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It's our birthday!

This November edition of the Western Echo makes number 48. That means it is our fourth birthday!

The cover of this edition features some of my favourite photos from previous edition front pages. I hope you enjoy it.

Actually, it's you, the readers that deserve the credit, without you there would be no newspaper, you are what keep me doing what I do and I thank you for that.

To that end, I would love to hear what YOU think of the Echo.

What would you like in the paper? What can I, or should I change?

I have never aimed to bring you the hard hitting news, nor politics, nor world news. Would you like some of that or do I have the recipe right already? It seems the most popular and well read column in the paper is Malcolm Ready's 'Tales from a Zeehan Graveyard' series of articles and I am pleased to announce that we have a new regular column called 'Under the Horizontal' by Tewkesbury Wharf so a good dose of history for those that like it. I would welcome any feedback and, as always I invite 'Letters to the Editor' on almost any subject and topic (but reserve the right to moderate if things get out of hand). Western Echo Wendy's column is proving to be a popular read and she has surprising news this month so check that out below.

The Western Echo's foray into the Northwest has been a huge success and I am so happy to be able to bring community news and happenings to you all up that way.

I really enjoy putting the Western Echo together and would like to say a big thank you to all of you. Our readers, advertisers, sponsors and well wishers, you are what this paper is all about. We just might have some amazing news regarding the Western Echo coming your way soon, stay tuned for that, but rest assured I will do my best to continue bringing you the Western Echo for many years to come.

Thanks all. Alan - Editor

Letters to the editor...

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

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Dear editor, I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE THANK YOU to DMR for repairing the road on the Hampshire link I wrote about in the last issue.

HOWEVER, with Targa almost on top of us, are we going to see the Animal Creek crators to Que river, Strahan line crators etc, patch worked for their touring or are they going to have to play dodgems cars as WE DO all over the WEST COAST ROADS?

Our roads are an accident waiting to happen!
Kerrie Laffer, Zeehan

To the Editor . After sending Hundreds of emails to all of the relevant Government Departments over many years, the Government Constantly ignored our request for a response to the issues of accumulated rubbish and weed infestation. We pay exorbitant amounts of rates not to mention the millions of dollars in mining royalties and I'm under the impression that the council don't want anyone to be residing in west Zeehan even though they keep telling us that the west coast has a very low rate base and that's why we pay exorbitant rates. The government can find money to spend on sports and recreation but nothing for

cleaning up the Entrance to west Zeehan at present it's a deterrent and an embarrassment it needs to be cleaned up and made to look more inviting and eliminate the fire Hazards. Yours truly Grant Hodge Zeehan.



Western Echo 'Wendy'

Well isn't this exciting!? I said I have big news last month so here it is.

From next edition I will be having a column in the paper called 'Words of Wisdom with Western Echo Wendy'

This will be a place for you to write in or email with your problems and I will do my best to answer them. These can be any sort of problems or issues you might be having in your life and if they are really tricky I will run it by

the cats as well to see what we can offer in the way of advice to help you out.

Dada says it is like a 'Dear Abbie' column (whatever that is) and has entrusted me with this very important job. I am really looking forward to helping wherever I can (I am that sort of dog).

Please write to me at

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Wool to you all... Wendy

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Careers expo a hit

The West Coast Study Hub 2025 Career and Education Expo proved to be an inspiring and successful event. Schools from the West Coast attend the day with approximately 81 students coming through the doors with a handful of community members attending the evening session. Hosted on 7th November, the expo brought together a mix of education providers, industry leaders, and employers under one roof.

From the moment the doors opened, the atmosphere was filled with energy and excitement. 27 exhibitors participated, representing universities, training institutions, and companies from a wide range of industries.

From students considering their next steps after school to adults looking to up-skill or change careers, the expo offered something for everyone.

The highlights of the event were the interactive sessions, with participants

gaining practical tips and real-world perspectives that will help them take the next step in their professional journeys.

As the expo wrapped up, one thing was clear — the 2025 Career and Education Expo succeeded in connecting people with possibilities, and in inspiring confidence about the future of education and work. Plans are already underway to make next year's event even bigger and better.

A big shout out the Evans IGA, Queenstown Marketplace and Patricks IGA in Strahan for their generous donations towards our goodie bags for the students.

The West Coast Study Hub would like to say thank all those that participated in the event from the exhibitors to the students, the day would not have been such a success without you, we hope everyone enjoyed the day and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.



Roads closing for Targa



With Targa Tasmania kicking off later this week, our team have been receiving queries regarding road closures.

Team member Julie has created a display detailing the West Coast road closures, which will be in place on Friday 21 November - a great resource for those coming into the Centre over the next

couple of weeks.

To view all the road closures go to: <https://targa.com.au/road-closure/>

Our team of locals is here to help with any queries - we can help develop your itineraries around road closures so your West Coast experience isn't impacted by the road closures.

MACQUARIE HARBOUR SHORELINE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY 2025

TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP OUR HARBOUR HEALTHY AND THRIVING!

Date: Saturday 15 November, 2025.
Time: Start between 11 AM and 2 PM. Lunch from 2:30 pm.

Location: Meet at West Strahan Beach Picnic Shelter to register and be allocated a clean-up location. Return by 2 PM for rubbish-sorting.

What to bring: Please wear suitable shoes, a hat, sunscreen and bring water.

What will be provided: Gloves, rubbish bags and other clean-up equipment along with refreshments.

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Contact details:
 Jason Cullen, 0432 833 197
jcullen@cradlecoast.com

This event is a joint initiative of the Healthy Harbour Project and the Strahan Aquaculture Community Forum, sponsored by the Mt. Lyell Strahan Picnic Committee.

This project is funded by the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust and Saving Native Species Program and delivered by Cradle Coast NRM, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.

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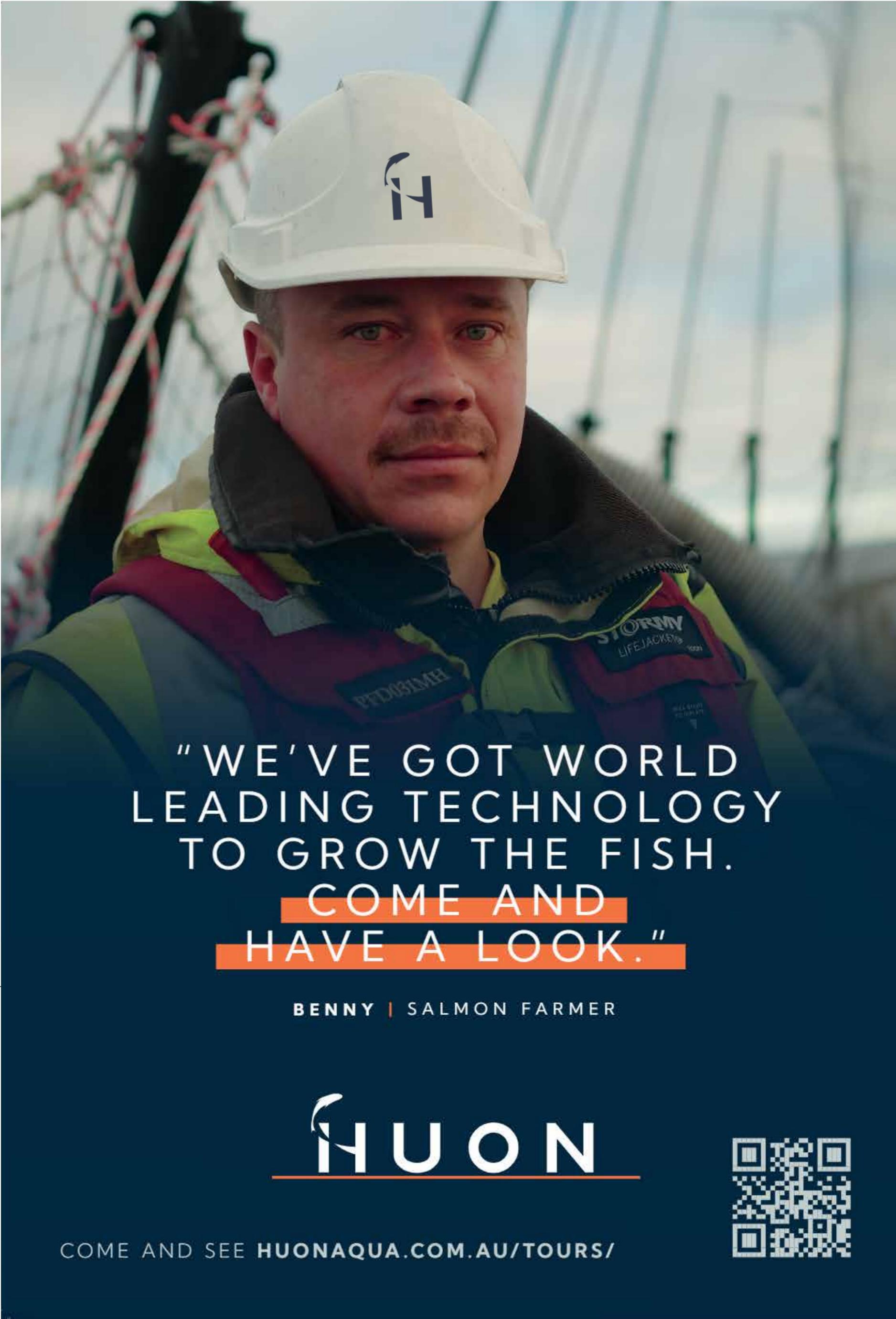
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Thank you to the Rosebery community for your continued support as we grow our Tasmanian-owned network.

