



Download

FREE

WE MEANS COMMUNITY

EDITION 53 APRIL 9TH 2026

Doing it for the animals



First AWCI fundraiser a success
Story and photos on page 6

ADVERTISEMENT

My Office is open!

My Electorate Office is open to the Braddon community.

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



Anne Urquhart **MP**

Federal Member for Braddon

📍 Shop 9 Columar Court, 22 Wilmot Street, Burnie TAS 7320

✉ Anne.Urquhart.MP@aph.gov.au

☎ (03) 6431 1333

Authorised by A Urquhart, ALP, Shop 9 Columar Court, 22 Wilmot Street, Burnie TAS 7320



WESTERN ECHO

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

WE MEANS COMMUNITY

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

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

28 Goldie Street, Wynyard, Tasmania 7325 www.westernecho.news
All published material is published in good faith. 12,000 copies printed monthly.

Letters to the editor...

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

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

Love it or hate it - Daylight saving

Call me an optimist but when daylight saving ended last weekend it meant it is also a day closer to starting again. But why daylight saving? Where did it come from and why do we have it?

Daylight saving time (DST) was originally introduced in Australia during World War I (1917) and World War II (1942-1944) as a wartime measure to conserve fuel and energy, and to maximize daylight hours for productivity. It was permanently adopted by most states, starting with Tasmania in 1967, to allow for more evening leisure time.

Wartime Energy Conservation: During both World Wars, the federal government implemented DST to reduce the need for artificial lighting, thereby saving fuel and energy.

Extended Daylight Hours: The initiative was designed to extend natural daylight into the evening, supporting outdoor activities after work or school.

Permanent Adoption: Tasmania introduced it permanently in 1967, followed by NSW, VIC, SA, and the ACT in 1971-1972.

Regional Resistance: Initially, it faced strong opposition from rural and regional communities, leading to its repeal after both world wars before its final adoption in southern states.

Current State: It is now a permanent feature in NSW, VIC, SA, TAS, and the ACT, while WA, QLD, and the NT do not observe it.



West Coast Study Hub update for 2026

Welcome to 2026 from all of us at Study Hub West Coast, we have started off the year with a flourish. In January we ran our first ever G1, G8 and G9 course, which was well received.

In February we held a Snake Handling workshop, which saw 18 people go through and become certified Snake Catchers. A Working at heights course was held as well as great training sessions ran by West North West Working and Mas National called the Job ready program.

March is a big month for us with 1st Aid, our first Art workshop for the year and our very first Blacksmith workshop. We also held an open day with UTAS and TAS TAFE.

April will see a Maintain and Operate Chainsaw course. The Study Hub along with other West Coast groups will be running some programs for the Youth week in April so keep your eyes out. We will be running a Scavenger hunt with a twist; more information will be out late March.

We have welcomed 5 new students to the Hub so far this year, which is a great start. We have also welcomed the new Region-

al Learning Officer for the University of Tasmania. Dr Kylie Carman-Brown is based at the study Hub and is available to support all enrolled UTAS students, and anyone thinking about university study. If she can't help straight away, she will find the person in the university who can. Please get in contact with Kylie if you'd like to have a chat about learning on the west coast. Her mobile is 0475 302 916 or drop in to the study hub before 2pm every day except Wednesday. If those hours don't suit, she is happy to make an appointment for a better time.

We have started working on our Training Calendar for 2026 and are open to ideas or needs you or your business may have. If you want to learn more about how we can assist you in researching your study interests or guide you to the right resources, visit us at the Hub on Fredrick St, Zeehan or email info@studyhubwestcoast.com.au Keep an eye on our social media pages as we post what we have coming up on there.

We look forward to what 2026 will bring.

Western Echo 'Wendy'

I have been going for a lot of D.R.I.V.E.s. recently, backwards and forwards to Zeehan to see the rest of my family (the cats), and all over exploring the Northwest. I love it when dad reaches for my harness as it always means an adventure. I have been busy on my walks making more friends and even touched noses the other night with a dog that looked like a sausage haha. He was fun though and I hope to be going on puppy play dates very soon.

Dad said he is going to get me groomed as I am looking rather scruffy (especially when I stick my head out the window in the car) so that sounds pretty exciting too (whatever a 'groom' is).

I now have a spot in the window of the building so I can watch out and see what is happening, as well as say hi to all the other dogs and their humans. I will let you know more about the 'groomed' next month.



Woof to you all... Wendy

Labor

JOSH DOLEGA

Labor Senator for Tasmania



My office is here to help!

My Electorate Office can offer guidance with Government services, including:

- Medicare
- NDIS
- Aged Care
- Centrelink
- Veterans Affairs

✉ senator.dolega@aph.gov.au

📘 Senator Josh Dolega

☎ (03) 6423 1933

📍 1-3 Rooke St, Devonport, TAS 7310

📷 @senator.josh

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

Travel Tasmania for free!



Delivering major cost-of-living relief, Premier Jeremy Rockliff has announced Tasmanians will travel free on buses and ferries from tomorrow.

"We know the rising cost of fuel is impacting the family budget, and that's why we have again taken strong and decisive action to protect Tasmanians," Premier Rockliff said.

"We are stepping up to support Tasmanians when they need it most, delivering one of the state's most significant cost-of-living measures.

"Tasmanians are increasingly choosing to use public transport, with a 20% increase across the state in the last week.

"That's why from March 30, Tasmanians will not pay a cent on public bus routes, making buses more accessible and affordable for all.

"Tasmanians from all corners of our state will see real savings from this cost-of-living measure.

"We encourage Tasmanians to hop on a bus and travel for free, right around our

great State."

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Kerry Vincent, said our Liberal Government is delivering for Tasmania by taking strong action to ease the cost of living.

"Whether you're commuting to work, school, the supermarket, or for recreation, you can now travel for free on Tasmania's bus network and Derwent River Ferry," Minister Vincent said.

"Families are feeling the pinch, and this important cost of living measure will deliver real savings – for a student travelling to school on the bus and paying full fare, it's a \$20 saving each week.

"For an adult catching the bus from Dodges Ferry into Hobart for work each day, they'll be spending \$88 less a week than if they were paying the full fare.

"We know lots of people rely on public transport to travel from the regions into town. Now that they don't have to pay a cent, an adult doing a round trip from Bicheno to Hobart, paying the full fare, will be \$48 better off."

Free bus travel will run from March 30 until July 1, 2026. For someone travelling from Smithton to Burnie return, it's a savings of \$16 per trip. If you're in Queenstown and want to travel to Burnie you'll save \$24, Queenstown to Hobart will save you \$81.60 and Queenstown to Launceston is a saving of \$52. It's a significant savings.

For more information, visit <https://metrotas.com.au/>

Queenstown groups explore future of volunteering

Volunteering Tasmania recently connected with local volunteer involving organisations and community members during a Future of Volunteering Connection Pop-Up held at the Queenstown Library on Wednesday 11 March.

The informal drop-in session gave volunteer involving organisations the opportunity to speak directly with the Volunteering Tasmania team about the challenges and opportunities facing volunteering in the region.

Attendees were able to ask questions, share their experiences and access practical tools to help strengthen their volunteer programs.

Staff were also invited to the West Coast Council Spirit Awards Ceremony held at Queenstown Council Chambers held on Tuesday 10 March.

The awards celebrate the people, organisations and events that have made an outstanding contribution to the West Coast community. Local volunteer and Spirit Award winner Susan Pitt said volunteering was the heart of the West Coast Community. "So many people volunteer on the west coast and for multiple organisations," she said. "Volunteering brings our community together."

Staff also attended Politics in the Pub that evening having a chance to highlight the role volunteering plays in our community to the Premier, Deputy Premier and Liberal Party staff.

The pop-ups are part of a statewide tour designed to support volunteer involving organisations and build stronger community connections across Tasmania.

Volunteering Tasmania said these sessions were especially important in regional communities where volunteers played a vital role in keeping local services, events and programs running.

Other volunteer involving organisations interested in further training and networking opportunities are encour-



Volunteering Tasmania staff connect with local volunteer Susan Pitt (back right) Premier of Tasmania Jeremy Rockliff and Deputy Premier Guy Barnett.

aged to attend the Future of Volunteering Symposium in Launceston on 14 May.

More information about upcoming events and training opportunities is available at volunteeringtas.org.au



Annie Venables

Creating Death Care Leaders

The Australian Home Funeral Alliance, in conjunction with the Death Literacy Institute, are hosting this program seeks to build death literacy by engaging rural and regional communities in education that improves peoples well-being by empowering people to confidently navigate the death system.

What You'll Learn:

- ✓ How to have conversations about end of life;
- ✓ What is a home funeral - why might we want one;
- ✓ Redefining home funeral - death in nursing homes and hospitals;
- ✓ Planning a funeral;
- ✓ Death care at home- what does it look like;
- ✓ Being a death care leader.

Event Details:

2 May 2026
9am - 5pm

3 May 2026
10am - 4pm

West Coast New Beginnings Community Centre (former Senior Citizens Centre)
Driffield Street
Queenstown

Reserve Your Spot Now!



Contact Annie for further information:
vikingfilms@bigpond.com

STUDY CENTRE
CIRCULAR HEAD
Email - students@studycentrech.com.au
Phone - 0499 173 118

STUDY KING ISLAND
Email - learn@studyki.com.au
Phone - 0439 735 957

STUDY HUB WEST COAST
Email - info@studyhubwestcoast.com.au
Phone - 0491 205 400

Contact the Hub in your area for support and training
Learn and Study Local

Service Tasmania



Queenstown updated opening hours

From 13 April 2026, Queenstown service centre's opening hours will be changing.

Monday to Friday
9.30am to 4.30pm
(closed from 12.30-1pm)

1300 13 55 13 | service.tas.gov.au

St Francis Flexible School transforming education in Wynyard

A new and different educational option is coming to the North West Coast, with St Francis Flexible School, North West Campus set to open in Wynyard in 2027. Designed specifically for young people who may have experienced challenges in mainstream schooling, the campus will initially cater for young people in Years 7 to 10, before expanding to include Years 11 and 12 in 2028.

The school is built on a simple but powerful belief: every young person deserves to feel safe, valued and capable of success.

At St Francis, staff approach each young person with unconditional positive regard and apply a strength-based approach to learning and teaching, focusing on what young people can do and helping them build confidence, connection and purpose.

Head of Campus Gregg Sharman said the school has been created for young people who may feel disconnected from traditional schooling but still want to learn, grow, and prepare for the future.

"This school is for young people who need a fresh start," Mr Sharman said.

"It's about rebuilding relationships with education, developing practical skills, and creating pathways into employment, training, or further study."

For some young people, particularly those currently in Year 10, disrupted schooling has meant gaps in learning and confidence.

The new campus will provide an opportunity for some young people to repeat Year 10 in a supportive environment, strengthening their literacy, numeracy, wellbeing and employability skills before entering the workforce or continuing their education once they complete their schooling or reach the age of 18.

Learning at St Francis will often be hands-on and practical, with a strong focus on functional literacy and numeracy

alongside real-world experiences.

Young people will have opportunities to engage in areas such as construction and trades, small engines and automotive, outdoor education, music and media, visual arts, textiles and jewellery making, and digital technology, including coding and gaming.

Outdoor learning will play a significant role. Activities such as bushwalking, fishing, sailing, and mountain biking will help young people reconnect with the natural environment and with one another, while building resilience and teamwork.

There is also a strong emphasis on food and hospitality at the campus. Not only will young people be provided with three hot meals each day, there will be a genuine opportunity to engage with a teaching kitchen, building practical skills, developing confidence, and discovering a love of food. The menu will be varied and impressive, offering plenty of choice and ensuring that food becomes a central part of connection, wellbeing, and learning.

Young people will benefit from a shorter school day, with breakfast available from 9:00 am and three hot meals provided each day. On Fridays, young people will finish at 1:00 pm, recognising that for some young people, a full week of school can be demanding. This early finish provides an opportunity for rest, appointments, family time, or simply a chance to recharge, helping young people sustain their engagement in learning across the week. Uniforms will be available but optional, helping families reduce costs and barriers to participation.

The campus itself has been carefully designed with young people in mind. Classrooms and learning areas will be flexible and adaptable, including quiet spaces for small group work and individual learning. A significant amount of

thought has gone into the design of this new campus to ensure it is safe, welcoming, and responsive to the diverse needs of young people, helping them to feel comfortable, supported, and ready to learn.

The school will be based at 30 Austin Street, Wynyard, in the former Camara Hostel building, originally built in 1971. The site will undergo a complete transformation this year, breathing new life into a building with deep connections to the local community. The tender for the redevelopment project will be released on 13 April, with construction to follow, subject to Council approval.

A fleet of school vehicles will transport young people from Penguin through to

Circular Head and communities in between, and the school will explore every option to ensure that transport is not a barrier to attendance. The campus will also maintain a high adult-to-young-person ratio, with youth workers on site to provide strong social and emotional support and to help build a genuine sense of community. Applications for enrolment in 2027 are now open.

Families and young people can follow St Francis Flexible School North West Campus on Facebook (Search: St Francis North West) or contact the school directly to learn more about this exciting new opportunity for the region.

Email: wynyard@flexi.edu.au
Phone: 0456 566 784



Gregg Sharman and Ruth Forest on the new school campus

Beautifying the town of Rosebery - a journey from the heart

Six years ago, I had a simple idea — to beautify the main street of Rosebery. Today, seeing that vision come to life fills me with pride and gratitude. What began as small cuttings has, over time, grown into mature plantings that now bring colour, life, and a welcoming feel to our town for both locals and visitors.

This journey has not been a quick or easy one, and it would not have been possible without the generous financial support of the West Coast Council (WCC), MMG, and the Rosebery Neighbourhood House. Their belief in this project helped turn an idea into something real and lasting.

This year, the focus was on mulching around the barbecue area and the wine barrels along Agnes Street — an important task to protect the plants and keep the gardens healthy.

Two years ago, I managed this work largely on my own, with mulch kindly delivered close to the garden beds. This time, however, the circumstances were different, and I simply could not do it alone.

That is when something truly special

happened. A group of incredible people stepped forward.

Over five weekends, they gave their time, energy, and care to help mulch the gardens and complete a large planting of agapanthus, hebe, and bergenia. Their kindness and willingness to lend a hand is what community spirit is all about.

The town of Rosebery and I would like to sincerely thank these wonderful volunteers (and I hope I have not missed anyone): Collin Dawson, Michelle Everet, Shirley Peterson, Buck Buchanan, Justin, Liam and his dad, Jamie Millett, Gray Stride, Shane Manning, Toby Marshall.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to Tania Blake from the Neighbourhood House, who so generously kept everyone going with her delicious sandwiches.

To each and every one of you — thank you. Your support, generosity, and community spirit mean more than words can express. This project stands as a reflection of what can be achieved when people come together.

With sincere gratitude,
Evelyne Casteres



Burnie Sunrise Ocean Swim - take the plunge and connect!



I have always wondered about the sanity (or lack thereof), of those that jump into a freezing cold ocean at ridiculously early hours and the reasons behind it so I took a trip to Burnie to find out. I met the nicest bunch of people and spoke with the group's founder, Anastasiia Nikitina and asked her to write the story for me.
Alan/Ed

I am a GP with a special interest in lifestyle medicine. While my clinical focus is often on women in perimenopause and menopause, I support every patient (and I see people from all walks of life, any age or gender) who comes through my door using the skills I've developed over nearly 16 years of medical practice

across different parts of the world.

The Burnie Sunrise Ocean Swim group began in November 2024. At the time, I was looking for a different perspective in life — something that would push me outside of my comfort zone and bring people together in a meaningful way.

I had been interested in lifestyle medicine for many years, particularly in simple, powerful tools that support health and longevity beyond medication or surgery. Cold water exposure was one of those tools. I also came across a podcast about ocean swim groups in Ireland, where people meet regularly, swim together, and build long-term friendships. That idea stayed with me.

I remember thinking — why not Burnie? We have a beautiful coastline,

cold ocean water, and no similar group at the time.

Starting the group required courage. Walking into cold water is not easy — it still challenges me sometimes — but it becomes easier with support. I reached out to friends and colleagues, and after sharing the idea at a Christmas lunch at our clinic, I received incredible encouragement. A few people came to that very first swim, then a few more, and slowly it became a regular gathering.

From the beginning, I brought a thermos of hot tea to share after the swim. That simple ritual became one of the most important parts of the experience. People stayed, warmed their hands, and most importantly — connected. Conversations started, friendships formed, and a real sense of community developed.

In February 2025, I invited Burnie Mayor Teeny Brumby to join us. She embraced the idea wholeheartedly and began sharing our group on her social media. From that point, the group grew rapidly, I am deeply grateful to Teeny for bringing so much energy and positivity into our group's life.

