure

You wanna feel alive? Proper alive. Heart smashing against your ribs, lungs full of clean mountain air, legs screaming, and views rolling forever into the wild west coast wilderness alive? Then get yourself onto the West Coast Tas MTB trails out of Silver City!

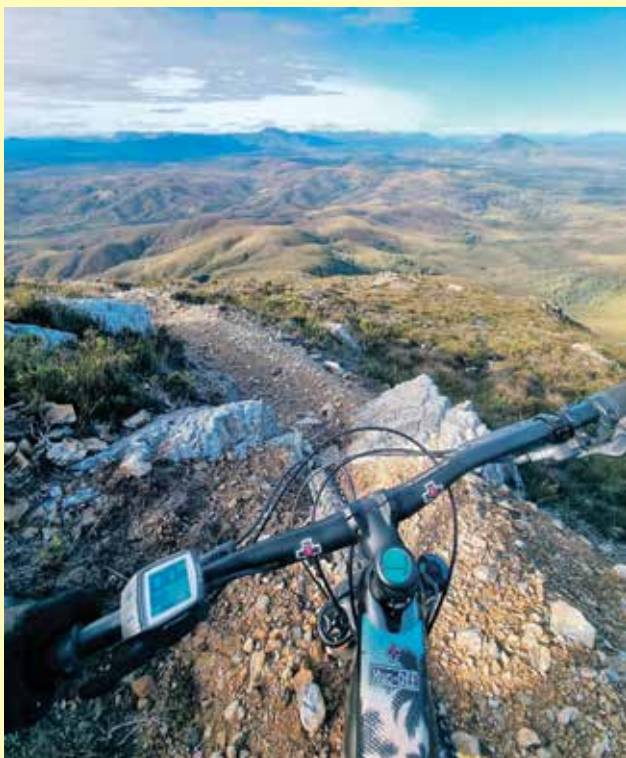
These trails are BRUTAL right now. Loose gravel, deep rutting, steep as hell climbs and full send descents that'll have your ass puckering harder than a Tasmanian winter but holy hell they are AWESOME!

For someone with bugger all MTB skill, I probably shouldn't be out here, specially solo on their Black Diamond - Stormsdown, trail. But stubbornness, guts and determination can apparently substitute for talent. Hats off to the guys and gals who smash these trails. One day I wanna grow up to be like you. And anyone on an analogue mountain bike doing this ascent, I bow to you... That's a long, hard grind.

Today I bagged Galena Peak AND cycled across the Heemskirk Range through some of the hardest ascents and wildest descents I've ever done. I'm still buzzing on adrenaline typing this. WOOOOHOOOOO!!!

Honestly shocked more mountain bikers aren't riding these trails, specially the ones with the skills for these trails. They're raw, rough, unpredictable and absolutely epic. Now, time for even more punishment.

One more sneaky climb before the



long run back into Zeehan all down hill.

Tasmania really does slap different
*-Lights Camera Adventure
Irene Adventurette*

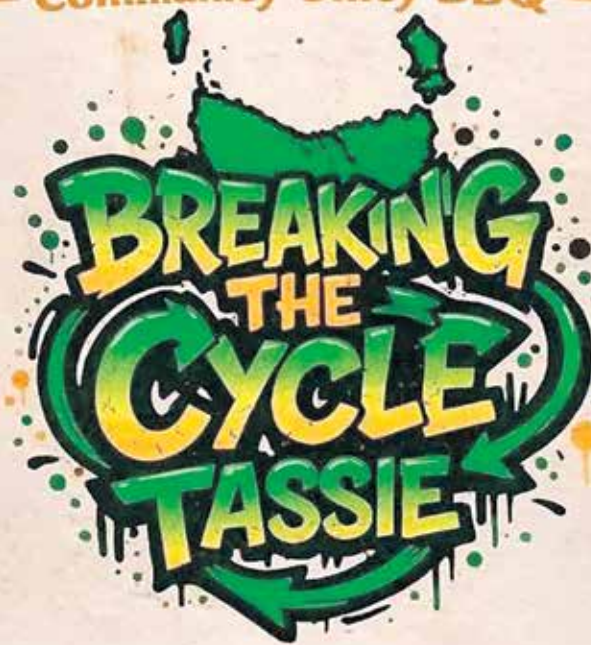


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Wynyard Yacht Club



We recently had the WYC Trivia night and Award Ceremony. It was a really fun way to wrap up the season. The trivia night was really good, with many people winning prizes. A lot of people came and participated. At the awards ceremony after the trivia night, a few people won awards, some for the first time ever. Jack Bishop, one of my friends, won an award for the very first time, as did Holly (another one of my friends) and Rory. Leon and I also won awards, as did Mitch and Maggie Atkinson. A few other people won awards, including Chris Symonds, our commodore, and Ella, along with a few others, but everyone, even the ones that didn't win awards, had fun. We had a couple of new sailors this year, but it was just a fantastic time for everyone to be happy for their friends, catch up with their friends, and have fun with their friends. A few teams won prizes in the trivia night, and everyone enjoyed it heaps. A few people brought in yummy snacks to eat, from TimTams to microwave popcorn, and everyone loved catching up with their

friends (yes, I know I've already said it) and possibly seeing them for the first time since sailing ended! Everyone had been super excited for the awards night, so it was great to have it and have a great time. We have had a fantastic season.
Michael Hughes