Fishing for thirty years

The Queenstown Anglers Club presents 30 Years of The Lake Burbury Fishing Competition!

Friday 21st November to Sunday 23rd November! All weigh-ins take place at the Thureau Hills Campsite, off the Lyell Highway between the Lake Burbury Camping Ground and Linda.

The Lake Burbury Fishing Competition is held on the 4th Weekend of November and has been running for 30 years, we rely heavily on sponsorship and donations to make the competition happen, it is a 3-day event that attracts likeminded individuals to the West Coast to fish for the largest brown or rainbow trout. This

year is our 31st anniversary, we look forward to seeing you in November.

Please note:

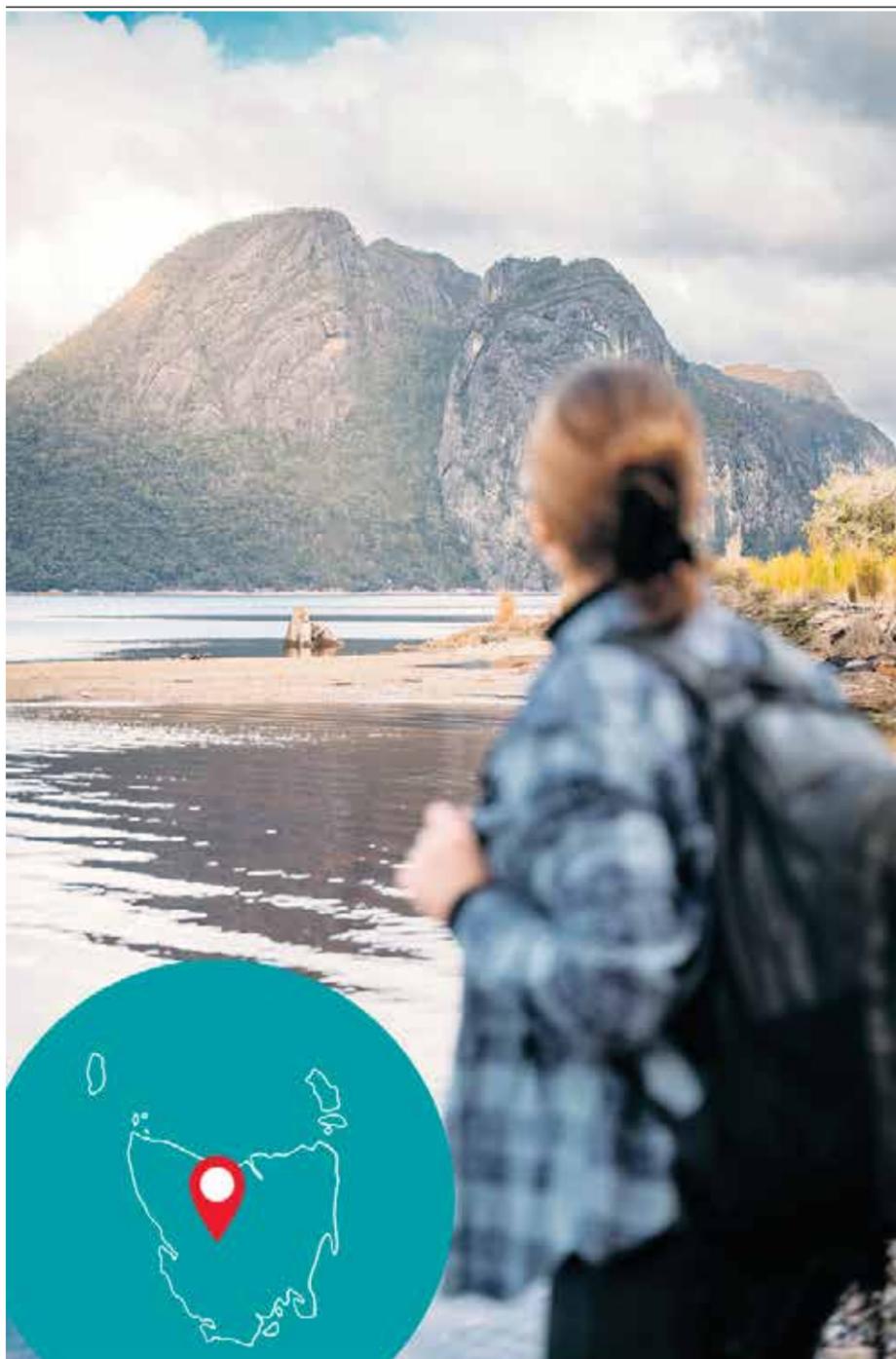
Due to Targa Tasmania being held on the Friday some road closures will be in place and delays will occur.

Friday 21st November -

Road to the West Coast from Derwent Bridge will be closed from 1.00pm and barring any accidents should reopen by 4.00pm.

Queenstown to Lake Burbury will also be closed from 1.00pm to 3.00pm barring any accidents.

Please adjust your travel times to avoid any delays.



Explore the North-West Coast

Explore Tasmania's wild west! Just minutes from Tullah, Lake Mackintosh offers peaceful lakeside camping, boating and great trout fishing - all surrounded by stunning forest and mountain views.

Visit www.hydro.com.au/things-to-do to plan your trip!



West Coast Heritage & Minerals Fair

Photos by Alan Jennison

A fantastic weekend at the West Coast Heritage & Minerals Fair with hundreds of people gathered to ooh and aahh at some of the most amazing minerals and

gems that you are likely to see anywhere. Woodchopping, food stalls, kids entertainment and much more rounded out the weekend as the photos show.





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Slipway Officially Opened

The Strahan Slipway was officially opened on 14 October by Roger Jaensch MP and Anne Urquhart MP, with community members, contractors and West Coast Councillors attending the event.

The project was undertaken thanks to government funding, with the upgraded slipway allowing larger

vessels to berth and undergo maintenance, where previously larger vessels were required to sail to other slipways in Tasmania for maintenance.

Thank you to all who attended the opening, and to official event photographer Sammie Saltmarsh Photography.

To make a booking to use the slipway please contact Wharf Operations Officer, Shane Lovell by calling 6471 4700 or email slovell@westcoast.tas.gov.au.



Roger Jaensch MP, Anne Urquhart MP and Mayor Shane Pitt

Strahan Gym & Multi-Purpose Opened

To the delight of Council and the community, the new Strahan Gym & Multi-Purpose Centre was officially opened on 14 October.

With Federal Government funding received to undertake the projects, the community welcomed Anne Urquhart MP to make a speech and complete the official ribbon cutting, alongside Mayor Shane Pitt and the Strahan community.

Council would like to thank the individuals and organisations who came onboard as event partners to support the event, offering services and activities for the community as part of the openings:

- Strahan Parents Involved Playgroup – providing activities
- Mobile Exercise Physiology – equipment demonstration & exercising tips
- Strahan CWA – amazing catering
- Strahan Junior Sports – providing football and basketball activities
- Sammie Saltmarsh Photography – capturing the fun as the official event photographer



West Coast Tas brand a hit at The Unconformity

Hundreds of items with a West Coast flavour have hit the streets after being purchased at the West Coast Visitor Information Centre (WCVIC) stall in Queenstown during The Unconformity.

Operating out of the Memorial Hall for the four days of the festival, the stall showcased official West Coast Tas regional brand merchandise developed as part of the award-winning regional brand, along with West Coast Tas MTB trail merchandise.

The WCVIC team chatted to people from across Australia who were after more information about the region and how the merchandise was developed – many were interested in the development and implementation of the regional brand and were impressed that the brand was community driven and open to brand partners.