Today, we have over 400 members, with around 20 to 40 people attending regularly twice a week. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:15am and Sundays at 7:00am at the Burnie waterfront, opposite the Foreshore Café. Anyone can join — all you need is a towel and a willingness to give it a go. We would advise to

join our Facebook group for regular updates on the swims.

The group has grown into something much bigger than I initially imagined. In June 2025, we held Burnie's first Winter Solstice Swim, with around 150 participants. This event was strongly supported and driven by Teeny Brumby, whose energy and enthusiasm made it possible.

Beyond swimming, we began organising regular bushwalks from July 2025. These often include a swim in a lake or waterfall, followed by sharing a meal together. The group continues to evolve — even inspiring others to start their own sunrise swim groups. For example, there one similar to ours developed in Wynyard who was started by one of our regular members Stephen Clarke.

What I've learned is this: the hardest part is the first step. It takes courage to enter cold water, but doing it in a group makes all the difference. You feel safer, more supported, and part of something bigger than yourself.

The Burnie Sunrise Ocean Swim is about more than cold water — it's about connection, courage, and community.

Anyone is always welcome to join us.
Dr Anastasiia Nikitina, GP (Lifestyle Medicine)

Who knows? After that chat and meeting just some of the group, I might just take the plunge myself one of these days.
Alan/Ed

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Upcoming Helicopter Survey

Bluestone Mines Tasmania JV will be conducting a helicopter survey across the greater Renison Mine area in late May and early June as part of an ongoing exploration program.

A low-level helicopter with a sensor hoop will be used to collect data on subsurface geology without ground disturbance. The sensor hoop will pass approximately 35-40m above the treetops. Standard helicopter noise will be heard as the aircraft passes.

The helicopter will use the Renison Mine site helipad and will not involve any ground access to private land. This survey is separate from the Tasmania-wide Government helicopter survey taking place during April.

The survey will be conducted by highly experienced pilots and technicians following strict Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) regulations.

Figure 1. Helicopter with sensor hoop to be used in Renison survey.



Figure 2. The area to be flown over for the survey.



Survey Details

Timing: Scheduled to begin on or around the end of May.

Duration: Approximately 7-9 days, subject to weather conditions.

Operating Hours: Daylight hours only (approx. 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM).

Aircraft: A low-flying helicopter towing a large circular sensor hoop below the aircraft.

For more information, please visit our website at bluestonetin.com.au or contact Esther Little on 6473 2518 or esther.little@bluestonetin.com.au.

DOING IT FOR THE ANIMALS

Photos by Alan Jennison

The 28th March saw the first Animal Welfare Centre Inc (AWCI) fundraiser held at the Zeehan football club and what great day it was.

The weather didn't help but also didn't stop over one hundred people turn out to support AWCI and enjoy a great days entertainment.

With artists like the Sheyana Band, Bully Hays, This Old Man and Moose on Dash, the footy club was rocking most of the day.

Add a magic act and balloon artist as well as kids games and entertainment and you had the perfect mix for a fundraiser. So, why run a fundraiser?

Not many people are actually aware of all that Kerrie Laffer does with AWCI, For years now, most mornings find Kerrie driving halfway to Rosebery, Queenstown and Strahan at 4.40am ish looking for injured wildlife from the night before.

She has had to put down hundreds of animals in that time (not a pleasant job at all) but, on the flip side has saved many, many animals from a slow death on the side of the road, she has rehabilitated and/or sent to the vet hundreds of animals, birds and even reptiles. All this is done at her expense and it takes its toll. One of the most important items this fundraiser is hoping to fund is one or two humidicribs to help the younger native animals and give them a better chance of survival.

This being AWCI's first fundraiser we are pleased to announce that over \$2000 was raised which should go a long way towards helping the animals of the West Coast. AWCI would like to thank all the sponsors both large and small, as without your support there would have been no fundraiser. Thank you to all the stallholders and many thanks also to the bands and artists, the volunteers and of course the event organiser, Lennie.

Most importantly we would like to thank all those that attended and made this a true day for 'Doing it for the animals'



Getting into sailing

Article written by WYC member Michael Hughes, age 10 years

I was about three when I was riding my bike past the Wynyard Yacht Club.

They were just starting, and me and my mum asked if we could go on a motorboat. They said yes, so we went on one of the RHIBS (motorboats) and watched the people sail.

We asked what time they were doing it next week, and we came back every week to go on the powerboat.

A while later, Chris Symonds, the wonderful commodore of the Wynyard Yacht Club, asked if I wanted to go out on his Hansa, a disability sailboat that does not capsize. I loved it, and so every week that I came after that I asked to sail on the sailboat with Chris Symonds.

As soon as I was old enough, I did the Tackers course, and my mum texted and emailed everyone that she knew with kids old enough to do Tackers so that they could sail with me.

I really enjoyed it, and soon enough I was sailing an Optimist (yep, another sailboat!) with my friends, and loving it.

Next, I did Tackers 2 and started sailing more on my own, but still in the Optimist, and I came every Saturday that I could.

Then, I did Tackers 3 and learnt to sail a Pacer with George, one of my friends, and Leon, (another one of my friends

that my mum recruited for Tackers!) and we all really enjoyed it.

I would always have the tiller, with Leon on the Main sheet (the rope that controls the big sail), and George on the Jib (the front sail).

I sailed that for a while, and did a bit of Sabot sailing (a sailboat similar to an Optimist, but with a less square front) when George wasn't there (which wasn't often!).

I was about 9 when I went along with my Dad to an Assistant Instructor course, and did everything that we had to do. I technically wasn't old enough to pass it, but I still went to the Tackers course and helped teach some of the Tackers kids (which I can't really say because some of them were as old as me!).

Me and my friend George got given a Sabot to co-own and we both love sailing it.

The Yacht club has had a really good season, with lots of growth and lots of people sailing all of the different boats, and some people (including me!) going down to the Royal Hobart Yacht Club to sail a Pacer (and a Keelboat) in the Youth Sail Green fleet.

Overall a really successful season with the McIntyre Cup and the Mirror Nationals at our club, plus lots of other great things!



Competing with Jess Andrewartha in the Mirror Class Championships at Wynyard in January 2026. They finished in second place overall.

A boy from Queenstown

Due out in April 2026 is Billy: A Boy from Queenstown, written by Sandra Stubbings.

The book tells the story of Billy Gadd, a Tasmanian World War I boy soldier.

It's not known how many under-aged Tasmanian lads signed on for the Great War, but Sandra Stubbings' great uncle Billy Gadd from Queenstown was one of them. He signed on in 1915 at just 16 years of age.

Just three years earlier Billy's father, Albert had been recognised as a national hero for his actions in the North Mount Lyell mining disaster. Sadly, Albert died in 1913, his death hastened due to the carbon monoxide poisoning he suffered during the rescue efforts.

This left his wife, Henrietta a widow with eight children to raise. Billy was the eldest and was barely 17 years old when he was killed, beside three of his 12th Battalion mates in the early hours of 14 April 1917 near Lagnicourt in the north of France. His short life was marked by hardship, commitment and courage.

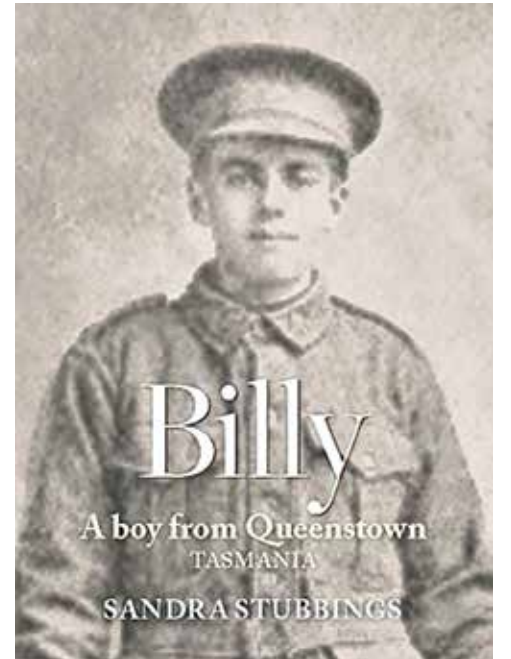
THE AUTHOR: Sandra Stubbings is a retired consultant, university administrator and secondary school teacher. Sandra holds a BA DipEd from the University of Queensland with a major in Australian history and literature. Billy – A Boy from Queenstown

will be her first published piece and possibly the first published story of a Tasmanian World War 1 boy soldier. Book signings and 'meet the author' sessions are taking place at:

Hobart Bookshop: 20 April, 5.30pm (author in conversation with Emeritus Professor Stefan Petrow)

Devonport Library/Devonport Book Shop: 23 April, 5.30pm (with host, Tim Gott)

Missing Tiger, Queenstown: 24 April, 6.00pm (with host, Rick Snell)



Circular Head CWA news

Circular Head CWA has started off the year with a celebration lunch for the 90th birthday of CWA in Tasmania. Our members enjoyed a great lunch and meeting at The Duck Pavillion. We also welcomed new member Tansy Dunn who recently moved to Circular Head. It is great to see new people willing to help serve our local community. We ran a very successful Easter Raffle valued at \$300 and won by a local lady Merrin Armstrong. We raised \$500 which will be donated to a local community group supporting older women who find themselves homeless as they are the growing demographic across our state. We have several projects on the agenda for this year including guest speakers throughout, knitted trauma teddies, baby bundles for disadvantaged new mums, support for older women experiencing homelessness, our State Conference in September,

and of course, the Stanley celebration of 200 years of European settlement in October. Our members will have an active part in the Stanley 200-year celebrations. Lynette Voss is creating a European pillow cover depicting many aspects of local history, wildlife and flora which will be donated to the Circular Head Museum afterward. Baby bundles consist of items necessary for newborns such as blankets, clothing, baby wipes and other toiletry items and are donated to new mums struggling to make ends meet. Our Northwestern Group co-ordinator, Lucy Murfett, will be attending our next meeting and we have a guest speaker on new mums in our community and the difficulties some new mums face.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th April in the Emmerton Park Clubhouse at 1pm and new members would be most welcome.



"I asked for help."

Carer Gateway's Tasmanian team provided free support and helped us access services.

Grace - Carer

Grace is a carer for her mum Rita, who has dementia. With Carer Gateway's support, Grace was able to access free coaching and counselling and connect with other carers through her local Peer Support Group.

Care2Serve is the local Tassie team connecting Tasmanian carers to Carer Gateway.

If you are a carer and would like help too, contact us.

Support is free, inclusive and confidential.

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





Strahan Waterfront Project Update

A community information session held on 19 March was attended by approximately thirty people, including members of the Strahan Waterfront Advisory Committee, West Coast Councillors and Council staff. Updates on key project matters were provided, including:

- Management and conclusion of the current construction contract and return of the site to the West Coast Council.
- Progression of the design consultancy for landscaping and placemaking services. Council will review these submissions as soon as possible.
- Design of the wall modifications, with draft designs to be provided for community feedback.
- Relocation of the fuel and railway carriage, with action progressing with the West Coast Wilderness Railway. A timeline is to be advised. Access arrangement for fuel relocation site was reviewed, and input has advised an amended option could be considered. This is progressing.
- Traffic modelling of the site access, including pedestrian interactions, has been discussed and revised designs are being prepared for the relocated fuel site at the Old Tassal Wharf location.
- Parking management of the precinct, with revised traffic management solutions for signage and guidance under way.

Following discussion at the information session, additional actions were noted:

- new traffic management signage will be implemented on the working port to advise the public about unauthorised access, with parking areas reserved for commercial wharf operators only.
- access options considering using the access south of the former Tassal building will be revised.
- a revised cleaning schedule for amenities will be investigated.
- odour concerns around the ventilation of the new amenities will be reviewed and reported back to the next meeting.

Strahan Waterfront Community Engagement Sessions:

BE INFORMED with project updates.

CONSULT on key project design features.



6pm, Thursday 16 April at the Gym & Multi-purpose Centre, Gaffney St, Strahan.



Keeping Your Contact Details Up To Date

Making sure your contact details are up to date with Council plays an important role in staying informed.

Council uses your contact details to help you stay in touch about things that matter to you – like rates notices, dog registrations, permits, accounts or services. If your details are out of date, you might miss important information without even realising it.

That can sometimes lead to unwanted surprises. Payments can be missed, deadlines can pass, and extra fees may apply – even if the notice was sent to an old address or email. Keeping your details current helps make sure information reaches you when you need it.

Keeping your details up to date is a simple step that helps ensure you stay informed, avoid unwanted surprises, and remain connected to what's happening in your local area.

How to update your contact details:

- www.westcoast.tas.gov.au Forms & Applications in the header and select *Update Contact Details form*
- Call Council or visit the Council Office in Queenstown

Community Conversations

We're bringing Council to the community.

Join your West Coast Councillors and staff for an informal Community Conversation.

This is an opportunity to share ideas, raise concerns, ask questions, and talk about what matters most to you and your community.

There's no formal agenda – just relaxed, face-to-face conversations designed to help Council better understand local priorities.

We're here to listen.

Everyone is welcome. No RSVP required. Catering provided.

Upcoming sessions:

TULLAH: 14 April, 6.30pm at the Community Hall

ROSEBERY: 12 May, 6.30pm at the Memorial Hall

Free Kerbside Collection

Twice a year West Coast Council offers a free kerbside collection for larger items.

The next collection will be held on Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 May.

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

Call 6471 4700

Email wcc@westcoast.tas.gov.au

Visit the Council Office at 11 Sticht Street, Queenstown

Complete the online form: QR CODE

The collection is a great way to:

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

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



Ross Walker's newly completed mural brings fresh colour to Hedley Faull Park, commissioned by the Queenstown Lions Club.

Property Value Changes: What They Mean for You

West Coast ratepayers are encouraged to take note of changes to property valuation adjustment factors.

Council conducts a full revaluation of all properties every six years. In between those revaluations, the Valuer-General's Office applies adjustment factors every two years to reflect changes in market conditions, based on property sales and rental data. The current adjustments are based on data collected between 2 October 2024 and 1 October 2025.

These adjustment factors are not set by West Coast Council. They are determined by the Valuer-General, with all councils in Tasmania going through this process.

How the adjustment factors work

Adjustment factors are applied to a property's valuation as at the last full revaluation date.

For rating purposes, the most significant figure is the Annual Assessed Value (AAV), which is what Council uses to calculate rates. Capital Improved Values are also adjusted but are not used to calculate rates.

In previous adjustment rounds, all West Coast properties were treated as a single group. This has changed in the 2026 adjustments, with Strahan and Zeehan now assessed as separate cohorts for vacant land.

What has changed in 2026?

For vacant land in Strahan and Zeehan, the new adjustment factors result in an overall decrease of around five per cent across residential, commercial, industrial and primary production land when compared with the previous settings.

For vacant land in the rest of the West Coast, residential land shows an overall increase of around five per cent, while commercial, industrial and primary production land generally decrease by around five per cent.

For properties with capital improvements, the main change is a 10 per cent increase to residential Annual Assessed Values, with commercial, industrial and primary production properties largely unchanged.

Overall, these changes are not expected to cause significant redistribution of rates across the municipality.

Where to find more information:

Information on rating adjustment factors and how to lodge an objection is available through the Valuer-General's Office: **Phone** 03 6165 4444 **Email** ovg@nre.tas.gov.au

Council encourages ratepayers seeking clarification to contact the Valuer-General's Office.

Ratepayers should also understand that any objection must be lodged now with the Valuer-General's Office, during the adjustment period, and not when rates notices are issued.

Your Councillors



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



Robert Butterfield, Deputy Mayor
Phone 0428 822 062
rbutterfield@westcoast.tas.gov.au



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



Annie McKay
AMcKay@westcoast.tas.gov.au



Dwayne Jordan • 0417349835
DJordan@westcoast.tas.gov.au



Vikki Iwanicki
VIwanicki@westcoast.tas.gov.au



Scott Stringer • 0408 109 502
ssstringer@westcoast.tas.gov.au



Liz Hamer • 0419389607
LHamer@westcoast.tas.gov.au



Lindsay Newman • 0418 368 708
Lnewman@westcoast.tas.gov.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS



2026

Tue 28 April
Tue 26 May
Tue 23 June

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

YOUTH WEEK



Council has worked with organisations from across the region to support the development of Youth Week activities across the West Coast in April.

For the full program and all the details go to: westcoast.tas.gov.au and click on *Youth Week* under *Recent News* on the homepage.

Pool season



The swimming pool season has been extended, with the Zeehan and Queenstown pools now closing for the season at 6pm on Sunday 12 April.