Ferry different in size

Some size comparison charts I made of the Bass Strait travelling ferries over the years.

Note that these are only a rough estimation for an idea of the differences in length and may not be entirely accurate.

Jessica from the Spirit of Tasmania Enthusiasts Group on Facebook



I thought some of you might find this of interest so I put it in the paper. Alan/Ed

The Beginning of the Age of the End of Abundance

2 Sustainable fashion

Annie Venables



For decades we have grown accustomed to a fashion industry built on constant consumption and ever-changing trends in fashion. Clothes have become cheaper (and quality poorer) and more are thrown away after just a few times use. Yet, like many of the conveniences of modern life, the true costs are often hidden from view.

A friend recently told me about the growing health and environmental concerns surrounding microplastics. Many modern garments are made from synthetic fibres derived from petroleum. The manufacture of these fabrics can be highly polluting, while the dyes used in mass production often involve chemicals that pose risks to both the environment and workers, particularly in countries with poor health and safety standards.

The problem does not end when we purchase the garment. Each time synthetic clothing is washed, tiny plastic fibres are released into waterways. Invisible to the naked eye, these particles accumulate in rivers, oceans, marine life and, increasingly, our own bodies. Researchers have now detected microplastics in human blood, lungs, liver tissue and even placentas. While the long-term health consequences are still being studied, concerns range from chronic inflammation to hormonal disruption and some believe it's a health time bomb.

Against this backdrop, I found myself thinking about the work of Tasmanian textile artist Aukje Boonstra. I first encountered her beautiful garments at an exhibition held by David Fitzpatrick at the Majestic in Queenstown celebrating copper in art. I bought two pieces then, attracted by their beauty and the rich co-

lours created using copper in the dyeing process. When Aukje returned to Queenstown recently for an exhibition, newly inspired to wear more natural fibres, I purchased two of her jackets that I loved at first sight.

What appeals to me about Aukje's work is that it offers a glimpse of a different way forward. Rather than producing new garments from raw materials, she transforms salvaged natural-fibre clothing into unique wearable art. Using native cherry, eucalyptus leaves, bark, seaweed and flowers, she creates dyes from plants gathered from the Tasmanian landscape. Thirty years after first experimenting with boiling plants and fabric together, she remains fascinated by the colours that emerge and how the addition of metals to the dyeing process e.g. copper, iron and rust can transform a yellow-green native cherry dye into bronze or deep forest green.

Perhaps most importantly, her work reminds us of the value of play and experimentation. There is no factory production line, no endless pursuit of growth, and no two garments are identical.

If the age of abundance is drawing to a close, perhaps the future of fashion has less to do with buying more clothes and more to do with valuing them differently; clothing that tells a story, lasts for years, and connects us more thoughtfully to the world around us. The ability to repair, repurpose and create beauty from what we already have may prove to be a form of abundance in its own right.

If you would like further information about Aukje or have stories to share, write to me at vikingfilms@bigpond.com. Thank you.

Wynyard and Districts Cricket Club

Congratulations to Urshula Poole!

The Cradle Coast Care Wynyard and Districts Cricket Club would like to congratulate Urshula Poole on her selection in the Cricket Tasmania Female Pathways Program Rookies Squad.

Urshula, now 15, is a product of the highly regarded South Australian high-performance pathway system, and we are incredibly pleased to have her as a valued member of the WDC family and our Senior Women's Squad. Despite her young age, Urshula has already demonstrated the skill, commitment, and maturity required to compete at a senior level.

Last season, she achieved the significant milestone of representing our Jackson Motor Company (JMC) First Grade Women and Cricket North West at senior level for the first time, continuing her development against quality opposition and earning the respect of teammates and coaches alike.

Selection in the Cricket Tasmania Pathways Program is a well-deserved recognition of Urshula's hard work and talent. We have no doubt that she has a

bright future ahead of her, and we look forward to supporting her continued development both at club level and within the state pathway system.



Congratulations, Urshula. Your WDC family is proud of you, and we wish you every success in the pre-season and season ahead.

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