Many copies of the regional map, The Official Guide to Getting Lost, were handed out, along with referrals to the westcoasttas.com regional website and online merch store, with visitors keen to return to the West Coast.

Amongst the merch sold the most popular items were hoodies and umbrellas – thanks to the predictably unpredictable West Coast weather.

Overall the WCVIC presence at The Unconformity was a great success, helping to spread the word about the West Coast and providing good promotion of the regional brand – it was fantastic to see so many people proudly wearing West Coast Tas (including Spiderbait!).



Make a splash this summer!

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

- Senior Lifeguard, to be based at the Zeehan pool
- Seasonal Lifeguards needed at both Queenstown and Zeehan pools.

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

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



Unlock West Coast

Access to Council facilities just got a little easier with the introduction of the "Unlock West Coast" app! This new access system allows you to:

- Unlock doors using your smartphone, with 24-hour access to gyms, public toilets and public showers
- Purchase and renew gym memberships (including paying online)
- Get membership renewal reminders
- Book/hire spaces (this feature coming soon)

Unlock West Coast is available at the following facilities:

- Queenstown Squash & Fitness Centre
- Zeehan Multi-Purpose Centre
- Strahan Gym & Multi-Purpose Centre
- Tullah Public Toilets
- Rosebery Public Toilets
- Zeehan public toilets (Howard's Park)
- Queenstown public toilets (Hedley Faull Park)
- Strahan public toilets and showers (Slipway)

Development of the app has been in response to community feedback around access to facilities – no more lost swipe cards, reception queues, manual booking processes or waiting for the Council Office to be open!



West Coast Council is committed to improving access to facilities for all residents. The Unlock West Coast app enhances security and provides a more flexible and efficient way for the community to stay active and access amenities such as public toilets and showers.

Please note – app users must be aged 15 years or older. If you're having trouble using the app, or have any feedback, please get in touch with the Council office. The app can be downloaded from Google Play or the App Store.

AUSTRALIA DAY 2026 SPIRIT WEST AWARD COAST NOMINATIONS OPEN!

Nominations are now open for the West Coast Spirit Awards, celebrating the people, organisations and events that have made an outstanding contribution to the West Coast community.

The awards reflect the many ways that people, groups and events enhance and contribute to community life. Nominees could include:

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

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

Nominations close Monday 24 November and recipients will be announced on 26 January 2026.

Staff Recognition

At our recent staff meeting we were proud to present several of our team with certificates recognising their years of service with West Coast Council.

Congratulations to Craig Stebbings (15 years) and Sharlene Mathewson (20 years) who, within their various roles in the Operations & Infrastructure Department, have served their communities, undertaking tasks crucial to Council's role in delivering services to the community.



Craig Stebbings with General Manager, Scott Riley

Managing Fire Risk

Council is continuing patrols across the municipality, inspecting approximately 4,600 properties for fire hazard risks. The patrolled areas are Gormanston, Granville Harbour, Lake Burbury Camp Ground, Lettes Bay, Linda, Macquarie Heads Camp Ground, Pieman Heads, Queenstown, Rosebery, Strahan, Thureau Hills Campground, Trial Harbour, Tullah and Zeehan.

Fire Risk Abatement Notices will be issued where fire risks are identified during patrols.

Council is also identifying and clearing fire risk on its land and is working with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania to address fire risk on Crown land.

Council patrols will identify fire hazards including declared weeds (e.g. gorse, broom, holly and blackberry) and unkept vegetation (e.g. overgrown lawns).

Fire risks include fire hazards which pose an unacceptable risk to built infrastructure or firefighting access/evacuation routes within urban areas or where the ignition of a fire hazard during a bushfire would place additional demand on emergency services.

A report detailing the processes involved in Council's fire risk abatement program was presented at the October Council meeting, with the report available on Council's website.

The report included information around the increased patrol areas and the development of Patrolled Fire Hazard Management Areas to minimise pockets of non-native vegetation within urban areas, particularly where there is vacant land (such as in Zeehan).

Noted in the report was inclusion of protection for critical assets to the current fire risk abatement program. This includes firefighting access routes and evacuation routes, TasWater reservoirs, pumping stations

and treatment plants and TasNetwork transformers in urban areas.

In addition to the proactive Council patrols, anyone can report a fire risk to Council at any time throughout the year. If it is safe and reasonably practical to do so, Council will investigate at the time of the report and will issue an Abatement Notice if warranted. Council officers will continue to patrol urban areas throughout the period of heightened fire risk and will issue Fire Risk Abatement Notice where warranted.

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



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

The Bushfire-Ready Challenge developed by Tasmanian Fire Service (TFS) has great resources and practical advice to help people prepare properties for bushfires. Visit: bushfire.tas.gov.au/bushfire-challenge/bushfire-ready-challenge

West Coast Winners Recipients

Ratepayers who paid in full by the 30 September due date went in the draw to win one of four vouchers valued to be spent at West Coast businesses, providing support to the local economy.

At the October Council meeting, Mayor Pitt drew the 2025-2026 West Coast Winner recipients:

\$2,000 voucher: Te-Ari Murphy & Maddison Brodie from Strahan

\$1,000 voucher: Stuart Thurgood from Queenstown

\$500 voucher: Graham & Marie Paige from Rosebery

\$500 voucher: Barry Hooper from Rosebery

We thank all ratepayers who paid their first instalment by 30 September, and also those who have made payment arrangements. The West Coast Winners initiative will be reviewed

as part of the usual rates review, leading into the next financial year.

Why West Coast Winners, and not a discount for paying rates in full?

When a discount is applied it must apply to all properties – a discount would then apply to all ratepayers who pay rates in full by a set date, including large industry and government agencies. Council doesn't know how many ratepayers will pay early therefore budgeting for how much a discount would cost is difficult – this could potentially lead to a deficit. Reinstating a discount would also cost more than the \$4,000 allocated for West Coast Winners in 2025-2026.

More information, including a table with how much a discount would cost in total, is available on our website – www.westcoast.tas.gov.au/residents/property/rates/

REMINDERS

14 NOVEMBER

Recycling collection Zeehan, Rosebery & Tullah

8-9 NOVEMBER

West Coast Heritage & Minerals Fair, Zeehan

21-23 NOVEMBER

Lake Burbury Fishing Competition

5 DECEMBER

Recycling collection Queenstown, Gormanston/Linda & Strahan

12 DECEMBER

Recycling collection Zeehan, Rosebery & Tullah

24 DECEMBER

Council office closure from 12pm, reopening on Monday, 5 January 2026

COUNCIL MEETINGS

25 November

11 December

2025

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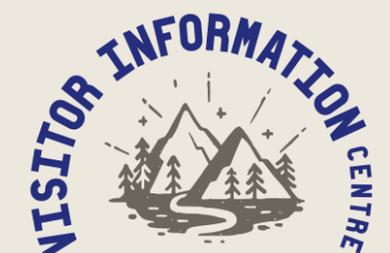


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We are currently operating from temporary premises at 29 Esplanade Strahan, while our usual location undergoes renovations. Drop in for local advice, bookings, and to browse our West Coast-branded gear. Or visit the website for everything you need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



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Emergency Response Teams take centre stage

MMG Rosebery's Emergency Response Team did us proud at the recent 2025 Tasmanian Minerals Emergency Response Competition by finishing third overall.

Led by Captain Shane Youd, the team of Craig Youd, Tessa Simpson, Tamiaka Smith, Nick Scolyer, Sam Johnstone, Brad Johnston, competed against 7 teams from across the local mining industry in the areas of First Aid, Fire Fighting, Rope Rescue, Team Skills, Theory and Search and Rescue. Stephanie Whittle, Samantha Graham and Paloma Elvira Clerici also competed on the TMERC team.

While Rosebery ERT was third overall, they won the First Aid competition and finished second in overall Safety and Best Captain.

Supporting a west coast icon

MMG's maintenance team was proud to lend a hand to the Wee Georgie Wood Steam Railway to help rebuild its chimney after it disintegrated at the end of the 2024-25 season.

Led by Superintendent – Fixed Plant Maintenance, Nigel Coulson, the team assisted in the refabrication of the stack.

It is great to be able to support such an iconic local attraction that brings joy to visitors and celebrates our region's rich history.

The Wee Georgie Wood Steam Railway is now operating on weekends.



Image: MMG's Nigel Coulson

Round 2 sponsorship applications being assessed

The Rosebery Community Consultative Committee met last month to review round 2 sponsorship applications and make recommendations to the General Manager for endorsement.

Successful applicants will be notified in the coming weeks.

Next year's sponsorship applications will move to an online process. The first-round closes on 15 April 2026.