To celebrate a successful season entry will be free on the last day and local Lions Clubs will be hosting free BBQs at Zeehan from 12pm-2pm and in Queenstown from 4pm-6pm.

Our pools are heated so even if the weather is a bit chilly, the pool water is nice and warm. Both facilities are also fitted with Portable Aquatic Lifts – accessible pool hoists to support those with mobility needs. Pool staff can help those who need to use the hoist.

Safety first: Lifeguards are not babysitters. Children should always be actively supervised by an adult while in and around the pool.

West Coast Council office:

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

COUNCIL AGENCIES ARE LOCATED:

Rosebery District School

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

Strahan Post Office

Open Monday-Friday
10am-5.30pm during daylight savings
10am-5pm non-daylight savings
13 Esplanade Strahan
Phone: (03) 6471 7171

Zeehan Post Office

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

REMINDERS

3 APRIL
recycling collection Queenstown, Gormanston/Linda & Strahan

3 APRIL
Council Office closed

6 & 7 APRIL
Council office closed

10 APRIL
recycling collection Zeehan, Rosebery & Tullah

14 APRIL
Community Conversation Tullah

16 APRIL
Strahan Waterfront Community Information Session

25 APRIL – ANZAC Day

1-3 MAY
DIVERGE skyruns Queenstown

19-20 MAY
Free biannual kerbside collection

COME AND SEE US AT

DIVERGE SKYRUNS



12pm-4.30pm

Friday 1 May

Railway Reserve
Queenstown



WEST COAST TAS

Phone: 03 6472 6800
tourism@westcoast.gov.au
29 Esplanade, Strahan

westcoasttas.com
#westcoasttas

Congratulations Tasmania!



Tasmania has reached a major milestone, with more than 100 million containers returned through Recycle Rewards. That's 8000 times the height of Cradle Mountain.

To mark the milestone, we've launched a new impact calculator to help Tasmanians understand the difference their recycling really makes: **Impact Calculator - Recycle Rewards**

There's also a new dashboard that can keep you updated on how many containers have been returned, different material types, and more: **Dashboard - Recycle Rewards**.

Among the statistics:

- The North-West is the leading region by container returns per capita
- Waratah-Wynyard is the best performing LGA, followed by Derwent Valley, Devonport, Meander Valley and Sorell.
- West Coast has placed TWELFTH!
- To date, recycling through Recycle Rewards has saved carbon emissions equivalent to taking more than 8000 cars off the road; enough energy to power more than 1800 Tasmanian homes for a year; and enough water to fill 264 swimming pools!

Recycle REWARDS

Well done, Tassie!

Together, we've recycled **100 million** containers

That's enough to reach **8,000** times the height of Cradle Mountain. **Keep it up!**

Recycle Rewards aims to reduce litter and help build Australia's circular economy by turning your old drink containers into new drink containers, making a real difference to the environment.

Check out our impact calculator at RecycleRewards.com.au

Celebrating the trade that keeps Circular Head flowing

Under pressure on the international stage and with mere seconds separating victory from defeat, Tasmania has taken out top honours at the 2026 Water Industry Operations Association of Australia (WIOA) Tran-Tasman Water Main Tapping Competition.

TasWater's Wild West Tappers, Cameron Lusk and Lynden Thurston, delivered an incredible performance in a nail-biting final, stopping the clock at just 1 minute 20.72 seconds to be crowned champions against Kūmānu from Nelson, New Zealand.

The Water Main Tapping Competition is a highly regarded industry event that tests the precision, speed and technical expertise of operational crews who carry out live water main connections - a critical task that allows new services to be connected without shutting down water supply to customers.

Teams of two are required to safely complete a live tap on a pressurised 100mm pipe, installing all fittings to industry standards under strict rules and

safety requirements. Penalty times are applied for leaks, faults or incomplete installations, making accuracy just as important as speed.

TasWater General Manager Operations, Brendan Windmeyer said the win was a strong reflection of the skill and professionalism of TasWater's operational workforce.

"This is an outstanding achievement and a real credit to Cameron and Lynden, as well as the broader TasWater operations team," said Mr Windmeyer.

"Water main tapping is highly technical, safety-critical work carried out live on our network, and this result demonstrates the expertise, precision and pride our people bring to their roles every day."

The WIOA Water Main Tapping Competition was first introduced in the late 1980s and has evolved into a national and international event, with Australian state winners progressing to compete nationally and, ultimately, internationally against New Zealand.



WIOA Water Main Tapping Winners, Cameron Lusk and Lynden Thurston

Wyndarra news update

In recognition and celebrating the International Year of Volunteers, Wyndarra recently hosted a morning tea bringing old and new together. Some special moments shared reconnecting over morning tea.

Wyndarra recently had an official opening for the Specialist Disability Accommodation. This accommodation has been a long time in the making, but we are finally there. Thank you once again to the Circular Head and greater Tasmanian communities, individuals and businesses who contributed and supported the project. The Wyndarra Facebook has a great video clip of opening day.

Wyndarra received a welcoming announcement of additional Emergency Relief funding.

This funding continuation will ensure more individuals and families in Circular

Head can access essential support such as food parcels, supermarket and fuel vouchers, pharmacy assistance and other everyday necessities.

At Wyndarra, we are seeing increasing demand from people impacted by rising living costs. Emergency relief is often the first step in helping someone regain stability. It also allows Wyndarra to connect people with longer-term supports including housing services, financial counselling and wellbeing assistance.

We would like to sincerely thank Anne Urquhart MP, Federal Member for Bradon, for her continued advocacy and support of local service providers.

If you or someone you know requires assistance, please reach out to our team. Support is available through the on call service. Mon 1-4. Tues - Fri: 10:30am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 3:30pm



Bats in the Burnie bushlands



This was something a bit different so I went along to see what it was all about. It was fascinating, we didn't see many bats but we recorded a few. *Alan/Ed*

On 19th March 2026, an active bat call survey was carried out at Fernglade Reserve Southern Picnic Area, using 2 acoustic recorders connected to tablets (Echo Meter Touch 2 and 2 Pro) and conducted by Dr. Lisa Cawthen.

Two bat species were recorded during the survey, these were:

- *Chalinolobus gouldii* (Goulds wattled bat)
- *Falsistrellus tasmaniensis* (Eastern falsistrelle)
- *Vespadelus vulturnus* (Little forest bat)

Conditions were favourable for a bat survey (warm, no wind), so it was surprising how little bat activity was recorded compared to other sites in the north-west on subsequent nights.

This brings the total number of bat species recorded in the reserve to 5.

Bat species list to date:

- *Vespadelus regulus* (Southern forest bat) - Recorded Oct 2025 bat walk
- *Vespadelus darlingtoni* (Large forest bat) - Recorded Oct 2025 bat walk
- *Chalinolobus gouldii* (Goulds wattled bat)
- *Falsistrellus tasmaniensis* (Eastern falsistrelle)
- *Vespadelus vulturnus* (Little forest bat)

BAT CALL SONOGRAMS

Bat calls are picked up and recorded on sonograms like the one shown at right. The green 'emu' shaped lines are the actual call picked up by the instrument. This sonogram depicts the bat call sequence in full spectrum format for *Chalinolobus gouldii* (Goulds wattled bat)



Bringing death back home to the community

In the early years of the twentieth century, death in towns such as Queenstown was not hidden away, but met with quiet dignity inside the home. Long before the rise of modern funeral parlours, the care of the deceased rested largely in the hands of family and community.

When a death occurred, it was most often within the household itself. Curtains were drawn, mirrors covered, and clocks sometimes stopped—a lingering custom from Victorian times. News travelled quickly, and before long, women of the family, or a trusted local matron, would begin the solemn task of "laying out." The deceased was carefully washed, their eyes closed, and their body positioned with hands folded. They were dressed in a simple shroud or their best clothing—often what they wore to church. This intimate act was both duty and a final gesture of love.

For several days, the body remained in the home, usually in the front parlour. Friends, neighbours, and workmates came to pay their respects. These gatherings were not always silent; stories were shared, memories revisited, and the presence of the departed keenly felt

among the living.

The undertaker, often a local carpenter, played a practical role—building the coffin, arranging the horse-drawn hearse, and coordinating with the minister. Some still remember Harry Clarke, Queenstown's last undertaker, who was said to look people over as though measuring them for a coffin. On funeral days, shops closed and townspeople lined the streets as the hearse made its way along Orr Street.

In these close-knit communities, death was not distant or clinical, but a shared human experience.

Today, there is a growing movement to rediscover these traditions. In Queenstown this May, a two-day workshop, *Creating Death Care Leaders*, will invite locals to explore community-based approaches to death and dying.

Hosted by the Australian Home Funeral Alliance with the Death Literacy Institute, the program aims to build confidence and understanding around end-of-life care. Participants will learn how to have meaningful conversations, understand home funerals, and explore practical aspects of funeral planning.

Workshop leader Bec Lyons (www.solaceendoflife.com.au, www.ahfa.org.au) says the goal is simple: to help people better understand their choices, support one another, and approach death with greater confidence and care.

The sessions will be held on 2–3 May

at the West Coast New Beginnings Community Centre in Driffield Street. They are free of charge.

In many ways, the workshop reflects a return to older ways—where death is not removed from sight, but gently brought back into the care of the community.





Rosebery Mine

Community Newsletter

April 2026



Image: MMG Rosebery's 2026 Graduates

Welcoming our new Graduates

MMG is excited to welcome the 2026 Rosebery Mine graduate cohort, as they embark on their two-year program.

Lily Blacklow, Hamish Douglas, Bruce Wang, Rohit Menon, Drew Beatson and Sarath Gopi recently travelled to Melbourne for a week-long induction, which included sessions on MMG's values and behaviours, effective communication, and presentation skills - laying the groundwork for a rewarding career in the mining industry.

We look forward to seeing this talented group bring fresh perspectives and enthusiasm to our operations at Rosebery Mine.

Thinking about a career with MMG? Applications for our Graduate Program typically open in March each year. Visit our careers website to find out more.

Snake handling skills put to the test

It's not uncommon to see snakes around the local area. Recently, MMG Rosebery's Scott Hay was called out to one of our local schools to safely remove a large tiger snake.

To help ensure we continue to keep our people safe, we recently supported members of our Environment team to attend a snake handling course at the Study Hub West Coast.

As part of their roles, the team spend many hours working across the local area and regularly encounter wildlife in the field. Training like this helps ensure they have the knowledge and confidence to respond safely when these situations arise.



Backing the next generation of mining talent

MMG Rosebery is proud to continue its sponsorship of the AusIMM Tasmania Student Chapter in 2026.

In March, we joined more than 70 students in Hobart for the Chapter's latest event.

Our HR team was on hand to connect with attendees and share details about MMG's vacation and graduate programs, giving students a valuable insight into what a career with MMG could look like.

Careers Fair in Hobart

MMG Rosebery attended the Engineers Australia Careers Fair at the University of Tasmania's Hobart campus.

We engaged with dozens of students looking to pursue a career in the mining industry, explaining the opportunities available through both our vacation and graduate programs.

Sponsorship applications

Round one of MMG Rosebery's sponsorship program closes on 15 April.

For more information, please contact Jill Richardson - jill.richardson@mmg.com.

Under The Horizontal *with Tewkesbury Wharf*

In the autumn of 1877, the first prospecting teams to stake a claim on Tasmania's West Coast made their way back, as best they could, to civilisation. Donnelly and his men from the Great Western company perhaps fared the worst of the three teams. They arrived back in Waratah in such shabby condition, they were at first refused service at Hickson and Thrower's Waratah Hotel. Although, JR Scott, leader of an exploration party in the area at the time, unexpectedly died in his study not long after his return.

In due course their reports of all three would be published, giving details of their journeys through the wilderness, the prospects of their finds, their engagement with the other teams and recommendations. History records their movements and thoughts in a number of excellent books, and also a singular anomaly that occurred during the return of TB Moore's crew to New Norfolk via Lake St Clair.

Their journey through the bush was joined, briefly, by a dog. Then it leaves and the world moves on.

Where did the dog come from? No more than a dozen people were in the area, and none of them brought a dog. It's quite an odd thing, upon re-



T. B. Moore

flection. A delve into the database at Trove reveals that there were, in fact, six parties that set out for the West Coast during that first season.

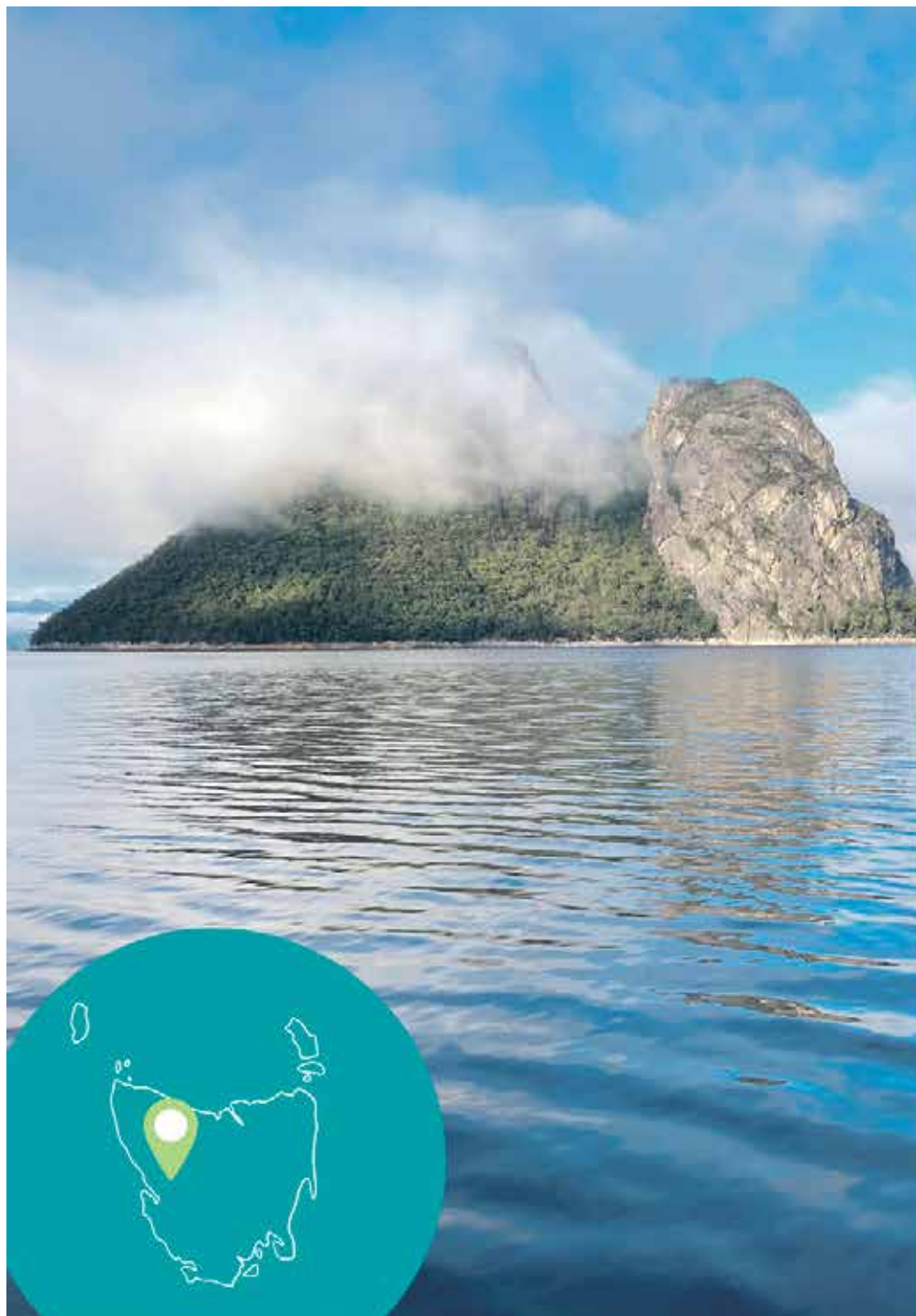
The fifth party, the Criterion Tin company, set sail in April 1877 for the Pieman River from Hobart and

failing to get into the river, they had to retreat to Port Davey, holing up for a while, and eventually returned to Hobart.

The sixth expedition comprised a Mr Richard Archer and son, who set out in May 1877 to have look at the new Mount Heemskirk claims and do a little prospecting of their own. Richard Archer's letter, published on the 26th January 1878, details their

trek into the Pieman River in May 1877. Undaunted by the lateness of the season, a carriage turnover on the tramway to Waratah that almost killed his son, and expressions from 'Long, Burke and Jones (Sprent's men) who said we were mad to start at that time year for the Pieman', they nevertheless trekked into wilds and generally had the best of it on the way in. They way out is a different story, and it all goes to hell in a handbasket. They cross Parsons Hood in a gale, they're on meagre rations already and he reports that the worst of it is that their dog had run off. He then adds that he'd since heard that the dog had taken up with Moore's party.