Look out for more details in the Western Echo in the new year.

Community bus working group

The Community Bus Working Group met with Community Transport Services Tasmania CEO Lyndon Stevenson and Area Connect Operations Manager, Brett Williams last month.

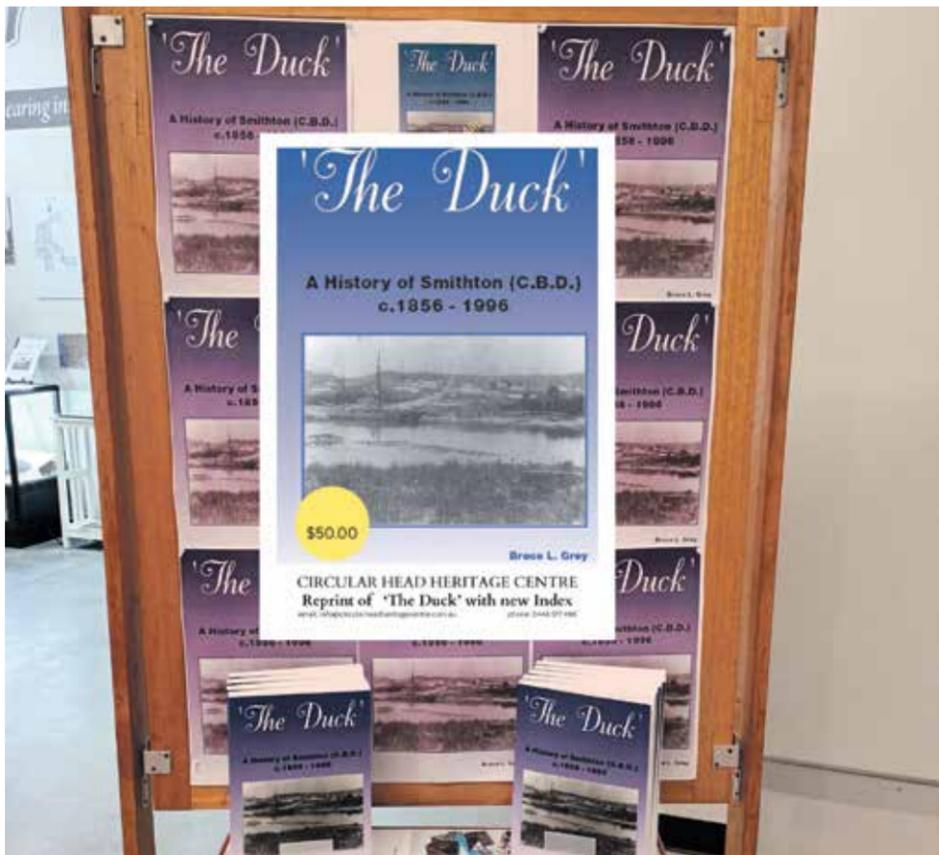
The group tapped into their knowledge and expertise to gain some insights into the steps that need to be taken to set up a Rosebery community bus.

2025 MMG Survey

We need your input to help us identify and prioritise the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) topics that matter most to our stakeholders and influence our business strategy. Scan the QR code to participate in the survey.



30th Anniversary reprint of 'The Duck'



The Circular Head Heritage Centre have published a reprint of 'The Duck', a 350 page book detailing the early history of the CBD of Smithton from 1856 to 1996. Author Bruce Grey has consulted the formal records and drawn on the memories of many Smithton residents, to trace the histories of every property in the main square including many businesses and organisations, as well as pri-

ivate residences. Museum curator Elayne Blake describes it as "her bible" for all questions relating to Smithton, so she jumped at the chance to reprint it for its 30th anniversary. This reprint includes a comprehensive index, which makes it much more user-friendly.

The idea for the book sprang from Bruce's family history research and work he undertook for the Circular Head

Historical Society, which was published in the Local History Journal, Volume 3, Number 3, in July 1991. This included a fold-out spread of all the businesses on East Emmett St in 1919 compared with the same vista in 1991. Some buildings have now changed in the 24 years since then, but others are still recognisable. The journals can be bought from the CH Heritage Centre Museum.

The original book was completed in 1996 and published by the Circular Head Chronicle in 1997. The book took the author, Bruce Grey, 10 years to research and write, and in pre-internet days, this involved many trips to Hobart to research in the Lands Titles Office and the Archives. Les Shearer of the Chronicle took a leap of faith in undertaking the printing of such a large volume, with over one hundred photos, and said recently that "it was the most important book he ever published". The assembling of such a large document was beyond the available capacity of the business at the time, so this was accomplished by hand, by the author and his wife and family, in after-hours time at the Chronicle offices.

The book has been out-of-print for the last 20 years, once the first edition had sold out. It was not feasible to do a revised edition so an errata page has been included to correct any errors which could interfere with meaning, and the new book is an exact copy of the original. Users

of the book frequently lamented the lack of an index, so a decision was made to create an index for the new volume. This was done by a working party of 12 volunteers drawn from museum supporters, under the leadership of Pat Grey. Three thousand index cards were necessary to cope with the vast number of names to be entered in the index, and with each volunteer covering between 15 to 30 pages, it took several weeks to complete the task. Thanks to the hard work of Anita Broz, Kerrie Fraser, Andrew McMaster, Christine McMaster, Vicki Flint, Vicki McLaren, Joseph Huisman, Barry Gardner, Sandra Cousins, Elayne Blake, Georgina Laan, Bruce Grey and Pat Grey, those names were wrangled and sorted into alphabetical order. The typing up of the index was accomplished by Pat, assisted by Bruce, who was able to resolve several confusions over similar names and places. It was a great relief to finally complete the task and send it off to the publishers.

'The Duck' is now available for sale at a cost of \$50, unchanged from its original price. A separate index is available for \$15 for those who already have a copy of the original. These would make a great Christmas gift. All proceeds from the sale of these books will go to the Circular Head Heritage Centre to support its work in preserving history in our community.

Amplifying local voices

The local business, health and education leaders were provided with a golden opportunity to provide the Telstra Technology Executive and the State team with firsthand examples of the impacts on their businesses and services due to the inability to reliably send and receive information to smart phones, laptops and other devices reliant on telecommunications technology at a recent meeting

While Telstra has anticipated most experiences, following previous complaints and issues which the State Manager, Michael Patterson and his team were across, some of the examples provided did surprise their Technology guru, Channa Senevirante.

We learnt that each year the amount of data being uploaded and downloaded nationally goes up by 20 percent – which should no be a surprise given the amount of video content / live streaming people do now. Telstra commented they must run a sprint race just to stay the same as they were last year, let alone get better.

Telstra provided their current proposal to address the capacity issues. When asked how much more would the capacity increase by, the answer was, "hundreds of times more capacity". Their proposal, which is in draft form, is waiting for the Commonwealth Government to open its Round 4 Funding Scheme, expected in early 2026. Their proposal does need the consolidated projections of the major mining and renewables projects to be added, to help build the case. The participants also heard from the challenges in

issuing E-Scripts and accessing doctors after hours when reliability is poor.

Given the time frame for the upgrade is still some time away, several participants agreed to have their signal strength monitored to help Telstra diagnose why this is happening. A number of these may be able to be fixed quickly, which will provide some improvement sooner rather than later.

Once the agreed action list has been finalised, it will be available for all to see on the WRSP Website.

The Western Regional Strategic Partnership were pleased to be able to bring this group of people together and attempt to fix issues which are long overdue. The WRSP Chair, Ray Mostogl was fortunate to meet with Vicki Brady the CEO of Telstra in a forum in Launceston earlier in the week and was able to raise the challenges with Vicki. Pleasingly, Vicki had recently become aware of the importance of the Western Region to Tasmania's economy and was supportive of seeing improvements.

Vicki made a comment in the Launceston forum along the lines of "Judge Telstra by its actions, not its promises". The WRSP Committee believe the scene is set for something positive to happen.



Breast screening bus is vital



The Country Women's Association in Tasmania at its recent state conference passed a resolution to raise awareness of the urgent need to reinstate the BreastScreen Tasmania mobile bus service.

Every branch of CWA Tasmania has been asked to send letters to state politicians asking for immediate action.

While we thank the Tasmanian Government for reinstating breast screening subsidies and providing support for travel and accommodation for many Tasmanian women, particularly those living in rural and remote communities, mobile screening is not just a convenience, it is a lifeline and is a critical service for the health and wellbeing of women in our communities.

The BreastScreen mobile unit broke down early this year while in Georgetown and there are no immediate plans to replace it.

It is some time since the mobile unit visited Smithton and although it was available in Burnie twice this year, women unable to travel were at a major dis-

advantage adding stress to those women in our community who have a family history of breast cancer and need to be checked at regular intervals as early detection gives them a better chance of survival.

The absence of the bus has created serious barriers to early detection, adding cost, anxiety, and hardship for women who already face long distances to access healthcare. Early detection saves lives, and every month without a mobile service puts more women at risk.

We would ask that the government prioritise the reinstatement of this vital service by ensuring that a new unit is delivered and operational as quickly as possible.

Our local Circular Head branch has its next meeting on Wednesday 19th November at 1pm at the Emmerton Park Clubhouse.

We will be organising a table at the Stanley Family Show of 29th November and members will be available for those requiring information.



Official Opening of Burnie Arts

Doors have opened at Burnie's new cultural precinct, following a \$20.5 million revitalisation of the city's arts institutions in the heart of the CBD.

An opening event held on Monday 10 November, 2025 was the culmination of four years' work to redevelop the former Civic Centre built in 1976.

The vision was simple but ambitious – create Burnie's cultural hub for the broad community, fuse together art and museum collections, the performing arts, functions, workshops and events, and break down cultural barriers to ensure that everyone is welcome.

Initially, with funding from the then Liberal Federal Government of \$5 million, the scope of the project was modest. Then, during the 2022 Federal election, the Labor Party promised a further \$13 million. Once the Labor Party was elected, the Burnie Arts project became the only Tasmanian cultural infrastructure project listed in the new 'Revive' national cultural policy.

Burnie City Council Mayor Teeny Brumby notes how important this ambitious project was for Burnie; "This centre belongs to the people of Burnie. It's where our stories, our talent, and our imagination come together under one roof. We recognised that the original building had excellent bones, and with a clever design we could stretch a \$20 million budget to deliver something extraordinary. It's a bold statement that Burnie backs itself, our city, our people, and our future. We've created something that doesn't just showcase the arts but celebrates the heart and spirit of this community."

Federal Minister for Transport the Honourable Catherine King MP was present at the opening event and added, "The new cultural precinct will deliver lasting benefits to the Burnie community. "It's not just about improving the look and feel of an ageing building, it's about driving the visitor economy and delivering those financial benefits to local businesses. "Most importantly it's about incentivising the arts in the community, fostering local up-and-comers, and bringing in performances and exhibitions of all forms to Tasmania's north-west."

100,000 visitors are expected to visit the upgraded arts precinct each year.



Active Transport Strategy Adopted

At the October Council meeting, Council adopted the Active Transport Strategy (ATS).

Burnie City Council are committed to making walking, wheeling and riding available to all members of the community. This ATS offers the blueprint for creating the conditions in which active travel is a safe, convenient and an enjoyable mode of transport. This is especially useful for the many short to medium distance trips that take place every day in Burnie.

What's next?

Last financial year, Council secured a \$200,000 grant from the Tasmanian State Government under the Better Active Transport Program, along with a \$50,000 Council contribution to produce the ATS.

After completion of the strategy document, approximately \$125,000 remains available for works.

After consultation with the ATS working group, it was recommended that the remaining budget be used to fund the widening of approximately 250-300 metres of footpath at Burnie Park, which will provide a more accessible pathway connection between West Park and Park Grove.

These works aim to be completed by the end of December 2025. Council has allocated \$250,000 in the 2026-27 Capital Works Program for the development and implementation of the next stages of the Active Transport Strategy.

To find out more, and to read the detailed ATS document, head over to Council's website: burnie.tas.gov.au/ATS

A huge thank you to our community for taking the time to provide your input during the ATS consultations. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us and helps us strive towards Making a Better Burnie.

Upcoming Council Meetings

25 November, 2025

Council Meeting and AGM

9 December, 2025



Fire Abatements

With all this late spring rain and the grass looking luscious and green, you might be wondering why we are already talking about Fire Risk Abatement.

With a little over 60 days left till the end of the year and warmer days already starting to grace us, now is the time to start thinking about protecting you and your neighbours' properties by removing any accumulated rubbish, tidy up the yard and remove flammable materials such as tyres and keep grasses, brambles, scrub and undergrowth to no more than 10cm in height.

Rules of Thumb for Fire Abatement

Residential Areas or lots less than 2000m² must have a 3-5-metre break along the boundary with grasses no more than 10cm in height. Trees can stay but should be clear of branches and debris up to 2metre off the ground to avoid a fire spreading into the tree canopy. Lots greater than 2000m² require a fire break no less than 10 metres wide around the property boundaries. Trees are to remain but should be clear of branches and debris up to 2 meters off the ground to avoid a fire spreading into the tree canopy.

The Tasmanian Fire service have range of resources and online tools to assist with fire prevention and planning along with a fuel break calculator available on their website - fire.tas.gov.au



Save the date

3-2-1 GO! Kids Race

West Park Oval, Burnie
Fun run for all ages!
16 November, 2025

Extended hours at Burnie's Waste Transfer Centre

17 and 20 November, 2025
9am to 6:30pm

TARGA Tasmania Lunch stop

20 November, 2025
Wilson Street, Burnie CBD
12pm to 2pm
(Roads will be closed to local traffic from 6am to 3pm)

Hazardous Waste: free drop-off

29 November, 2025
South Burnie Car Park
10am to 2pm

Rate instalment due

30 November, 2025

Burnie Christmas Parade

Burnie CBD
12 December, 2025
6pm

Burnie Carols by Candlelight

21 December, 2025
Burnie Park Sound Shell
6:30pm

For more info - burnie.tas.gov.au

Bucky Motors Rally Tasmania

Burnie City Council were excited to once again be sponsoring Rally Tasmania for another brilliant year!

On Friday 6 November, all the participating rally cars were lined up on the Burnie Waterfront where the locals braved the soaking rain to come out and enjoy the unique chance to meet the drivers, get autographs, and see the powerful rally cars up close before they hit the stages.

14 Stages. 217 km of track. 1 winner.

The winner? Hayden Paddon and John Kennard in their Hyundai i20. Congratulations to the pair for the maiden Australian Rally Championship title, with Paddon becoming the first New Zealander to do so since Possum Bourne in 2002.

Rally Tasmania will be back in Burnie for the third year in a row in August 2026!



Burnie 10 another success!

Since 1985 people from all over have been travelling to Burnie every October for the famous Burnie 10, and 2025 turned out to be the best one yet!

The weather conditions were perfect for the 3000+ runners of all ages who took part in Australia's premier running race.

The men's race will go down as one of the most thrilling in recent memory after Adam Goddard and Edward Marks fought until the very end. Goddard (who won the 10km Melbourne Marathon two weeks prior to the Burnie 10) narrowly defeated his rival by 0.1 of a second with a time of 28:37.

Leanne Pompeani took out the female race to claim her third Burnie 10 win in four years - 0.6 seconds outside the female course record of 31:40, which she set a year ago.



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.

For information and tickets - burniearts.net



Van Diemen's Band's immensely popular lunchtime concert series returns! Every Thursday in November, 1:05pm to 2pm



Bjorn Again!
20 November, 2025
7:30pm to 10pm



Still the One - The Music of Shania Twain
28 November, 2025
8pm to 10pm



A Cracker Kransky Christmas
4 December, 2025
8pm to 9:30pm



Want more information on everything Burnie? Check out the discoverburnie app

discoverburnie.com

Thank you for making The Unconformity festival an extraordinary success



Image: Jesse Hunniford

From CEO Louisa Gordon

As the dust settles on another incredible festival, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the artists, partners, sponsors, volunteers, local businesses, and community members who made The Unconformity 2025 possible. Your creativity, generosity, and enthusiasm brought the festival to life and reminded us once again why Queenstown and the West Coast are at the heart of this extraordinary cultural experience.

From intimate artistic moments to the roar of the crowd as the West reclaimed The Unconformity Cup, this year's festival was full of connection, energy, and community spirit.

We're grateful to everyone who helped make it happen and to those who joined us to share in something truly special.