Richard Archer and son were the first people to use Sprent's track, and in doing so, nearly became its first tragedy. Most West Coasters would agree that walking into the Pieman region in May isn't the smartest move. However, the Archers survived and wrote about it. In doing so, they resolved the mystery of Moore's dog.



Explore the mighty West Coast

Lake Mackintosh is the perfect escape for camping, boating, and trout fishing.

Just a short drive from Tullah, this lakeside paradise is surrounded by stunning forest and mountain views.

Visit hydro.com.au to plan your trip!



BURNIE CITY COUNCIL

Meet the future leaders of Burnie

Burnie City Council is proud to introduce our new Burnie Youth Council leadership team for 2026.

As Youth Councillors, these inspiring young people will gain hands-on experience in local government, build leadership skills, connect with their community, and help shape projects that make a real difference.

A huge congratulations to each of you on being elected as leaders of your schools - we can't wait to see what you achieve!




3 million
Containers returned at Burnie Emu Bay refund point!




3 Million Containers Returned

Congratulations, Burnie! Since the launch of the Recycle Rewards program in May 2025, our community has returned an incredible 3 million containers at the Emu Bay Reverse Vending Machine (RVM).

That's an average of 9600 containers per day - and it's increasing!

Water Saved = 8 Aquatic centre pools being filled.

Carbon Emissions Saved = 245 Cars off the road for a year.

Energy Saved = 56 Tassies homes powered for a year.

Have you been returning your containers?

Find out your impact by following the link:

www.recyclerewards.com.au/dashboard/
www.recyclerewards.com.au/impact-calculator/

In 2027, Pataway/Burnie will mark 200 years since European settlement



Council and the Bicentenary Committee are beginning to plan activities and would love to hear your ideas on how we should mark the event. What experiences, ideas or activities would you like to see?

Share your thoughts by completing the short survey on Council's website:

www.burnie.tas.gov.au/Burnie200



Something exciting is coming to Cattley Street

In early March, Council will be installing a brand-new outdoor dining space (the size of one car space) at the front of The Chapel - bringing more life, energy, and alfresco vibes to Burnie.

This trial is part of the Burnie CBD Urban Plan, a strategy to revitalise our city, support local businesses, and create vibrant public spaces. Funded by the State Government, it's a big step toward new dining experiences across the city - and we can't wait to see it come to life!

To follow the Urban Plan updates, head to: www.burnie.tas.gov.au/UrbanPlan




Junkyard Beats - School Holiday Workshops at Burnie Arts

PLAY, CREATE, and GROOVE your way to an unforgettable experience



A Taste of Harmony in Burnie

Burnie City Council's Taste of Harmony event was a vibrant celebration of culture, community and connection on the foreshore. From the aroma of delicious multicultural dishes to the energy of live music and dance, the event brought people together to share in the rich diversity that makes our community so special.

With colourful performances, interactive activities and plenty of flavours to explore, it was a joyful day of discovering new traditions, meeting new faces and celebrating what unites us all.



Food, Feedback and Big Conversations

Burnie City Council's Food and Feedback event brought the community together for a relaxed and engaging day on the foreshore. With a free BBQ, live entertainment and plenty of family-friendly activities, it was the perfect setting to connect, share ideas and be part of shaping Burnie's future.

From chatting about exciting local projects to enjoying great food and atmosphere, the event created a welcoming space for the community to have their say, learn what's ahead, and feel part of the journey.



What's on at Burnie Arts

Burnie Arts is a cultural hub serving Burnie and NW Tasmania for performing arts, gallery, museum, events and functions.



Arts After Dark

Free live music in the Atrium from 5pm before and after each show.

Bar open, snacks available, Long Room foyer at your disposal. Just come and chill!

Wednesday 29 April 7 pm - 8 pm

The Other Side of Me - cutting edge First Nations Contemporary Dance from NT Dance Co. - Arts Theatre

Friday 1 May 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Burnie Beats - Dylan Boys Band - Town Hall

Wednesday 13 May 7:30 pm - 9 pm

Auto-Tune - raucous rock opera - Arts Theatre

Friday 19 June 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Water Mirror - "spell-binding" Taiko drums meets acrobatic dancers - Arts Theatre

For information on this and more - burniearts.net

ANZAC Day Services

There will be two ANZAC Day services on 25 April, and all are invited to attend.

Dawn Service - 6 am

The Dawn Service will be held at the Cenotaph, Burnie Park.

The Dawn Service March departs from Burnie RSL at 5.40 am with arrival at the Cenotaph at 5.55 am. For the Dawn Service, there is no return march from the Cenotaph to Burnie RSL.

Civic Service - 11 am

The Civic Service will be held at the Cenotaph, Burnie Park.

The Civic Service March departs from Burnie RSL at 10.40 am with arrival at the Cenotaph at 10.55 am. There will be a return Civic Service March departing at approximately 11.45 am from the Cenotaph for arrival at Burnie RSL at around Midday.

Parking

There will be no public parking available at the Burnie Cenotaph. Access to vehicles will be provided for drop off/pick up only. Please keep the area clear for official RSL/veterans vehicles only. Transport of Veterans.

Arrangements may be made for transport to be provided for veterans who are frail or have a disability by contacting the Burnie Sub-Branch of the RSL on 6431 3955.

For more information, including rolling road closures for Anzac Marches, or to lay a wreath at the service, please visit:

www.burnie.tas.gov.au/ANZAC-Day-Services

Lest we Forget.



Shorewell Playground Update

Exciting progress is underway, with key milestones now taking shape on site!

- Site clearing is complete
- Car park construction is set to begin in late April, with works staged through to sealing in June
- Excavation for pathways and play areas will kick off at the end of April, followed by concrete works and footpaths
- Installation of playground equipment is scheduled for early June
- Toilet facilities will be installed in June
- We're on track to open the site to the public in late July

To follow this project, head to: www.burnie.tas.gov.au/SPark



Final Concept design of the Main Play Area
Above insert: Main Rope Play Area

Save the date

Burnie City Market - Marine Plaza
First and third Saturday of each month - 10 am to 2 pm

Ridgley Community Market
Ridgley Community Hall
Saturday, 18 April
9 am to 1 pm

North West EcoFest
Camp Clayton, Ulverstone
Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 April
9 am to 4 pm

Family Fun Day at Ridgley
Football Club
Ridgley Recreation Ground
Sunday, 12 April
Gates open at 12 pm

ANZAC Day Services
Cenotaph, Burnie Park
Saturday, 25 April
6 am and 11 am

Burnie City Council Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, 28 April
7pm

For more info - burnie.tas.gov.au

HARMONY FESTIVAL A HIT FOR BURNIE

Photos by Alan Jennison

Sharing is what the Burnie City Council's 'Taste of Harmony' event is all about and this recent gathering showed just how people can come together and have a great time, regardless of race, creed, colour or differences.

The sights, the smells, the 'vibe', all ran together beautifully and showcased the diversity this amazing country of ours has to offer. With each of the featured countries bringing their own culture to an event like this is simply heartwarming and an amazing spectacle.

The traditional dancing, the food, the colours and most of all, the smiles, this was an event that should feature on everyone's calendar next year.

Alan/Ed



HARMONY FESTIVAL A HIT FOR BURNIE

Photos by Alan Jennison



Najma's Kitchen	
Taste the Tradition!	
MENU	
Regular Chicken Biryani	\$12
Chicken Biryani (Make it a Meal)	\$18
Extras	
• Raita	\$1
• Drinks	\$3
Sides	
• Khazir	\$5
• Kebabs	\$3

Boat Harbour Community Conversation: A Great Turnout!



It was fantastic to have members of the Boat Harbour Beach Surf Life Saving Club as well as local residents joining us for food and conversation. A big thank you to Seekers Bar & Café Boat Harbour Beach for hosting us!

We had 20 people attend and more than 30 topics discussed with our Councillors and Executive team.

Our next Community Conversation will be in Waratah:

- 15 April 2026
- 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
- Athenaeum Hall

Learn more:

<https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/community-events/community-conversations>

Temporary Road Closure: Mount Hicks Road

From Tuesday 28 April 2026, Mount Hicks Rd (between No. 1152 and No. 1182) will be temporarily closed for approximately 2 days. This closure is necessary to carry out urgent repairs to the drainage culvert beneath the road.

Please use an alternative route:

Detours are available via Nunns Rd through to the Murchison Highway.

We appreciate your understanding while these works are completed.

Sisters Beach Bridge renewal works to begin after Easter



We're preparing to begin renewal works on the Bridge Street bridge at Sisters Beach after Easter.

Works are scheduled to start from 21 April 2026 and are expected to take around two to three weeks, weather permitting. The renewal will improve the bridge's safety, reliability and long-term access for our community and visitors.

- Vehicle access will be maintained at all times
- Traffic will be reduced to one lane under traffic control during works
- Pedestrians should use the creek mouth pedestrian bridge where possible

More info:

<https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/news/sisters-beach-bridge-renewal>

Have Your Say: Future Ashes Interment Options

Waratah-Wynyard Council is seeking community feedback on future ashes interment options in Wynyard.

We're exploring whether there is interest in garden-style settings, including native and/or ornamental areas that are respectful, accessible and environmentally sensitive.

No decisions have been made at this stage. Community feedback will help inform future planning.

Have your say by completing the online survey before 29 April 2026.

<https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au>

Next Council Meeting

Held at Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard from 6pm. The next meeting dates are:

- Monday 27 April 2026
- Monday 18 May 2026
- Monday 22 June 2026

Visit our website for future meeting agenda documents and past minutes.

Harmony Day Photos 2026 - An Awesome Day!



Anzac Day Service Times

WARATAH

Dawn Service – 6:00am

- Waratah Cenotaph.
- Gunfire Breakfast – Following dawn service @ Bischoff Hotel

Main Service – 11:00am

- Waratah Cenotaph Assemble at Old Post Office 10:45am for march.
- Morning Tea – Following main service.

SOMERSET

Morning Service – 9:00am

- Somerset War Memorial, Bells Parade Assemble corner of Falmouth St & Somerset Parade 8:30am, march at 8:40am.
- Finger Food – From 9:30am – Somerset Surf Club
- Enquiries: Wynyard RSL Facebook page.

WYNYARD

Dawn Service – 6:00am

- Wynyard War Memorial, Gutteridge Gardens Assemble at Wynyard RSL 5:30am, march at 5:40am. Bus available for those not marching. Cemetery service to follow.
- Gunfire Breakfast From 6:45am – Wynyard RSL (Lions Club, small fee)

Mid-Morning Service – 11:00am

- Wynyard War Memorial, Gutteridge Gardens Assemble at Wynyard RSL 10:30am, march at 10:40am. Bus available. Cemetery service to follow.
- Lunch – From 12:00pm – Wynyard RSL (\$25 per meal)
- Enquiries: Wynyard RSL Facebook page
Lest we forget



Local business spotlight: Flowerdale Valley Dairies

We recently had the pleasure of visiting Flowerdale Valley Dairies—one of the many incredible local businesses that help make our community what it is.

Run by brothers Simon and Cameron Elphinstone, this family operation milks around 700 cows and produces 3.2 million litres of milk each year, supported by a small, dedicated team. It's a great reminder of the important role local businesses play in keeping our region strong—both economically and socially.

What really stood out was their focus on innovation and sustainability.

One of the most impressive innovations is their virtual fencing system. Each cow wears a lightweight, solar-powered collar, allowing them to be guided around the farm without physical fences—all controlled via mobile phone. This has helped:

- Reduce fuel and labour
- Improve safety on the farm
- Better manage pasture

Visits like this are a great opportunity for Council to connect with local businesses, hear their stories and better understand the challenges and opportunities they face.

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

EXPLORE WYNYARD

Wonders
of Wynyard

Exhibition & Visitor
Information Centre



HOME TO A
WORLD-CLASS
VETERAN CAR
COLLECTION

WHAT'S ON



KIDS ENTER
FREE

THIS APRIL

+ EXHIBITION
FROM LOCAL
ARTISTS

8 EXHIBITION LINK
WYNYARD

WONDERSOFWYNYARD.COM
03 6443 8330

History of Disney music spans decades

of the company and feature music from other franchises now represented by the Disney corporation such as Star Wars and the Beatles. As a special treat for the audience, this concert will be shared with the Ulverstone Municipal Band. Each band will present their own set of music and the concert will conclude with a joint set of music.

The concert will be performed in two venues - the Ulverstone Senior Citizens, 7pm April 18 and the Wynyard Bandrooms, 2pm April 19.

We hope you can join us!
Thomas Lamb - Music Director
Wynyard Concert Band
Ulverstone Municipal Band

Disney
IN CONCERT

Featuring
ULVERSTONE MUNICIPAL BAND & WYNYARD CONCERT BAND

SATURDAY, 18TH APRIL, 2026 - 7PM
 Ulverstone Senior Citizens
 King Edward St, Ulverstone
 TICKETS: AT THE DOOR | EVENTBRITE

SUNDAY, 19TH APRIL, 2026 - 2PM
 Wynyard Concert Band Rooms
 Johnson Pl, Wynyard
 TICKETS: AT THE DOOR

Tickets
\$10
 per person
 (per event)



The cleanest air in the world

For 50 years, the Kennaook / Cape Grim Baseline Air Pollution Station has been measuring some of the world's cleanest air. Because of this it carries invaluable information about changes in Earth's atmosphere.

This month marks 50 years of monitoring the world's cleanest air at the Kennaook / Cape Grim Baseline Air Pollution Station! Established in 1976, this remote windy Tasmanian cape is one of the few places on Earth where scientists can measure uncontaminated air, giving us an incredibly accurate picture of our global atmosphere and how it's changing.

Disease deadly for dogs

A deadly and highly contagious canine parvovirus has been detected across Tasmania's north-west and south, prompting urgent warnings from veterinarians.

Cases have been confirmed in Devonport, with further reports across southern Tasmania.

Forth Valley Veterinary Clinic and Animal Emergency Service Hobart say multiple infections are circulating. Parvovirus infection has been reported in dogs in northern Tasmania and has already resulted in the death of at least one valuable young working dog. Dr Bruce Jackson, consulting veterinarian, says producers should not underestimate the seriousness of the disease. "Parvovirus is one of the 'big three' killer diseases of dogs, along with distemper and canine infectious hepatitis," Bruce explained.

"It is incredibly tough, highly infectious and can survive in some environments for up to 12 months."

There are two forms of parvovirus disease. The most common is the gastro-enteritis form, while a rarer form, myocarditis (inflammation of the heart), affects young puppies and can cause sudden death. Myocarditis is less common, because most breeding bitches are vaccinated. Dogs affected by the gastro-enteritis form show rapid onset symptoms.

"They become depressed, stop eating, develop a fever, vomit and develop diarrhoea, which may contain mucus or blood and has a very strong foul smell," Bruce said. "They dehydrate rapidly and, if not treated adequately, can die."

The virus also suppresses the bone marrow, making affected dogs more vulnerable to secondary infections.

The incubation period can be as short as four days. Deaths are more common in dogs less than 12 months of age, particularly between 6 and 20 weeks, as

the passive immunity gained from their mother begins to wear off.

Importantly, parvovirus does not require direct dog-to-dog contact to spread.

"This virus infects through indirect contact," Bruce said. "You can carry it from one dog to another on your boots, clothing or vehicle tyres, even miles away."

Even dogs living exclusively on farms are not automatically protected.

"Hotel quarantine' will not necessarily protect your dog. Visitors, contractors or returning staff can unknowingly bring the virus onto a property."

Because the virus is so persistent, strong disinfectants such as chlorine-based products (bleach) are required to destroy it.

Vaccination remains the most effective protection.

"Antibodies from the mother may interfere

with vaccination in young pups," Bruce explained. "If parvovirus is actively spreading, it is best to vaccinate pups every 2-4 weeks from 6 to 16 weeks of age."

A single vaccination at 12 weeks may be effective in healthy pups, although many veterinarians recommend at least two vaccinations and a final dose at 16 weeks. Discussed booster frequency with your veterinarian.

The message to producers is clear: do not assume your working dogs are protected simply because they live on farm.

"Vaccination is the best means of protecting your dog," Bruce said. "Take advice from your vet."

Early recognition and prompt veterinary treatment can be lifesaving. If your dog shows signs of lethargy, vomiting or diarrhoea, seek veterinary advice immediately. Working dogs are essential members of many farming operations. Protecting them starts with prevention.