Louisa Gordon, CEO ■

Image: Jesse Hunniford



Image: Nicolas Salazar Silva



The festival lives on in online archives

The 2025 festival continues in our digital archives. Explore the Semaphore Log, a collection of messages shared across the West Coast skyline throughout the festival; and the Elemental Memories digital archive, featuring charms created by local school children as reflections of memory and belonging. If you missed the action of The Unconformity Cup, you can rewatch the match online and see The West take on The Rest on The Gravel. ■

Semaphore Log:
semaphore.theunconformity.com.au

Elemental Memories Digital Archive:
moonland.theunconformity.com.au/articles/elemental-memories

The Unconformity Cup:
bit.ly/3WJhOCn

Image: Nicolas Salazar Silva



December Open Hall: Deck the Hall

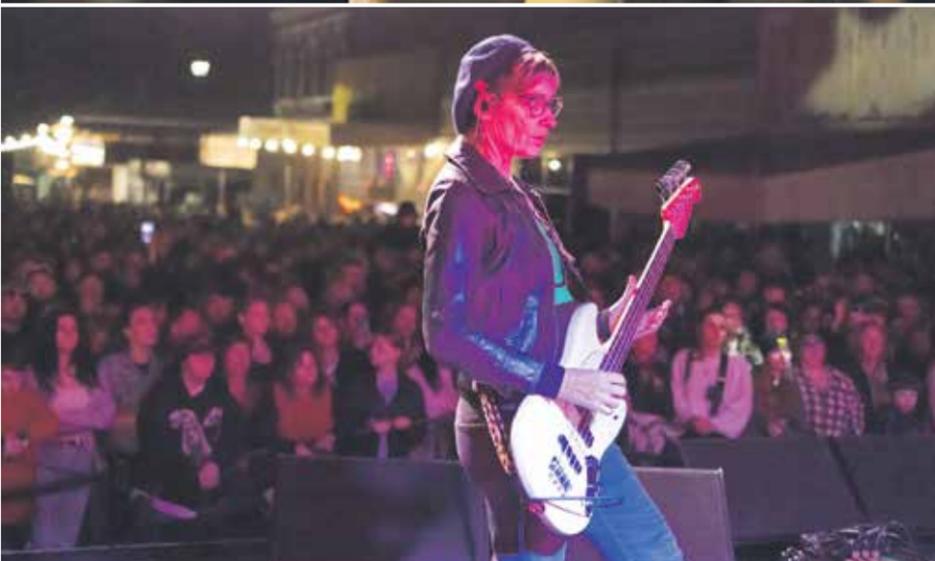
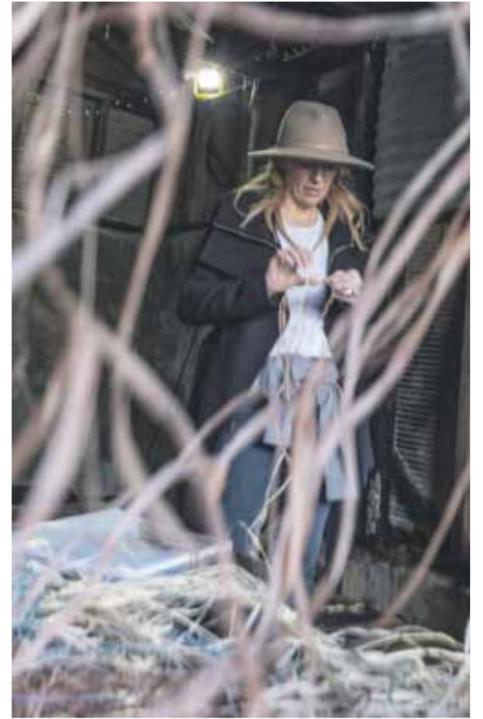
We invite the West Coast community to our December Open Hall, where we will be decking the hall for a festive season celebration. Join us as we mark the end of the year with good company, festive cheer, and a chance to reconnect with artists, collaborators, and neighbours to celebrate our shared creativity and look forward to what's next in 2026.

December Open Hall
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Unconformity Festival

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Council's Education Bursary Awarded



Mayor Dr Mary Duniam and Billie Henrick. Picture: Waratah-Wynyard Council.

Wynyard, Tasmania

Meet Billie Henrick! Billie is a local mum, student, and soon-to-be fully registered nurse. Mayor Mary Duniam and Council had the privilege of meeting Billie, the recipient of Council's Bill French Memorial Bursary — a \$5,000 scholarship supporting Waratah-Wynyard

students attending UTAS — and congratulating her on all her achievements.

Billie has always been passionate about nursing and helping people. When her children were younger, studying a nursing degree meant travelling to Launceston. Now, with the degree available at the Cradle Coast Campus and her kids older, she jumped at the chance to follow her dream.

She'll finish her studies in December and become a registered nurse in January 2026. Billie also had the amazing opportunity to travel to India for four weeks through a UTAS & Beyond Borders Learning Programs offshore placement program, delivering health care to remote villages, schools, and experiencing the Indian healthcare system during hospital rotations.

Billie shared that the \$5,000 bursary has been a huge help, especially with the rising cost of living. We're so proud to see this scholarship go to such a hardworking and compassionate local. Billie's journey is exactly why this program exists! Well done, Billie!

Accessibility Working Group Update



Accessibility Working Group Members with Mayor Dr Mary Duniam.

Wynyard, Tasmania

You may remember our call for EOIs for Council's Accessibility Working Group with Jamie Elphinstone.

We are pleased to share that the group has been finalised with seven members, including three new members!

Continuing members include Peter Lambert, Ken Ewington, Annette Kirkpatrick and Jamie Elphinstone. Joining them as new members are Melissa Jones, Craig Richardson and Morgan Price.

Our Mayor, Mary Duniam, recently had the privilege of meeting some of the members to congratulate them on their successful applications.

Pictured are Melissa Jones, who has experience working with students with disabilities; Craig Richardson, known for his various volunteer roles in the community; Ken Ewington, who is passionate about accessibility and inclusion for all; and Peter Lambert, who has a background in assisting adults with mental and physical disabilities.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact this group will have on our community!



Mayor Dr Mary Duniam and Anne Urquhart MP with Nguyen Pham, Aubrey Haggerty, Narendra Shetty & Klaus Gitzinger. Picture: Waratah-Wynyard Council.

Meet Waratah-Wynyard's New Citizens!

Wynyard, Tasmania

On 21st Oct, Mayor Mary Duniam and Anne Urquhart MP joined Council to celebrate four amazing individuals officially joining our community. Congratulations and welcome to our beautiful municipality! Pictured: Mayor Dr Mary Duniam and Anne Urquhart MP with new citizens Nguyen Pham, Aubrey Haggerty, Narendra Shetty & Klaus Gitzinger.

FIRE ABATEMENT INSPECTIONS

Council is currently conducting fire abatement inspections around the municipality in preparation for the up-and-coming fire season.

In particular, we urge community members who own vacant land within the municipality to keep grass and vegetation short (under 100mm in height) for the entire summer. If you own a larger parcel of land that borders onto a residential area, you might be required to slash a firebreak along the adjoining property boundary to act as a barrier.

It is important that we all do our part to keep ourselves and other community members safe.

Follow *Tasmania Fire Service* (Facebook) for updates and tips on how to be fire ready this bushfire season.

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Council Awarded Certificate of Appreciation



Mayor Dr Mary Duniam, Peter Frazer (Founder and President of the SARAH Group) and Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards. Picture: Waratah-Wynyard Council.

Council was recently awarded a certificate of appreciation for promoting the “Drive So Others Survive” campaign by the SARAH Group. Founder and President Peter Frazer joined Mayor Dr. Mary Duniam and Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards in Wynyard to present the certificate.

Inglis River Walking Track Project



Waratah-Wynyard Council workers at the Inglis River Walking Track along the Esplanade, Wynyard. Picture: Waratah-Wynyard Council.

Wynyard, Tasmania

As part of our Inglis River Walking Track Project, our Civil Works team has completed the new crossing path near the Inglis River Bridge — improving pedestrian access and creating a stronger connection along the walking track. The team is now working along The Esplanade, starting with kerbing and installing the new path. Next up will be the car park, located on the corner of Austin Street and The Esplanade.

Please note: During these works, the old walking track along The Esplanade will be closed between 8am and 4pm. The team has made fantastic progress, and we look forward to seeing this much-loved community walking track completed. The track not only supports health and wellbeing but also provides beautiful river views and connects to the regional Coastal Pathway. Once finished, it will be a lasting asset for our municipality.

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Rosebery Development Assoc AGM update

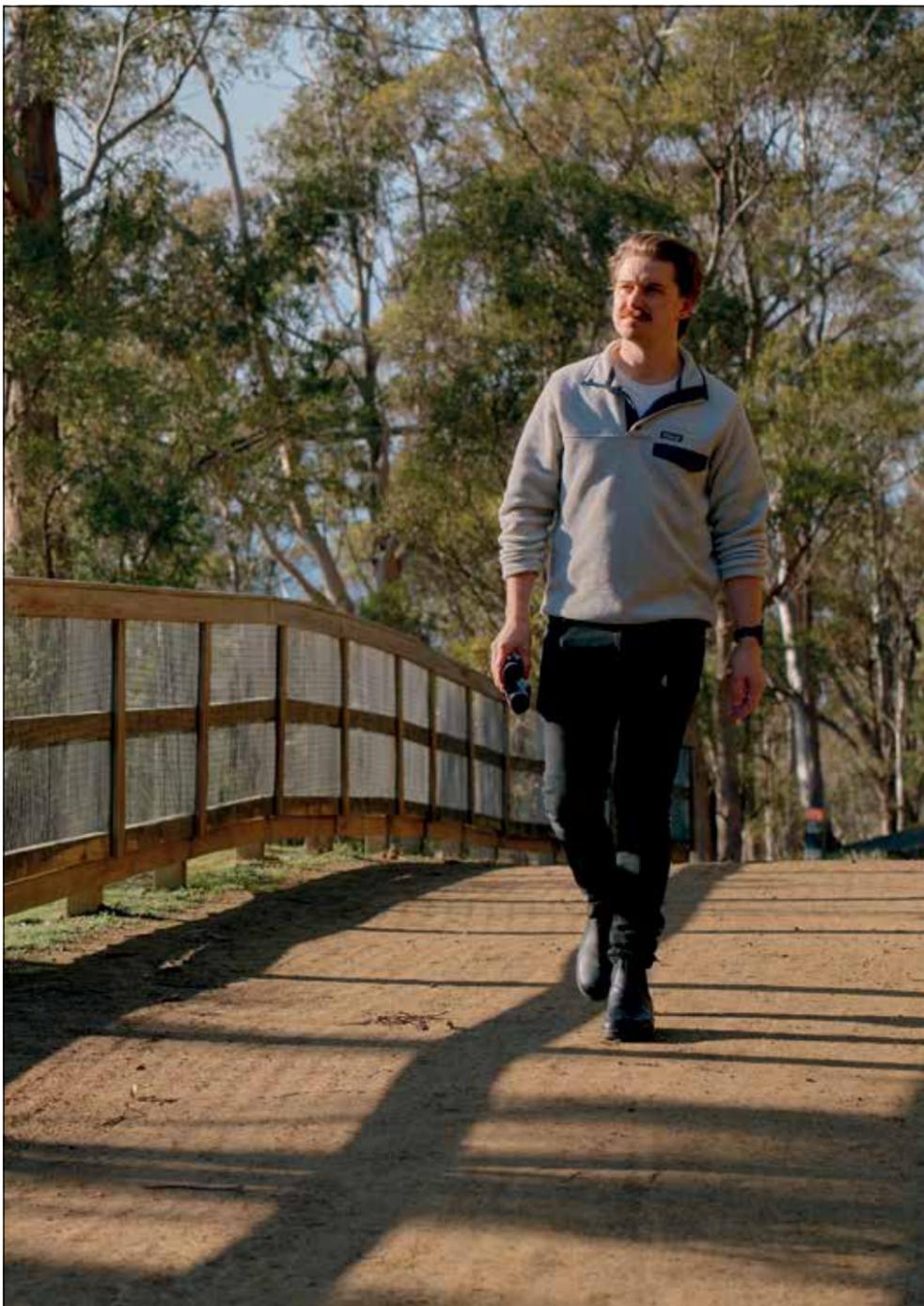
On October 7th, the Rosebery Development Association held its AGM at the Top Pub. We're happy to share that our committee will be continuing for another year:

Chairperson: Jo Bracken
Vice Chair: Sharon Goninon
Treasurer: Gray Stride
Secretary: Mikaela Seymour
Public Officer: Wayne Woolley

A big thank you to everyone who came along and to all those who've supported the RDA over the past year. Here's to another great 12 months ahead! Also, new merchandise has arrived at the Rosebery Heritage Centre — including beanies,

umbrellas, and heaps more! With Christmas right around the corner, these would make perfect gifts. You can check out prices on the Rosebery Heritage Centre Facebook Page, or scan the QR code below and it will take you straight to our Facebook Page!

Our opening hours are Monday - Friday 10 AM – 2 PM, Some weekends too (keep an eye on Facebook for updates). Entry by gold coin donation. Drop by to browse our gift shop, explore our local heritage displays, or relax in our cozy reading corner. We're also your local (White 'i') Visitor Information Centre, so pop in and say hi!



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Building dignity across the globe



Soroptimist International of Circular Head has proudly partnered with Dreambuilders Church Smithton to support a project at Joy School in Wasswa, Uganda, aimed at tackling period poverty and helping girls stay in school.

Through this partnership, teachers at Joy School received professional training and resources, and around 100–120 girls are now receiving reusable menstrual products.

The training and pad kits were purchased from AfriPads, a Ugandan social enterprise dedicated to menstrual health and empowerment. AfriPads are designed and manufactured in Uganda, supporting local employment and women-led enterprise. This ensures that funds invested remain within the country and contribute to lasting impact.

For many girls in rural Uganda, the lack of access to safe and affordable menstrual products can mean missing several days of school each month, a challenge that affects education, confidence, and opportunity.

This initiative provides a sustainable solution by ensuring students and teachers are equipped with the knowledge and

resources they need.

Soroptimist International of Circular Head President Hannah Bruce said the project reflects the club's mission to educate, empower and enable women and girls everywhere.

"It's about dignity and opportunity," she said. "Reliable, reusable period products can make a world of difference, helping girls to stay in school and reach their full potential."

Sharon Nuske of Dreambuilders Church Smithton agreed, saying the partnership has been both inspiring and rewarding. "We've seen first-hand how lack of menstrual products affects girls in rural Uganda, so being part of the solution has been a real privilege," she said. "Partnering with the Soroptimists has been a huge encouragement, together, we're making a real difference." Soroptimist International of Circular Head is proud to be part of this global effort to support education and dignity for girls.

You can learn more about our local and international projects by following Soroptimist International of Circular Head on Facebook.

Thursday 6th January 1910, Daily Telegraph

Queenstown has a rather unenviable reputation as a place denuded of vegetation by the sulphurous fumes from the Mount Lyell smelters.

But the way to Tasmania's copperopolis from Strahan, across Macquarie Harbor, up the King River to Teekoopana, and on to the world famed mine is adorned by some of the grandest mountain and most beautiful valley scenery in this island of natural charms. And the people of Queenstown have a happy mode of convincing their visitors, by presenting their arrival with flowers grown there, that they are not so entirely devoid of the pleasures and benefits of gardens as they are commonly supposed to be. When Mr. Deakin went there a few months ago as Prime Minister of the Commonwealth he was decorated with a Queenstown button hole. On Tuesday the Governor of the state received a basket of locally grown carnations that were probably originally intended for Lady Barron, who was unfortunately prevented by an injured eye from going farther than Zeehan on this, the occasion of their first trip to the West Coast.

Spring cleaning hazardous waste

Households across the North West can safely clean out old and unwanted laundry, hobby, home and garden chemicals and bring them for free and safe disposal at a series of events across the region this November.

Funded by the Tasmanian Government State-wide Waste Levy, the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group (CCWGMG) has organised 8 free drop-off events between Smithton and Latrobe, running from 14 to 29 November, and one free collection run for residents on the West Coast. The full event schedule can be found by visiting: <https://rethinkwaste.com.au/statewide-household-hazardous-waste-collection/>

Items accepted at the events include vapes, solvents and household cleaners; floor care products; ammonia-based cleaners; pesticides and herbicides; poisons; pool chemicals; hobby chemicals; acids and alkalis. Individual items brought for disposal must be no larger than 20 kilograms or 20 litres each. For storage safety reasons, no early or late drop-offs of chemicals can be accepted at any site.

"Old and unwanted chemicals pose a risk at home, are an environmental hazard when placed into landfill and also pose a safety risk if disposed through the kerbside collection system, so the best place for them are at our designated chemical collections," said Secretary of the CCWGMG Veronica Schilling.

"We are always working to make safe and sustainable waste disposal a simple option. In previous years we have held



all collections at the waste transfer stations, but this year we are trialling some events in more central town locations. This will benefit those people who don't usually travel out of town to dispose of their waste."

The material collected is handled and transported under the supervision of a specialist chemist and anything that has potential for energy recovery will be recycled into fuel for industrial use (approx. 50%). Material that is unable to be converted/neutralised/stabilised/treated or is considered toxic is incinerated at approved facilities specifically designed to prevent emissions to the environment.