This article appeared in the AWI Extension TAS Newsletter March 2026.



Come along and join in the fun at playgroup!

Zeehan Playgroup
 Gardening & Sustainability
 Zeehan Connection Centre
 Monday 13th April
 10:30am - 12 noon

Rosebery Playgroup
 Fine motor fun
 Rosebery Memorial Hall
 Tuesday 14th April
 10:00am - 12 noon

Morning tea provided

Anglicare TAS, thrive group, PLAYGROUP

Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

A VERY WELL RESPECTED CITIZEN DIES FOLLOWING AN OPERATION

For almost five decades, beginning in 1897, J.S. Munro owned a store in Zeehan that sold groceries, mining equipment, explosives, and ironmongery. This store was on the corner of Main and Hurst streets, the site of the current hardware shop.

One of the early employees was William Henry Nobes, who was born in Launceston in 1879 and arrived in Zeehan in 1900 to work as a clerk for the firm. He held that position until 1906 when he became Chief Accountant, a role which he held until he died.

In October 1908 he married Miss May Cashman, and they had a son the following year.

He had not enjoyed good health for some months previously, and on the morning of Thursday, 13 June 1912, he informed his wife that he was feeling unwell. His wife advised him to go back to bed after eating breakfast. In the afternoon he became worse, and a doctor was called. Next morning Dr. Gilbert E. Butler recommended his removal to the Zeehan District Hospital, where it was found that he was suffering from appendicitis and pneumonia.

On Monday night he successfully passed through an operation for the former, performed by Doctor Butler and Doctor Alban Best, and for the next 24 hours he appeared to be improving, and it was hoped that he would recover. But after passing a satisfactory night on the Tuesday, his condition worsened, and he passed peacefully away at 1:55p.m. on

Wednesday afternoon. When it became known that he had passed away, the premises of J.S. Munro and Co.



were immediately closed, and business suspended for the day, and the flag flown at half-mast.

William's brother had arrived in Zeehan on Tuesday, and was constantly at his bedside until he died. His parents, William Henry and Elizabeth Nobes, of Moorina, (near Derby) arrived in Zeehan the day after his death.

William Nobes was of a kindly disposition, with a quiet and unassuming nature, and was very much respected by the residents of Zeehan. He had been member of the Zeehan branch of the Australian Natives' Association from its inauguration in 1900. He was an office holder from its

inception, being the secretary for a period of six months, and at the time of his death held the position of auditor. He was also a member of the Zeehan Freemasons' Lodge.

The funeral of William Nobes took place on the following Friday afternoon, June 21st. As a mark of respect J.S. Munro and Co. closed their doors from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. that day.

Shortly before 3 o'clock a large number of citizens gathered at his residence in Hurst street. The pall bearers, T. Davey, G. Rees, R. Sinclair, T. Stapleton, P. Cowling, and J. Gardner, conveyed the polished Huon pine coffin, covered with floral tributes, from the house to the hearse, and the cortege moved off punctually at the appointed hour. The chief mourners were the widow, his parents, and brother. Several very close friends of the deceased rode in the mourning coaches. Then followed members of the Zeehan Masonic Lodge and the Australian Natives' Association. Next came prominent professional and business men, and then members of the general public, making up a procession approximately [400 metres] long. As the cortege passed through the main business district every establishment was closed as a further mark of respect.

On arrival at the cemetery the Reverend G.E. Moore met the hearse, and the pall bearers conveyed the casket to the graveside. The Reverend read the Anglican service impressively, and many people present were visibly affected. Following that, the Reverend

C.C. Dugan, B.A., read the Masonic Order burial service and placed a symbolic apron upon the coffin, after which fellow Masons cast a customary spring of acacia into the grave.

Many people gave floral wreaths, including William's parents, brothers and sisters; his mother-in-law and sisters and brothers-in-law; Mr and Mrs J.S. Munro; Fellow Employees; the Masonic Lodge; Australian Natives' Association; Mr and Mrs Claude Moxon; Heemskirk District Friends; Mr and Mrs J.J. Walshe; Hon. A. Morrisby; Mr and Mrs T. Plummer; Mr and Mrs P.L. Andrews; Mr and Mrs Groves and sisters; Warden and Councillors of Zeehan Municipality; Mr and Mrs A.M. Reid and family; Mrs Ellison; Mr and Mrs Buckley; Nurses McGuinness and Sharp; Mr and Mrs J.C. Hinds; Mr and Mrs J. Hall; Mr Alan L. Marsh; C. Brumby and staff; Mr and Mrs Goldsmid; Mr and Mrs Percy Fowler; Misses Madge and Kathleen Hinds; Mr and Mrs J. Reynolds; Mr and Mrs Lipscombe and family; Mrs and Miss Welling; Misses M. Williams and Edwards; Employees W.T. York and Co.; Mr and Mrs A.C. Bertoli; Mr and Mrs L.A. Roberts; Mr and Mrs T. Phillipson; Mrs H. Cleaver and family; Mr and Mrs A.E. Bruce; Mr Banks Smith; Mr R. Koch, and Mr J. Smale. Today the gravesite is still evident but no headstone remains. This is an abridged excerpt taken from books edited by Malcolm Ready, Burials at the Zeehan General (Pioneer) Cemetery

Take time out for a paddle

The West Coast Paddle Club is based in Queenstown on the west coast of Tasmania.

We can be contacted through the West Coast Paddle Club Facebook page. On the west coast get in touch with Ollie Dexter on 0424 382531

We are a community of people keen to enjoy and explore the myriad of waterways on the west coast.

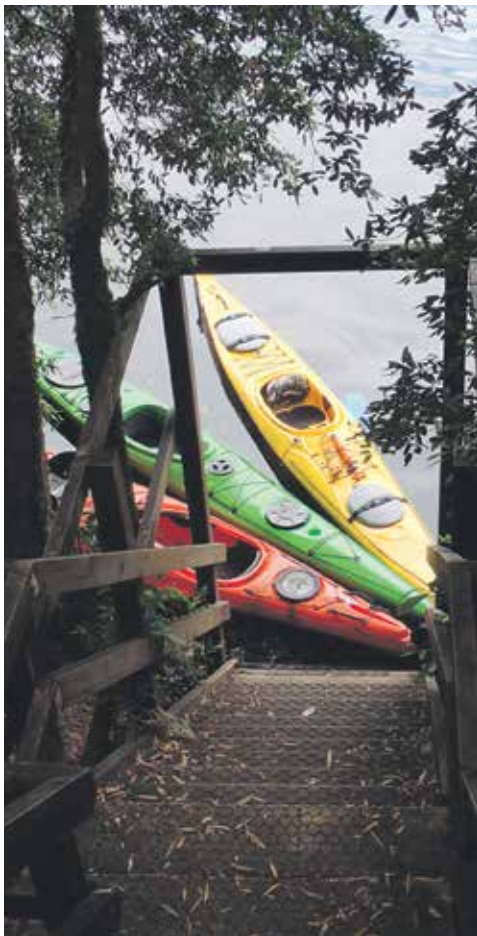
To this end we have occasional organised trips, a selection of canoes for both white water and flat water with paddles, decks and life jackets.

These are available free to members.

We are affiliated with both Paddle Tasmania and Paddle Australia.

This gives us access to training opportunities, competition events and member liability insurance.

For visitors to the west coast club membership offers a good value way to access both local knowledge and equipment for impromptu or planned excursions.





CIRCULAR HEAD Community News

School Holidays Program and Youth Week Activities (for young people aged 12+)

Youth Fest [FREE]

Smithton Wellbeing Indoor Recreation & Leisure, 110 Nelson Street Smithton
Friday 17 April 3:30pm to 6:30pm
Come along to Circular Head's annual celebration of young people at its new location!

Youth Week Tie-Dye Session [FREE]

Smithton Library
Wednesday 22 April 1:30pm to 2:30pm
Get creative, try something new, and celebrate Youth Week at the Library.

Trip to Burnie – Laser Tag & Movie

Burnie [\$20 p/p – Bookings limited]
Thursday 23 April 10am to 4pm
Enjoy a movie and some laser tag – numbers are limited so book early.

Paint & Fizz [FREE]

Trawmanna, 73 Mella Road Smithton
Monday 27 April 2pm to 4:30pm
Come and join CHAC in a Paint & Fizz. enjoy some soft drinks while painting artwork at your own pace.
Contact CHAC for more information (03) 6452 1287

School Holiday BBQ

Smithton Skate Park [FREE]
Friday 1 May 12pm to 2pm
Enjoy a free BBQ while you skate, scoot or ride around the skate park!

For more information on all these events check out Council's facebook page, website or call Kurtis on (03) 6452 4858 or Council on (03) 6452 4800.



Harmony in the Park brought our community together at West Esplanade as part of Harmony Week. With vibrant cultural performances, fun activities like face painting and henna, and plenty of delicious food to share, it was a great celebration of connection and the diversity that makes our community special.



CHArts Festival returns this Spring

The CHArts Festival is back, bringing a month-long celebration of arts, culture and heritage to Circular Head from 4 September to 4 October 2026.

Locals and visitors alike are invited to take part in a vibrant program of events, workshops, exhibitions and performances, all showcasing the creativity and stories that make our region unique.

Creatives from near and far are encouraged to get involved. If you have an idea for an event, workshop, exhibition or performance, now is the time to bring it to life and be part of this much-loved festival.

Expressions of interest are now open. To get involved, contact Amber at apower@circularhead.tas.gov.au

More details will be announced soon, but for now, mark your calendar and start planning.

Anzac Day Service Times

Circular Head

Saturday 25 April 2026

Smithton

Dawn Service – 6am
Main Service – 10:30am
ANZAC Park Smithton
Assemble in Emmett St near the Reject Store at 10am for commencement of march at 10:15am.

Stanley

Dawn Service – 6am
Godfrey's Beach
Main Service – 9am
Cenotaph
Assemble in Church St at 8:30am for commencement of march at 8:45am.

Marrawah

Dawn Service – 6am
Marrawah Cenotaph
Midday Service – assemble outside Marrawah Tavern at 12:15, march at 12:25. Service starts at 12:30pm

Community Catch-Ups



Mayor Gerard Blizzard and General Manager Paul Gardner are visiting communities across the municipality for informal Community Catch-Up sessions.

These relaxed gatherings give residents the chance to speak directly with Council's leaders about local issues, ideas or questions in a casual setting. There is no formal agenda, the conversation is guided by what matters most to community members.

Recent sessions have been held in Stanley and Forest, with more visits planned across the Circular Head municipality for the year.

No bookings are required, simply drop in during the advertised times below.

For more information or to share feedback, contact Council on: (03) 6452 4800 or council@circularhead.tas.gov.au

Next Catch-Ups:

Marrawah

Date: Friday 17 April 2026
Time: 12:30pm
Location: Marrawah Inn

Rocky Cape

Date: Friday 15 May 2026
Time: 2:30pm
Location: Rocky Cape Tavern

Smithton

Date: Friday 12 June 2026
Time: 10:30am
Location: Hugo's Brew N Chew

FIRST EDITION LAUNCHING IN APRIL



Sign up to our eNews

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



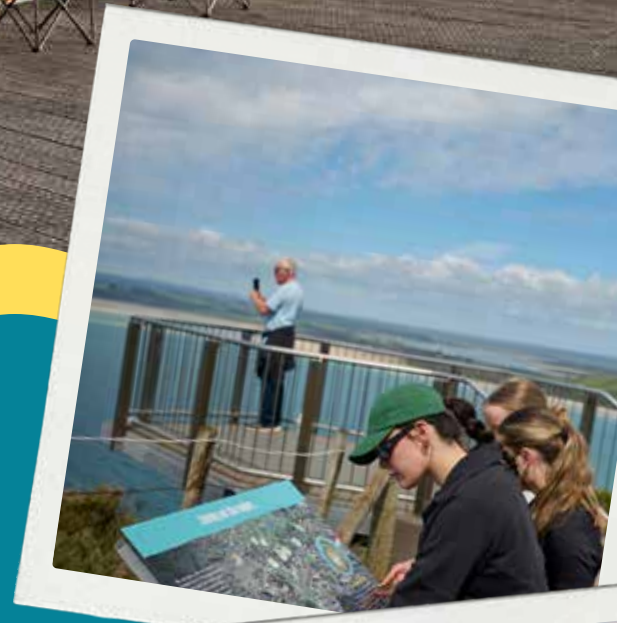
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Run your own event, host a workshop or exhibition!

There are lots of ways to be involved in this year's CHArts Festival.

It all starts on **Friday 4 September** with the Grand Opening

ENQUIRIES TO
apower@circularhead.tas.gov.au



School Holiday Fun

TASSIES FAR NORTH WEST



- ✔ Try something new maybe an oyster or two
- ✔ Explore the trails at Rocky Cape
- ✔ Climb the Stanley Nut or catch the chairlift up
- ✔ Try for a fish if you wish
- ✔ Children's University activities at the Duck River Pavilions
- ✔ Purchase one of the fungi, fern or poo flip books at the Smithton Visitor Centre and see what you can spot in the Tarkine
- ✔ Learn about the bees, taste the honey and play in the hive playground at Blue Hills Honey
- ✔ Book a tour with Arthur River Cruises and watch the sea eagles and visit the Edge of the World
- ✔ Go for a swim at Swirls indoor heated pool or take a dip at the beach if you want to be cool



6413 5333



www.stanleyandtarkine.com.au



Tales from Emmerton Park - meet the residents

My Story – Barry Bellinger



I was born at the old Smithton Hospital, delivered by Dr Packham, who looked after me throughout my life. I was a bouncing baby with lots of red curly hair. I grew up with three sisters and one brother, though sadly they have all passed away now. Mum worked hard to keep us all clean, fed, and cared for, while Dad worked on the farm.

The farm at South Forest is the only

home I ever really knew. I never imagined living anywhere else until I recently moved into Emmerton Park. It was a 1,000-acre farm, a mix of pasture and bush. In the early days we milked about 30 dairy cows. We separated the milk and sent the cream to the Duck River Butter Factory in Smithton, while the pigs got the rest.

We also worked with a bullock team back then. We would head out with a crosscut saw, cutting logs on the farm, then drag them to the road to be sent to Brittons Timber. It helped bring in extra money while also clearing land for pasture.

I went to Forest Area School, where some grades were mixed in those days. I was a pret-

ty good student and enjoyed most subjects, especially mathematics, which was my favourite. History, though, didn't interest me much.

After school, we kept ourselves busy with fishing and lobstering at Black River and sometimes Arthur River. We caught blackfish and big lobsters up to 10 pounds back then. Mum would stoke

the copper and cook them up, and we'd eat them with fresh bread she had baked. Those were good times.

I left school at 14 to work on the family farm, which suited me just fine. There was always plenty to do. On weekends, I played cricket and football for Forest. I played forward, kicking goals, and was lucky enough to win Best and Fairest a few times. It came at a cost though—I broke my nose, dislocated my shoulder, and lost a few teeth. The game was a lot rougher in those days.

I met my future wife, Maxine, at Forest. I liked her from the start. Her family had a garage there fixing cars and serving petrol. We married in 1963; I was 22 and Maxine was 18. We were married at the Forest Catholic Church and celebrated at the Forest Hall. I still remember seeing Maxine walk down the aisle, I had a big smile on my face and got the shivers. She looked beautiful.

We built a home just up the road on the family farm and raised our family there. We had five daughters—Kathy, Raelene, Patsy, Alison, and Lynne. The girls all helped out on the farm after school and on weekends, driving tractors and baling hay.

We also loved going to the races in Devonport. We'd dress up and make a real day of it.

Music became a big part of our lives too. Maxine was a talented piano player and often played at dances. Before long, we decided to form our own band "Bellinger's Old Time Dance Band." I learnt to play the drums, while Noel Stokes and

Brian Enniss played the accordion, and Wymer Hummel played the saxophone occasionally.

We had an old station wagon, and the drums fitted in perfectly. Every hall had a piano for Maxine, and we played up and down the Northwest Coast. Devonport on Fridays, Sulphur Creek on Saturdays, and everywhere in between. We played for anniversaries, balls, birthdays, and dances from Rocky Cape to Marrawah.

One night, we arrived at the Ulverstone Hall only to find the piano had keys missing. A couple of the boys went down to the local pub and borrowed theirs. We carried on and had a great night. We played together for 30 years, making enough to cover petrol and put a little aside for a rainy day.

Back on the farm, I bought a square hay baler and did baling work across Circular Head while still running the farm. By then we had around 110 dairy cows, which kept us very busy. Eventually, we gave up milking and moved into beef cattle. They were less work, though some were a bit cantankerous.

I remember one day when one of our daughters was helping muster cattle on horseback. One of the cows kicked the horse. I still don't know how she managed to stay on.

We had a wonderful life in Circular Head, surrounded by friends and family. We've been blessed with five children, thirteen grandchildren and a lifetime of memories. To me, there's no better place to call home.

Not all banks offer 100% offset on their home loans.

We're not all banks.

Our Complete Home Loan offers 100% offset on fixed and variable home loans. Which means you could own your home sooner.

Find out more. Search Bendigo Bank home loans.

 Community Bank · Smithton & Districts 03 6452 2465



Terms and conditions, fees, charges and lending criteria apply. All information including interest rate is subject to change without notice. Full details available on application. Full offset facility is available for Bendigo Complete Home Loan for both fixed and variable loans. Offset facility can only be linked to one loan at any one time. A maximum of 6 offset facilities can be linked per loan account. Linked offset facility must be in same customer name/number. Credit provided by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178 Australian Credit Licence 237879. (1728832-1767000) OUT_47248454, 24/09/2025

From Small Jam to Recording Studio Revival: Coast FM Volunteer Creates Safe Space for Musicians Amid War



Wynyard, Tasmania – A small grassroots music jam at earthsong Wynyard, organised by a dedicated Coast FM volunteer has blossomed into an international lifeline for musicians displaced by conflict, breathing new life into a long-dormant recording studio on Tasmania’s North-West coast.

What began as an intimate gathering at Coast FM has grown into something far more meaningful. Local musicians came together to jam and connect in a safe, welcoming space – and word quickly spread. Before long, attendees included four musicians from Israel, two from France, and a young man from England, all drawn to the event’s spirit of collaboration and creativity.

Kelli, a long-time presenter and board member at Coast FM, was so moved by the gathering that she personally offered to donate funds to reopen the station’s old recording studio. The facility, which had sat largely unused for years, is now being revived thanks to her determination.

“This is about giving musicians a real chance,” Kelli said. “Many have never had the opportunity to record professionally, and for those who can’t return home due to the war, music becomes even more vital – a way to connect, heal, and

be heard.”

Kelli first joined Coast FM more than 14 years ago. After a period away, she returned five years ago with renewed passion, determined to use her voice and platform to make music come alive in Tasmania. She has consistently championed local artists by featuring them on air and now, through this initiative, is extending that support to an international group.

The revived studio will provide emerging and displaced musicians with professional recording opportunities they might otherwise never access. For the visiting artists unable to return home, it offers a rare moment of stability and creative purpose in uncertain times.

Coast FM, a volunteer-driven community radio station broadcasting across Tasmania’s North-West coast from Wynyard, has long been a hub for local voices and music. Kelli’s efforts highlight the station’s ongoing role in fostering community connections that reach far beyond local shores.

Her work continues to demonstrate the power of grassroots radio and volunteer passion – turning a simple jam session into a beacon of hope and opportunity for musicians from around the world.

Big win for our local schools and young people

Council was successful in securing a State Government grant to directly invest back into our young people through the “Bet on Your Future” Youth Expo, taking place next week at Wynyard Yacht Club.

This is a huge win for our local schools and community — bringing students together with services, support and real-world skills to help them make confident choices about their future.

Mayor Mary Duniam recently visited local schools, Boat Harbour Primary School and Wynyard High School, both

of which will be attending the Expo, to celebrate this milestone.

Principals Sam Hayes (Boat Harbour Primary School) and Paul Harding (Wynyard High School) shared that the Youth Expo provides a valuable opportunity for students to engage with their community, connect with local service providers and build important social and networking skills.

We look forward to sharing the success of next week’s Youth Expo!

This Youth Week Expo is supported by the Tasmanian Government.



Pictured above with Mayor Mary are the Year 6 Student Representative Committee (SRC) leadership team from Boat Harbour Primary School, alongside their principal Sam Hayes, and Year 7 students from Wynyard High School with their principal Paul Harding below.



Grant funds to repair church ahead of Stanley Bicentenary

The Stanley Discovery Museum has been successful in receiving grant funding from the Tasmania Government’s Built Heritage Grants Scheme 2025-26 for the repair of St Paul’s Church project. This very welcome funding will enable the exterior of the approximate 150-year-old weatherboard Church to be repaired and painted in time for Stanley’s Bicentenary activities over the weekend 31st October to 2nd November.

St Paul’s Church, which is adjacent to the Museum Hall, is part of the Museum experience and houses three beautiful stained-glass windows. The entire property has been owned by the community since 2021 when the State Liberal Government provided funding for the pur-

chase from the Anglican Diocese. The Museum Hall was refurbished in 2023.

The original St Paul’s Church was of stone construction but was replaced in 1887 by the current weatherboard building while the Hall was constructed in 1892. “It will be great to have both these heritage buildings looking magnificent for Stanley’s Bicentenary and preserved for future generations” said Sue Smedley, President of the Stanley Discovery Museum. “The Museum was founded in 1973 and has been entirely run by volunteers since that time. A commemorative garden is also planned for the Museum grounds.”

A sub-committee of the Museum has been formed to organize events for the

Bicentenary. This will include a Family Day at the Stanley Recreation Ground on Saturday with a parade of floats by any group or individuals who would like to be involved to be the main attraction. This could include people/children dressed in period costume, vintage vehicles, decorated bikes, open to your imagination. There will also be an Open Day at Highfield property, the site of the founding settlement, on Sunday where families can gather with guest speakers throughout the day. The Museum will also have some exciting publications being launched and be open all weekend.

The Stanley Town Hall will be hosting the film “The Light Between Oceans” which was filmed in Stanley on Friday

night while a Bush Dance will be held on Saturday night.

For enquiries contact stanleydiscoverymuseum@gmail.com and follow Stanley Discovery Museum Facebook for details.



Soroptimists Circular Head Highlighting Period Poverty and Women's Health



Soroptimist International of Circular Head continues to make a meaningful impact both locally and globally, with a strong focus on reducing period poverty and improving education around girls' and women's health.

The volunteer group has been actively supporting Share the Dignity, contributing essential sanitary products to help women and girls in the Circular Head community who may otherwise go without. Through donation drives and local collection points, including at Smithton Woolworths, the initiative ensures that basic items like pads, tampons and period products are accessible to those doing it tough.

Period poverty remains a largely hidden issue in Australia, affecting individuals experiencing financial hardship, homelessness or domestic violence. Without access to essential products, many women and girls face challenges

that impact their confidence, health and ability to fully participate in daily life.

Circular Head has a Share the Dignity vending machine at the Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation's Health Centre and products can be accessed during their opening hours.

The efforts of Soroptimists International of Circular Head extend well beyond the local community. In 2025, the club also supported the AFRIPads program, an international initiative working to improve menstrual health and reduce barriers to education for girls in developing countries. AFRIPads provides sustainable, reusable menstrual products, education and facilitator training, helping ensure girls can stay in school and continue their education.

What began as a simple response to a clear need has grown into a global movement, with AFRIPads now reaching millions of women and girls across Africa and the Middle East, while also creating employment opportunities in local communities.

For Soroptimist International of Circular Head, these initiatives reflect their broader commitment to supporting women and girls at every stage of life — from ensuring access to basic hygiene products, to advocating for education, health and equality. Through local action and global awareness, the group continues to demonstrate how community-driven efforts can create lasting, positive change.

Somerset girls excel at Goblins EV event

Continuing our highlights from the Devonport Goblins event at the Devonport Motor Show, we're proud to celebrate the incredible Somerset Chargers — an all-girls team from Somerset Primary School who continue to set the standard in Greenpower Australia. Back-to-back champions

Wearing the iconic #1, Somerset entered the event as the reigning 2025 Greenpower Australia National Champions — and they delivered once again.

Their results across the day highlight remarkable consistency:

2nd – Slalom

2nd – Sprint

2nd – Pit Stop Challenge

4th – Drag (missing the podium by just 0.01 seconds!)

This consistency earned them:

Overall Winner – Devonport Goblins 2026

An outstanding achievement — giving Somerset an incredible 2 from 2 record in Greenpower Australia Goblin events.

Leading the way in STEM

The Somerset Chargers are a powerful example of what's possible when students are given the opportunity to engage deeply in STEM.

As an all-girls team, they continue to inspire and lead — demonstrating skill, teamwork and confidence at the highest level.

GreenSTEM Education has been proud to support STEM initiatives at Somerset Primary School over a number of years, including:

- Heavily subsidised access to Greenpower

- Participation in FIRST LEGO League

- Supporting access to broader STEM opportunities

This sustained investment is clearly paying off in the strength and success of this team and broader STEM engagement and achievements at SPS.

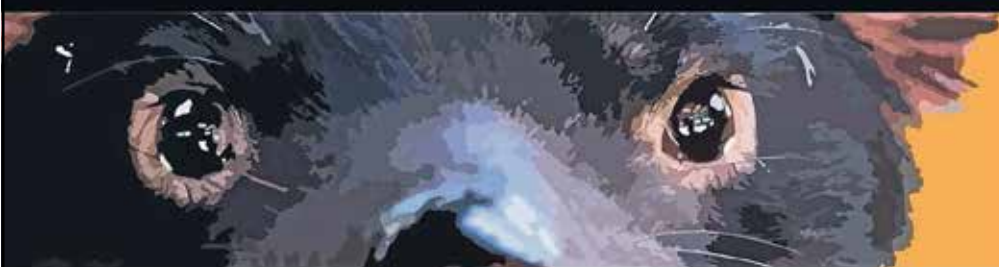
A huge congratulations to all students involved, and to their inspiring STEM educator Brett Mullins, whose leadership continues to make a significant and transformative impact for all young people he teaches.

We're excited to see Somerset back on track at future Greenpower Australia events — and hopefully with even more Goblins joining the grid soon!

GreenSTEM Education



**PSSST!
WE'RE WATCHING...**



SO ARE THEY.

**ILLEGAL
DUMPING**

Rubbish dumped in the bush can cause injury, starvation and death to our native animals.

Help us stamp out illegal dumping by reporting dumping activity at:

<https://rubbish.epa.tas.gov.au/>

**DON'T MAKE TASSIES
WILDLIFE WATCH YOU
DO YOUR
NASTY BUSINESS.**

cradle coast
waste management group

Tasmanian
Government

WESTERN ECHO PUZZLE PAGE

SWAMP



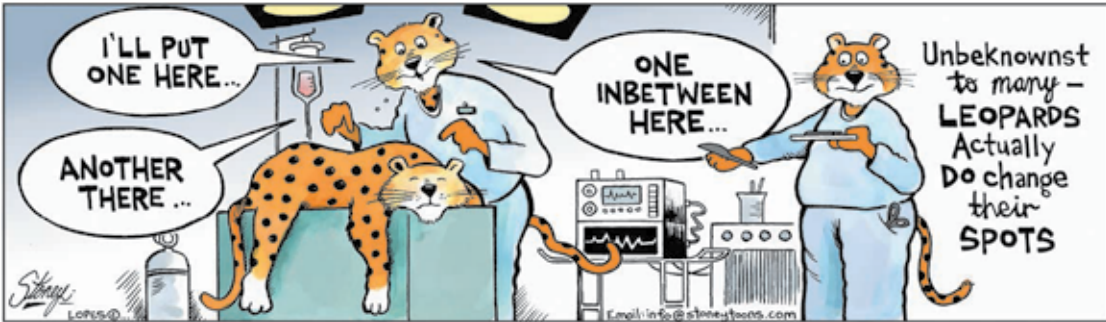
BEYOND THE BLACK STUMP



CLANCY



INSANITY STREAK



AGAINST THE GRAIN



JUMBLE No. 698

R	A	S
E	H	E
V	T	R

TODAY'S TARGET
 15 Words **Good**
 19 Words **Very Good**
 24 Words **Excellent**
 29 Words **Genius**

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

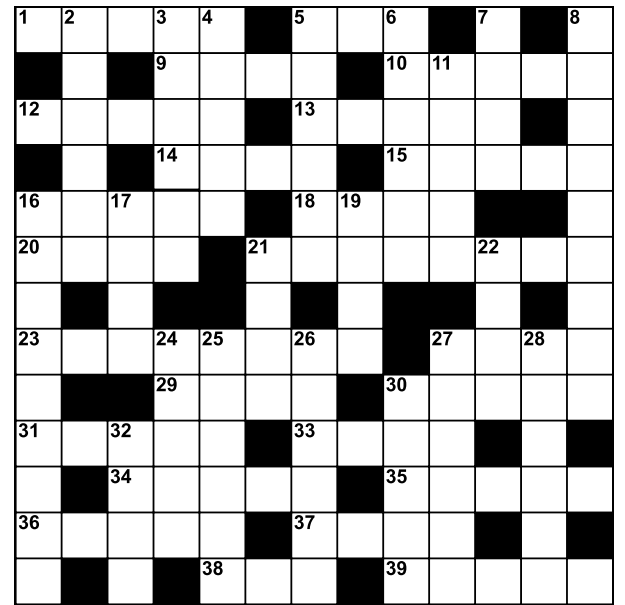
SUDOKU No. 019

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

CROSSWORD No. 10867

ACROSS

- Marine growth
- Knight's title
- Symbol of office
- Show emotion (coll)
- Heathen
- Fierce feline
- Keen relish
- Articles
- Has fondness for
- Crippled
- Dry
- Support for a column
- Conjectures
- Wrongdoings
- Extremities
- Acting parts
- Cricket trophy
- Implement
- To one side
- Hackneyed
- Did wrong
- Poem of heroism
- Tree
- At no time



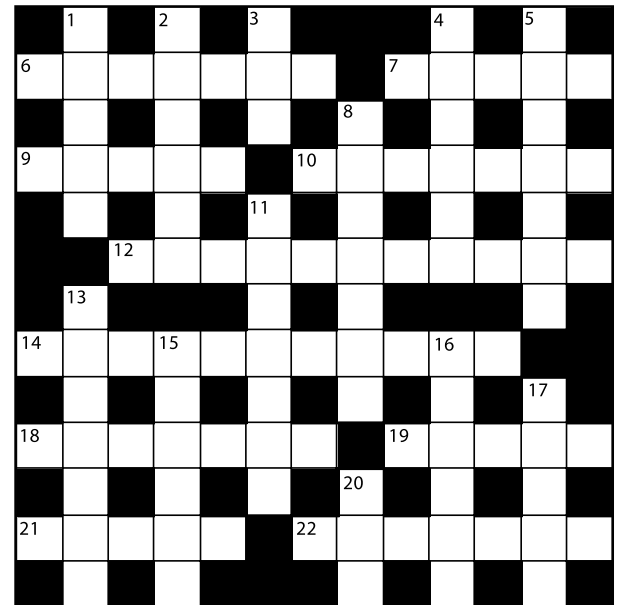
DOWN

- Public speaker
- Astounded
- Narrow ways
- Become established
- Administration
- Innermost part
- Without good sense
- Limiting marks
- Split into thin layers
- Passport endorsement
- Says further
- Body of water
- Work hard
- Farm birds
- Interior
- High regard
- Comfort in sorrow
- Nullify
- Bird
- Stringed instrument

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16518

ACROSS

- As worn in court (7)
- Inhuman lucre (5)
- You and I are about to strike, being quite innocent (5)
- The French team study this dictionary (7)
- Spy's recent stage failure (6,5)
- Don't go on - hit out at lack of employment (7,2,2)
- Unfortunate men in obscurity in the country (7)
- Doctor to compete in film production (5)
- Be in harmony again in declining years (5)
- Bet earnings taken by Communist (7)



DOWN

- Cathy's craft (5)
- Twice set out to fly (6)
- Deceive a child (3)
- Court work is irksome (6)
- Tied up again as a reaction to emotion? (7)
- He left the rented property with a will (7)
- A store of corny gatherings? (7)
- Alien upset gin in the front (7)
- Obstruct movement of picnic basket (6)
- Doctor in charge of herdsman (6)
- Strength of wines (5)
- Used to be a made-up cutting tool (3)

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

Crossword No. 10866

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

Sudoku No. 018

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

Cryptic No. 16517

Across: 1 Pedestrian; 7 Hover; 8 Tooting; 10 Aldermen; 11 Wino; 13 Willow; 15 Target; 17 Trap; 18 Sit tight; 21 Redwood; 22 Osier; 23 Ornamental.

Down: 1 Paved; 2 Darkroom; 3 Sateen; 4 Rood; 5 Abiding; 6 Shearwater; 9 Ghost story; 12 Last post; 14 Leander; 16 Fiddle; 19 Grill; 20 Sofa.

Jumble 697

biotic bots cist city comity cost cyst mist misty mitis moist most mystic omit otic sitcom stoic SYMBIOTIC toby tomb

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>



BOOK YOUR STALL NOW!
 call Robyn 0428 466 445

April 12
 May 10
 Mother's Day Market

Wanted to buy
Heritage plants, trees
(for cuttings) & bulbs
in/from gardens of old
1800s-1900s houses / farms
/ ruins or old graveyards.
Contact: Gage Kidd
gagekidd@outlook.com

Strahan
 Speech Pathology, Occupational
 Therapy, Podiatry

Benefit from in person, continuity of care.
 Appointments available for NDIS and private patients
 including paediatrics

Ochre Medical Centre - 3 Bay Street, Strahan
 For appts scan the QR code or go to our website and
 click 'Book Online'

Melbourne@fly2health.com.au
 0430 315 039
www.fly2health.com.au
 @fly2health



ZEEHAN SERVICE TIMES

SATURDAY 25 APRIL

DAWN SERVICE	MAIN SERVICE
5:45am Assemble at Central Hotel (across from Post Office)	10:30am Assemble at Hotel Cecil
5:55am Step Off, march to cenotaph at Zeehan RSL	10:45am Step Off, march to cenotaph at Zeehan RSL
6:00am Service commences followed by hot breakfast with traditional gunfire rum & milk	11:00am Service commences followed by a light lunch & refreshments
BREAKFAST Donations towards the breakfast welcome, Nardia Reader on 0448 375 351	WREATHS If anyone wishes to lay a wreath at either service please contact Michelle Walker on 0419 393 044



Rosebery District School Association

KIDS CLUB

GOLD COIN DONATION
 LOCATION: RDS
 TIME: 3.30-4.30PM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
 ART/CRAFT, SPORTS, BOOT CAMP
 JUST DANCE, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
 + MORE

THURSDAY 7 MAY 2026
 THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026
 THURSDAY 21 MAY 2026
 THURSDAY 28 MAY 2026
 THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026
 THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2026
 THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2026
 THURSDAY 2 JULY 2026

ALL ROSEBERY + TULLAH CHILDREN AGE 4-16 WELCOME!
 REGISTRATION OF CHILD/REN
 MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO MON 20TH APRIL TO SECURE A SPOT
 AND ENSURE ADEQUATE SUPERVISION
 REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM RDS FRONT OFFICE



Tullah Service

March leaves old service station at 2:50pm.
 3pm at Wee Georgie Wood
 Afternoon tea and 2 Up at the
 Tullah Tavern after service.

ANZAC Day
Lest we forget

2026

ANZAC Biscuit Competition - have entries with your contact details at the Tullah Tavern



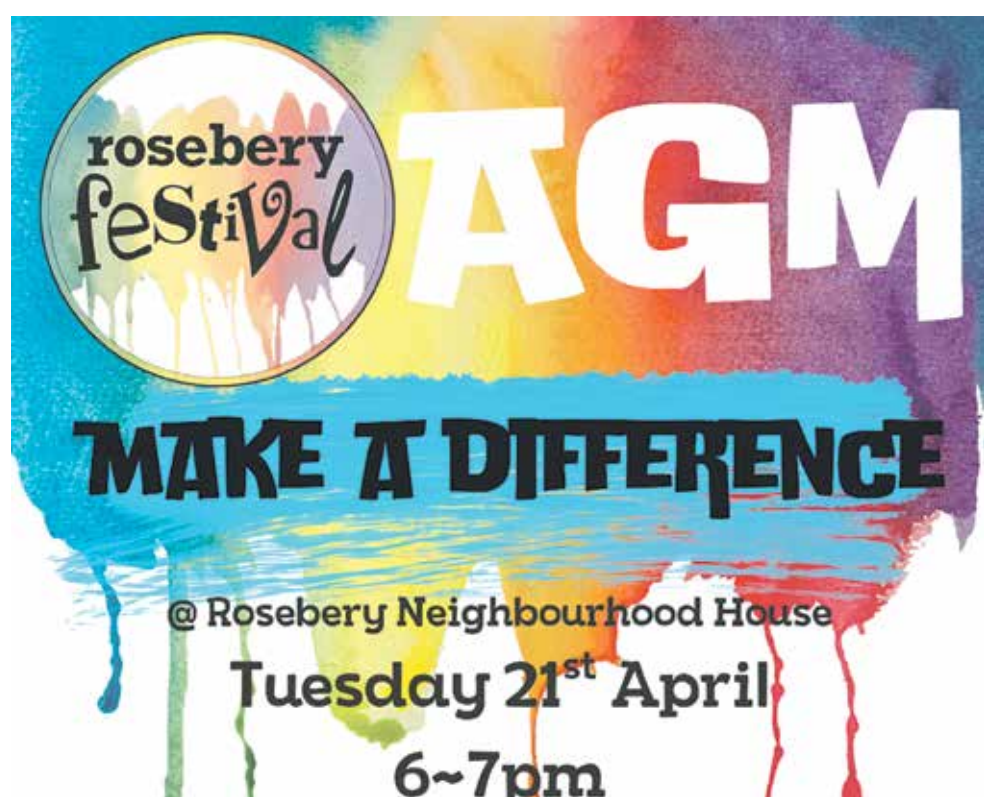
Rosebery ANZAC DAY 2026

Saturday 25th April
Dawn Service 6am at Cenotaph
Main Service 11am at Cenotaph

March Leaves Rosebery District School
 10:45am to Cenotaph via main street.

Lest we forget

Free Breakfast and Lunch provided at the pub.



rosebery festival

AGM

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

@ Rosebery Neighbourhood House
Tuesday 21st April
6~7pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NORTHWEST

CIRCULAR HEAD ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Smithton

Dawn Service - 6.00am - ANZAC Park.
Main Service - 10.30am - ANZAC Park.
Assemble in Emmett St near the Reject Store at 10.00am for commencement of march at 10.15am.

Stanley

Dawn Service - 6.00am - Godfrey's Beach.
Main Service - 9.00am - Cenotaph.
Assemble in Church St at 8.30 for commencement of march at 8.45.

Marrawah

Dawn Service - 6.00am - Marrawah Cenotaph.
Midday Service - 12.30pm - Marrawah Cenotaph
Assemble outside Marrawah Tavern at 12.15 for commencement of march at 12.25.



Morning tea to share after the walk

BURNIE BASSET HOUND WALK

- Saturday 11th April
- 10:30am
- Romaine Reserve
11 Amanda Court, Romaine

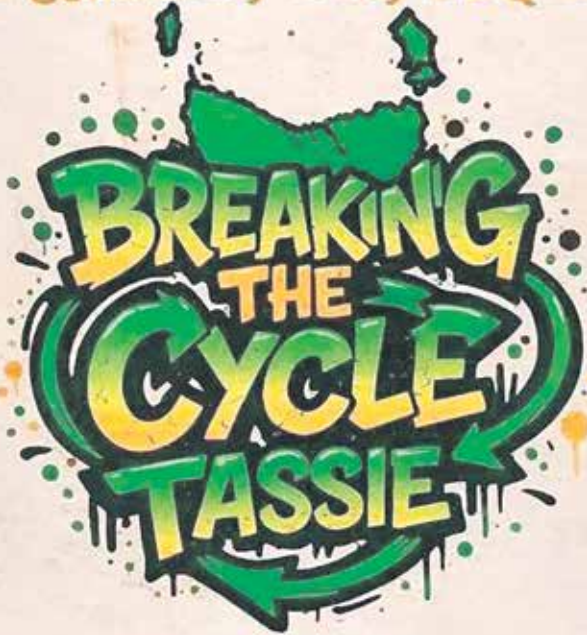


Honorary bassetts and fans welcome



WYNYARD FREE WEEKLY BBQ

Community Unity BBQ



Wynyard Wharf | Every Friday
5:00PM – 7:00PM

Come down and enjoy a free BBQ in a safe and welcoming space. Meet new people, connect with locals, and strengthen our community.

Everyone Welcome.

Proudly Sponsored by



0486 342 000

"Bringing the community together."



FAMILY FUN DAY

FREE EVENT! ALL WELCOME!

Ridgley Recreation Ground
Parker Court, Ridgley

- COLOUR RUN
- FACE PAINTING
- GLITTER TATTOOS
- ICE CREAM VAN
- SAUSAGE EATING COMP
- PLUS MORE!

Sunday, April 12th

Opens at 12pm, for 12:30pm start

Canteen & Bar Facilities available

2026 WYNYARD SHOW

Photos by Alan Jennison

As everybody know, I love a good agricultural show and Wynyard really turned it on for this one.

There is always something happening to keep the crowd happy, whether it be the livestock judging, the showjumping, the kids activities or simply the rides and sideshows. Me personally? I love it all. This years Wynyard Show was very well run and I saw many people leave exhausted but with big grins on their faces.

Wynyard, you've done it again!

Alan/Ed



2026 WYNYARD SHOW

Photos by Alan Jennison



ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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



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

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

OPEN YOUR EYES TO A WHOLE NEW WORLD

Stories to share. Puzzles to solve. Art to create

New books and kids' favourites, plus gifts, puzzles and art supplies

40 Wilson Street,
Burnie TAS 7320

03 6411 1222

www.notjustbooks.com.au

Flat rate shipping offered

Mention the
'Western Echo'
to get 10% off



not just books

READY FOR YOUR NEXT ESCAPE?

- Ocean Cruising
- European River Cruises
- Escorted Tours
- Tailor Made Holidays
- Travel insurance and more

Personal service. Expert advice.
Better value than booking alone.

TCV Travel

40 Wilson Street, Burnie

www.tcvtravel.com.au

hello@tcvtravel.com.au

03 6411 1011



TCV TRAVEL
Creating Memorable Holidays

Silver City
TREE CARE

TROY BURNS 0458 142 440
troysilvercitytreecare@gmail.com

HARRISON HAYES 0477 684 558
harrysilvercitytreecare@gmail.com

Silver City Tree Care PTY LTD

Complete Tree Service

Stump Grinding

Chipping

Vegetation Management

3.8t Excavator

Gardening & Firewood Sales

Registered Company Fully Insured



Opening hours

Tuesday 8am to 3pm, Wednesday 8am to 7pm, Thursday 8am to 3pm
Friday 8am to 7pm, Saturday 8am to 7pm, Sunday 8am to 2.30pm
Closed Monday

Main Street, Zeehan bgzcafe25@gmail.com

Don Joyce Electrical

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS-EST. 1978

For all your electrical work.

Servicing the Circular Head area for over 45 years

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| ⚡ Domestic | ⚡ Agricultural |
| ⚡ Industrial | ⚡ Data Cabling |
| ⚡ Commercial | ⚡ Test, Tag & Repair |
| ⚡ Electrical Audits | ⚡ RCD Testing |
| ⚡ Starlink Hardware install | ⚡ Exit light testing |
| ⚡ LED Lighting upgrades | ⚡ Smoke Detectors |

/Office Phone No. 0364521605/Mobile: 0417531334/

/After hours callout: 0417340926/



Office hours:

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00am to 12:00pm 1:00pm to 4:00pm

/ Email: don.elec@bigpond.net.au / Licence: 724854963 /
/127 Nelson St Smithton Tas 7330/P.O. Box 178 Smithton Tas 7330/



Snoring? Is it sleep apnoea?



Fullife Pharmacy Ulverstone can help
solve your sleep problems with sleep
apnoea testing & CPAP equipment trials,
sales & service

Speak to Shannon

fullife Pharmacy Ulverstone Phone 6425 2286

email: ulverstonesleep@fullife.com.au

Now serving the West Coast



Scan & take the sleep apnoea test

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

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



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

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



**Huon Pine
Shop & Gallery**

12 Esplanade, Strahan
Tasmania 7488

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



**RAILWAY EXPRESS
Queenstown**



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



Lotto in store!

30 Orr Street , Queenstown,
6471 1025



Fiona Blizzard

MOBILE TRAVEL ADVISOR

✉ fblizzard@mtatravel.com.au

☎ 0461 284 989

mtatravel.com.au/fblizzard



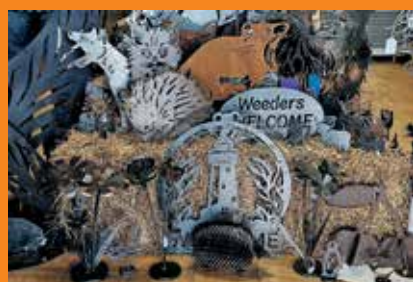
**FOREST
GENERAL STORE**

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

**526 Mengha Road
Forest
6458 3139**

**Rural and Rust
Unique Australian
Made Gifts**

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



26 Smith St, Smithton



LAWYERS & CONVEYANCERS

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

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

Call for an obligation free quote
1300 762 753

Rosebery OP-SHOP & SALVAGE YARD

Located at 12 Agnes Street Rosebery 7470 (In the old Rosebery post office, main street). Rosebery OP Shop and Salvage Yard has recently completed renovations making more room for new stock and there's more room for you to browse at your leisure.

Furniture, clothing, shoes, white goods, kitchenware, appliances, DVDs and much more.

We sell on consignment, buy, sell, and we accept donations too. Both cash or card payments are accepted.

We are open Wednesdays through to Sundays from 10am to 3pm

Follow us on facebook too for updates, or call us on 042 173 5693...

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



Stuart Cox
PLASTERING

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



0417 050 068



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

**Lemon Tree
PROVIDORE**

Homewares & kitchenalia

Unique gifts

Hard to find ingredients

Tasmanian made products

Serving Tassie ice cream

44 Goldie St, Wynyard
ph. 0421 831 575



Travelling the state with the Cannons

Heading to the west coast of Tasmania is not everyone's cup of tea, or is it ... You might be surprised at what you find ... Leaving Hobart we travel across via Ouse and onto Derwent Bridge Hotel to take in all that lake St Clair and The Wall has to offer before taking on the infamous 99 bends which really isn't as scary as one would think towing a 23' van into the quaint township of Queenstown offering a glimpse into the wilderness railway and of course that Collingwood house (not saying where that is ... From a Blues fans perspective).

Arriving in Strahan we settled into the golf club RV park to base ourselves to explore what the region has to offer. A day out on the Gordon river cruise (we did the red boat) was spectacular, from zooming through Hells Gate to the historical information shared at Sarah island.

The crew and the river spoke volumes of past history, tales of the convicts, the incredible tasmanian trees and gorgeous reflections ending the day with an interesting display at the saw mill and the fabulous smells of the houon pine and sassafras ...

Careful you don't take a sample back for that bar top or that coffee table you might build or get built (shipping is available so never fear you can indulge)

Taking in the lovely wharf area and surrounds the bay is beautiful taking a stroll into Hogarth falls which is dog friendly. You can drive down to Macquarie Heads to view hells gate from the

shoreline. For 4wd enthusiasts there is some beach driving to be had at low tide.

Driving north past the Henty Dune rec area we headed for a destination along the wild West coast that was on the bucket list, trial harbour with it's stunning views of the coast line and of course the start of the infamous Climbies Track for all those 4wd lovers.

We soaked in the sand driving around tracks around trial harbour before heading back via the sleepy town of Zeehan. Another fantastic place to base yourself to head up to Corrina and enjoy the ferry crossing and of course the insta secret stairs to lovers falls via canoe up the pie-man river.

We left Strahan heading with no purpose at all to find a place to pull in for a few days before heading to the North Coast, finding Wiki a valuable tool, we stumbled across Lake MackIntosh with its spectacular views and if you are fortunate enough, the perfect location for the Aurora water reflections with a backdrop of mountains.

Passing through the mining towns of Rosebery (a must stop for those little treasure trove hunters) and Tullah

The experience of towing a van over a spill way to access boat ramps and camp areas is a tad daunting but so worth the peacefulness that surrounds you.

You could easily do do a loop drive across to Corrina, Granville Harbour, Zeehan, Roseberry, Tullah to take in more of the wild West area however as we have seen this years ago we decided to take a slight detour into Waratah and continue heading north

North West coast

With a small window of clear weather headed our way we pushed on from Lake MackIntosh to our Tarkine Drive base at the Tall Timbers RV park in Smithton.

This free RV park is nestled amount a flowing creek and a large grassy area enabling plenty of vans to spread out and

enjoy the wondering ducks.

Smithton offers some interesting experiences with the wind farm tours and robotic dairy farm. The visitors center staff were amazing and knowledgeable of the area and cheese tastings available.

After gathering the info on getting the most out of our tarkine drive day we settled in for a long day of driving ahead of us.

As recommended we headed out to the Trowutta Arch first and oh wow! We won't spoil your visit but to say that we were flabbergasted would be an understatement.

Definitely go in the morning when the sun is in the perfect spot (or we thought so) to get the full effect of this magical spot. We realised then that the tarkine was a drive that we would enjoy but also it would be an adventure.

Taking in the bridges, the lookouts, sinkholes and we hadn't even made it to lunchtime yet.... Pulling in at rapid River picnic spot for lunch we settled in and enjoyed the sound of the water and the tall timbers surrounds. For a BBQ area and shelter continue on to Julius river.

Here is a free camp for those who want to break up the tarkine and stay overnight or a few amongst the lush rainforest and tall timbers. There are two walks here to explore, we took the rainforest walk, meandering our way along the creek.

Continuing on, heading further west we hit the coastline and had plenty of options of beach access and exploring, sand driving at low tide or just taking in the scenery and spectacular rock formations.

Coming into Arthur river there is an abundance of camp options and caravan park to spend days exploring this tranquil yet wild rugged coastline and a 4wd haven with the bowl 4wd area for those wanting some fun in the sand dunes

From the edge of the world you can see how rugged and interesting this side of Tassie is compared to the fiery rocks

and calmer waters of the east coast. The beaches here are lined with logs which provide their own tales of travel and on a fine clear day it's just picturesque. When it's fine...

After a long day driving and enjoying the sights we spotted the sign to the Marawah Inn and the car just seemed to point in that direction.

With a wine and Jimmy in hand we watched the sun settle over the coastline as I tucked into the best scallops, we settled in reflecting on what a wonderful but long day we'd had with those little gems along the Tarkine.. recommending others to take more time in the area if possible.

There is nothing more daunting for a traveller than a steep ramp heading virtually straight up in a zig zag formation ... Or there is the chairlift .. parking at the Nut is not particularly long vehicle friendly however if you are lucky enough to nab a spot you can make it work. A short 2km circuit awaits with breathtaking views of Rocky Cape and back towards smithton from various lookouts.

We were fortunate to see an echidna and a Mutton bird chick. Stanley has that seaside town feel and look and a perfect location to stop and wonder around the shops and enjoy the best fish and chips from Hursey seafoods with ample long vehicle parking and an interesting park to plonk yourself in to enjoy, you will need to wonder down to see for yourself what the park beholds.

One of the most popular caravan parks in Tassie is Boat Harbour and although we didn't stay there we wondered in for a peak and took in the sofa on the hill which would be a magic place for a wine in the evenings or a morning coffee watching the sun rise

With an abundance of camp opportunities it is challenging to choose your location along the north west coast as I really feel you can't go wrong with the outlooks on show.

We settled for sulphur Creek as a base to explore the township of Burnie, Wynyard and beyond. Watching penguins waddle up the beaches in the evening to walking through the township of Burnie, the waterfalls in the park and the incredible talented artists at makers place.

The northwest of Tassie has something for everyone, from touring, sightseeing to museums and historical places. For hikers, mountain bikers and 4wd enthusiasts there is a massive amount of playgrounds out there to explore

Although we covered a lot of territory, there is always something more to see and we look forward to our next visit to the west coast



Circular Head making roads safer

Circular Head is continuing to see progress on Bass Highway upgrades, with key safety improvements underway and major projects planned for delivery in coming years.

The Bass Highway plays a critical role for the Circular Head community, supporting local residents, freight operators, agriculture and tourism across the far north-west. Circular Head Council has been actively advocating to ensure the needs of the region are properly understood and reflected in upgrade planning.

Through direct engagement with the Tasmanian Government, Council has helped refine priorities for sections of the highway west of Smithton, ensuring local knowledge is considered alongside traffic data.

Council has secured agreement for the following Bass Highway sections to move into the design and approvals phase, with works to include pavement upgrades and shoulder widening:

- Mella Road to Fagans Road
- Brittons Road to Riseborough Road
- Dismal Road to Comeback Road

Design and approvals are expected to take approximately two years, with construction likely in the 2027–28 construction season.

Mayor Gerard Blizzard said Council's advocacy was essential in achieving a stronger outcome for the community. "Myself and our General Manager travelled to Hobart to meet with the depart-

ment to discuss the next stages of the project," Mayor Blizzard said.

"Council appreciates the Tasmanian Government's willingness to listen and work closely with us to refine the original plans, so they better reflect the needs of our community.

"While statistical data is an important part of decision-making, it does not always capture the full picture – particularly in our region, where road use, conditions and users can vary significantly.

"Council was able to contribute valuable on-the-ground knowledge, and that local insight has helped deliver a stronger outcome for our community. We welcome the revised approach and look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Government to keep our community informed as the project progresses, and timelines are confirmed."

General Manager Paul Gardner said advocating for Circular Head remains a key responsibility of Council, particularly when it comes to essential infrastructure that impact safety, connectivity and economic activity.

"Ensuring our region's voice is heard is critical," he said. "These roads matter to our community every day, and Council will continue to push for outcomes that reflect how they are actually used."

PROJECTS COMPLETED OR UNDERWAY IN CIRCULAR HEAD

The following projects are funded and either completed or commencing con-

struction in early 2026:

- Rocky Cape, West of Yanns Road - road alignment improvements.
- Detention River - construction of a new Heavy Vehicle Driver Rest Area, improving safety and rest access for truck drivers.
- Brittons Road to Riseborough Road - resurfacing works.

Plans for projects underway are available on the link below: https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/.../bass_highway...

The Government is also upgrading the Stanley Highway over the 2.8km stretch between West Inlet Track and Dovecote Road which will complement the improvements that were completed in early 2025.

As always, if you have questions or feedback, please get in touch.

Phone: (03) 6452 4800

Email: council@circularchead.tas.gov.au

You can keep up to date with Council news on our website at www.circularchead.tas.gov.au/our-council/news/latest-news



Regional Economic Development opportunity

Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) is seeking a skilled and experienced leader to join its Board as an Independent Director and Chair of the Regional Economic Development Committee (REDC).

CCA is jointly owned by the nine councils of north-west and western Tasmania and works collaboratively to deliver regional initiatives that support sustainable economic growth, environmental stewardship and community wellbeing.

The successful candidate will provide leadership and oversight of regional economic development activities through the REDC and guide the continued implementation of CCA's Regional Futures Plan, including the Regional Investment Framework. As Chair of the REDC, the successful applicant will also serve as an Independent Director on the CCA Board.

CCA Chair Ian Vanderbeek said the position offers an opportunity to help shape the region's economic future.

"This is an important role that will help guide strategic investment and support opportunities for economic development across our region," Mr Vanderbeek said. Applicants with a strong interest in regional development, solid governance experience, and strategic leadership skills are encouraged to apply.

For a confidential discussion, contact CEO Philip Reid at preid@cradlecoast.com or (03) 6433 8400. The Position Description is available via the CCA website. Applications close 5pm Sunday 12 April 2026.

GHOST YOUR VAPES HERE



Do your bit for the environment and safely dispose of your used vapes in a designated vape recycling bin displaying this symbol at the following locations:

- Burnie Waste Management and Resource Recovery Centre – 289 Mooreville Road **MOOREVILLE**
- Burnie Council Chambers – 80 Wilson Street **BURNIE**
- Devonport Waste Transfer Station – Bay Drive **QUOIBA**
- Paranaple Centre Carpark – ground floor, Fenton Street entrance **DEVONPORT**
- Ulverstone Resource and Recovery Centre – 106 Lobster Creek Road **WEST ULVERSTONE**
- Central Coast Council Chambers – 19 King Edward Street **ULVERSTONE**
- Penguin Visitor Information Centre – 78 Main Road **PENGUIN**
- Latrobe Council Chambers – 170 Gilbert Street **LATROBE**
- Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station – Hawk Hill Road **PORT SORELL**
- Sheffield Waste Transfer Station – East Victoria Street **SHEFFIELD**
- Kentish Council Chambers – 69 High Street **SHEFFIELD**
- Wynyard Transfer Station – 170 Goldie Street **WYNYARD**
- Waratah-Wynyard Council Chambers – 21 Saunders Street **WYNYARD**
- Waratah-Wynyard Council Chambers – Smith Street **WARATAH**
- Circular Head Council Chambers – 33 Goldie Street **SMITHTON**
- White Hills Transfer Station – 22475 Bass Highway **SMITHTON**
- West Coast Community Services Hub – 9-13 Driffield Street **QUEENSTOWN**



TA5933495

WE PLAY - LAKOSELJAC CUP

Photos by Alan Jennison

SHARKS BATTERED BY HOBART CITY

Advancement to the quarter finals of the prestigious Lakoseljac Cup was on the line when Somerset Sharks played the visiting Hobart City at Shark Park.

With both Clubs being minnows in the big school of Tasmanian football it was always likely to be a tense struggle.

City started strongly luring the Sharks backs in to taking the bait in one v one situations with City's lightning quick forwards. However, at the 15 minute mark of the first half the line was pulled tight and City scored a fine goal after sustained pressure.

From this point the Sharks fought back nibbling at City's goal but they were un-

able to find the back of the net. The first half remained 1 nil in City's favour.

may get their wish.

The Sharks started ferociously, casting wide lines and looking to land the killer blow. However, City's well oiled backline held firm and they gradually worked there way back in to the contest.

After a quick counter attack the ball fell to one of the ever dangerous City forwards who pounced on the crumb to extend the score to 2 nil. But, this only served to lift the flailing Sharks and they fought back strongly, fighting fiercely to unbalance the sturdy City boat.

City gave a bit too much free line to the Somerset forwards and the Sharks were rewarded with a deserved penal-

ty that was well converted to make the score 2-1.

The last couple of minutes were chaotic as the Sharks sought to send the game in to extra time but alas the City engine was strong and they powered their way to the next round of the Laka Cup.

Somerset Sharks are located at Cardigan Street Somerset, (Somerset Recreation Ground) and cater for ages 5 upwards. New players are always welcome.

Training Times:

Under 6 to Under 12: Monday 4.30 to 5.30

Under 14 and Youth Girls: Tuesday and Thursday 5.30 to 6.30

Under 16: Monday and Thursday 5.30 to 6.45

Senior Men and Women: Tuesday and Thursday 6.30 to 7.45

The Milan Lakoseljac Cup (often shortened to the Lakoseljac Cup or "Lako Cup") is Tasmania's premier knockout association football competition for men.

It serves as the state's qualifying pathway for the Australia Cup, with the winner representing Tasmania on the national stage.

Named in honour of Milan Lakoseljac, a legendary Glenorchy Knights striker and Tasmanian football champion who passed away in 1999, the trophy was renamed from the Statewide Cup in 2000

The second half got underway with the large group of Sharks supporters wanting a feeding frenzy and it appeared they



Above: Teaching the younger generation the offside rule? You can never start too young.



WE PLAY - LAKOSELJAC CUP

Photos by Alan Jennison





BURNIE UNITED FC

SENIOR WOMEN'S PLAYERS

WANTED FOR 2026 SEASON!

JOIN OUR TEAM!

CALL: 0499 567 822

TRAININGS: TUESDAY & THURSDAY 6PM

TRAINING AT MONTELLO SPORTS GROUND

FOLLOW US!

burnieunitedfc

burnieunitedfc

- ✓ All experience levels welcome
- ✓ New & returning players encouraged
- ✓ Supportive club culture
- ✓ Great social environment

Water watch update

Dry conditions are set to continue across Tasmania and more towns can soon expect restrictions

Liz Hafner, TasWater Head of Communications and Engagement says:

“Continuing dry weather, as well as a minimal rainfall forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology, continue to threaten Tasmania’s water catchments.

“Many areas across the state have seen their lowest rainfall on record for the year to date, and the Bureau is predicting a 75 per cent chance of significantly less rain than average over the medium to long term.

“The ongoing lack of rainfall has seen an increased likelihood that restrictions will be needed unless usage drops or there is significant rain in several catchments.”

Current systems close to requiring stage one restrictions are:

Oatlands; and Whitemark.

“Greater Launceston is also being monitored closely, with flows currently steady in the catchment. However, restrictions are likely if no rainfall occurs in the coming weeks.

“The lack of forecast rain and lower than average flow in many river systems across Tasmania, including the St Patricks, South Esk, Liffey, Aspley, Swan and Mersey river systems, has also seen TasWater escalate 19 catchments from “okay” to “watch”.

The catchments currently on watch are:

Bicheno, Bothwell, Bracknell, Coles Bay, Conara, Cornwall, Deloraine, Dover, Grassy, Mathinna, Maydena, Mole Creek, Rocky Creek, **Rosebery**, Roscarden, St Helens, St Marys, **Strahan** and Tunbridge

“There are currently three systems already on restrictions, with Lady Barron and Scamander on stage one restrictions, and Orford and Triabunna on stage two restrictions.

“Unless significant rainfall arrives, there is a high chance that Orford and Triabunna could move to stage three restrictions in the coming weeks.

“As always, we encourage all Tasmanians to conserve water and Save Our Thing where possible.

“Small changes to water usage, like taking shorter showers and using the half-flush on the toilet, add up when done by tens of thousands of people to have a huge impact on water supplies across the state.”

For the latest BoM charts go here www.bomcharts.com.au

For up-to-date system information go to Water supply status | TasWater Even on Tassie’s West Coast we have to be careful as both Rosebery and Strahan are on the watch list above.




CELEBRATING 40 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

ROSEBERY TOORAK FC VS **EAST ULVERSTONE FC**

ROUND 1

11TH APRIL

First Home Game Saturday 11th April at Rosebery Park Oval N.W.F.A. 2026 Season

Reserves 12.30 pm | Seniors 2.15 pm

Bar & Kiosk

*Post match entertainment at the RTFC clubrooms | Meals from 5pm.

5pm Meals
Live Music from Miss Jane Duo
9pm to late.
Members \$8
Non-Members \$10.



Thanks to our Sponsors

MMG Rosebery Mine - 7XS - Granville Farms Pty Ltd
G.B.E. Maintenance - Anthony Contracting
CKM Building Services - in the Zone
The Top Pub Rosebery
IGA Rosebery - Heene Pty Ltd
Heath & Mykles Healthy Meats



ROSEBERY JUNIOR HAWKS FOOTBALL

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026 @ STRAHAN

JUNIOR GALA FOOTBALL DAY 2026

JUNIORS

11AM [Club Logo] VS [Club Logo]

12PM [Club Logo] VS [Club Logo]

1PM [Club Logo] VS [Club Logo]

SENIORS

11AM [Club Logo] VS [Club Logo]

12PM [Club Logo] VS [Club Logo]

1PM [Club Logo] VS [Club Logo]

ROSEBERY BUS IS LEAVING 9.30AM FROM FRONT OF ROSEBERY PUBLIC SCHOOL & THEN PICKING UP ZEEHAN PLAYERS FROM FRONT OF IGA ZEEHAN.

INQUIRIES PLEASE TEXT ROBERT CORBETT 0416 231 630 MURF 0438 731 223

WEST COAST JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TAS

WE PLAY - RIP CURL SURFING

Photos by Toby Ray

Perfect 10s and interstate wins headline 51st Rip Curl West Coast Classic

Tasmania's West Coast delivered outstanding conditions over the Easter long weekend as the 51st Rip Curl West Coast Classic, presented by Sea FM Burnie, concluded in strong surf and clean off-shore winds.

Held from April 3-5 across Green Point Beach, Nettley Bay, and Lighthouse Beach, the event attracted competitors from across Tasmania and interstate, reinforcing its reputation as one of Australia's longest-running and premier surfing competitions.

The event also forms part of the Surfing Australia National Junior Rankings, drawing junior surfers from around Australia to compete for valuable ranking points and further elevating the level of competition on display.

Finals day at Lighthouse Beach provided ideal conditions, with high-performance surfing across all divisions.

Western Australia's Gracie Carter

claimed victory in the Open Women's division, while Victorian surfer Joe Rocco Sommerville took out the Open Men's title following closely contested finals.

Standout performances included Coby O'Day, who recorded the highest scoring female heat of the event, and Tasmania's Jy Johannesen, with both surfers earning perfect 10-point rides — the highest wave scores of the competition.

Event organisers praised the quality of the surf, the level of competition, and the strong community support that continues to underpin the success of the event.

Now in its 51st year, the Rip Curl West Coast Classic remains a cornerstone of Australian surfing and a highlight of Tasmania's sporting calendar.

Full event rankings are available via LiveHeats: <https://liveheats.com/events/471452>



Jy Johannesen (above) and Grace Carter (below)



LOCAL PRODUCE, LIVE MUSIC & MASSIMO MELE

13-17 MAY 2026



TICKETS ON SALE NOW

SCAN FOR THE FULL FESTIVAL PROGRAM
& TO BUY TICKETS [FORAGEFESTIVAL.COM.AU](https://foragefestival.com.au)