The group is also going to trial its first ever tyre amnesty in Burnie on Saturday 29 November 2025. The event is open to all residents of Northwest Tasmania and is an action from the CCWGMG Illegal Dumping and Littering Strategy. Spaces are limited and participants must pre-register for the event. Bookings and more information (including Terms and Conditions) can be found by visiting: https://events.humanitix.com/community_car-tyre-amnesty-nwtasmania



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Council Hosts the Governor of Tasmania



Smithton, Tasmania

With community members, we had the honour of welcoming the Governor of Tasmania, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, for a memorable day in our beautiful region. The visit began with a tour of the Circular Head Heritage Centre, where Her Excellency explored our town's rich history and cultural significance, followed by the Robotic Dairy Tour at Duck Pavilions, highlighting Circular Head's innovation and excellence in fresh local produce. These stops showcased not only our strong agricultural roots but also our commitment to combining tradition with modern skill and technology.

The day concluded in our picturesque, award-

winning town of Stanley, where Her Excellency spent time with volunteers from the Tasmania Fire Service, State Emergency Service and Ambulance Service Tasmania.

It was a wonderful way to acknowledge the dedication, professionalism and vital work that these essential services bring to our municipality. Between these highlights, Her Excellency also visited other significant community locations, including the Circular Head Trade Training Centre – Southside Campus, Giggles Early Learning Centre – the new facility at Wyndarra and Emmerton Park.

Each stop offered an opportunity to engage with local students, educators, families and community leaders, reflecting the strong and vibrant life we have here in Circular Head.

Church St, Stanley Master Plan Commences



Stanley, Tasmania

Works to revitalise one of Stanley's most recognisable streets are set to commence, with Circular Head Council issuing a Notice of Intent to close the Church St–Main Rd junction as part of the first stage of the Church Street Master Plan. The long-anticipated project will transform the township's main thoroughfare into a safer, more accessible and welcoming space for locals and visitors alike.

The first stage focuses on the busy junction where visibility and pedestrian safety have been ongoing concerns. To improve safety and traffic flow, the junction will be permanently closed, and Church St will become one-way northbound towards Victoria St. The upgrade will also include extended footpaths, new bollards and a clearly defined pedestrian walkway, creating a safer and more enjoyable environment for people exploring the heart of Stanley.

Developed through extensive consultation in 2023, the Church Street Master Plan reflects the community's aspirations for a main street that celebrates Stanley's heritage while enhancing its appeal as a place to visit, shop and gather. The plan was shaped through co-design workshops involving local residents, business owners and visitors, ensuring the end result reflects community values and priorities.

A formal process to close the junction will be undertaken under the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*, with an objection period open from 8 November to 8 December 2025. Construction is expected to begin later this financial year, marking the start of an exciting transformation that will enhance safety, accessibility and vibrancy in the centre of Stanley.

Visit www.circularhead.tas.gov.au to learn more about this project.

FOGO Collections have commenced in Stanley & Smithton.
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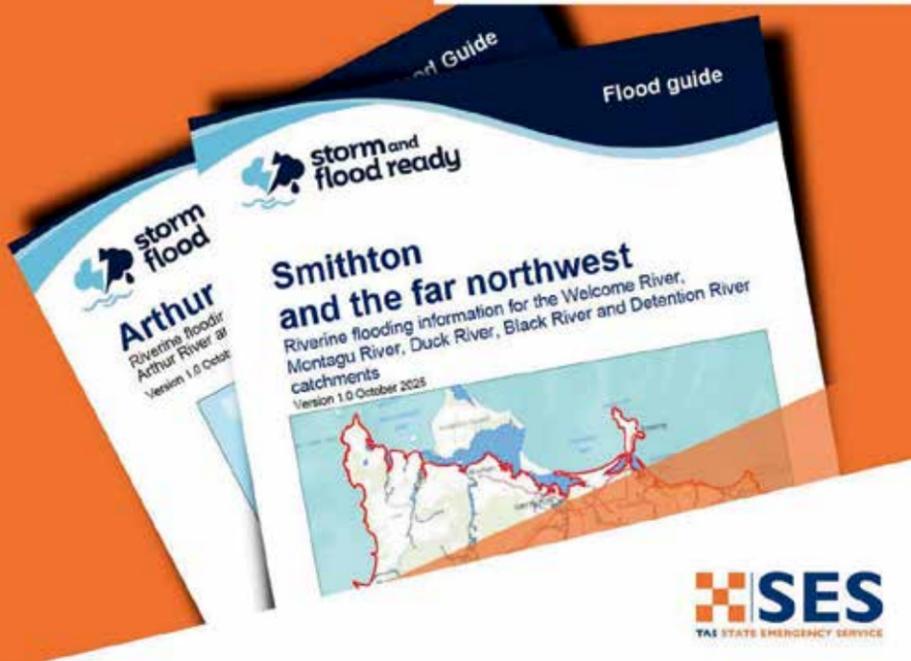
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DAY 1
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HIGHLIGHTS

- EXPLORE THE SEA CAVES AND ANCIENT ABORIGINAL ROCK SHELTERS OF ROCKY CAPE NATIONAL PARK.
- WALK THE COASTAL TRAILS TO NORTH CAVE AND THE LIGHTHOUSE.
- STOP OFF AT LANIGAN'S WHERE THEY BRING TOGETHER TASMANIA'S FINEST OFFERINGS - MINES, ARTISAN CHEESES AND WARM HOSPITALITY.
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DAY 2
STANLEY



DAY 3

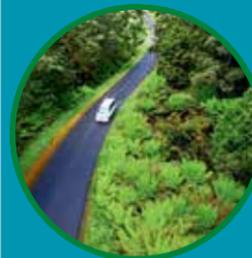
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HIGHLIGHTS

- SAMPLE AWARD-WINNING HONEY AT BLUE HILLS HONEY
- DISCOVER THE MIGHTY DIP FALLS AND THE BIG TREE IN MAWBANNA
- TASTE LOCAL PRODUCE AT TARKINE FRESH OYSTERS
- TAKE A TOUR OF DUCK RIVER MEADOWS DAIRY AND LA CANTARA CHEESE FACTORY
- STOP BY THE SMITHTON VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE AND CIRCULAR HEAD HERITAGE CENTRE FOR LOCAL HISTORY, MAPS AND SOUVENIRS



TARKINE RV PARK TROWUTTA

HIGHLIGHTS

- DRIVE THROUGH LUSH RAINFOREST ON THE TARKINE DRIVE
- EXPLORE NATURAL WONDERS LIKE TROWUTTA ARCH, JULIUS RIVER, AND LAKE CHISHOLM
- KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR WILDLIFE - PLATYPUS, ECHIDNAS, AND PADEMELONS ARE COMMON, ALONG WITH A RICH VARIETY OF BIRDLIFE.

DAY 4

THE TARKINE DRIVE

DAY 5

ARTHUR RIVER & MARRAWAH



ARTHUR RIVER OR MARRAWAH (MANY CAMPING OPTIONS AVAILABLE)

HIGHLIGHTS

- STAND AT THE MILD EDGE OF THE WORLD, WHERE THE SOUTHERN OCEAN ROARS AGAINST ANCIENT ROCKS
- TAKE A SERENE ARTHUR RIVER CRUISE DEEP INTO THE TARKINE WILDERNESS
- UNWIND WITH A MEAL AT THE MARRAWAH INN OR WALK ALONG GREEN POINT BEACH, TASMANIA'S SURFING FRONTIER



BEST TIME

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Tales from Emmerton Park - meet the residents

My Story – Gwen Charles



I was born in Penguin, Tasmania, to Ella and Eslie Davies. We lived near Sulphur Creek, up Creamery Road on Lades' farm, where dad worked as a farmhand. Life was simple back then; we didn't have electricity at the house. Mum used a copper to wash the clothes, and at night we lit our way with kerosene lamps and candles. The dunny was outside, which wasn't much fun, especially in the middle of winter!

I had two sisters and one brother, Jack. We were the best of mates and got up to

plenty of shenanigans together. When I was four, I became very ill. For six months, the doctors couldn't figure out what was wrong. Eventually, I was diagnosed with polio. The doctors wanted to send me away for treatment, but Mum said no as I was already over the worst of it. I was lucky not to be too badly affected. We walked to school every day in those early years, a five-mile trek. We walked everywhere, even to Sunday School at Sulphur Creek. Sometimes mum and dad came with us, as grandma and grandad lived nearby. We'd often pack a picnic and enjoy time together at Midway Point Beach near Hall Point.

After a few years, we moved to Zig Zag Road when dad got a new job at Athol Overall's nursery. They provided a house, and we didn't have to walk quite so far to school. The school eventually closed in 1944, and the building was moved to Penguin, where the market is now. From then on, we caught the bus, which we didn't mind one bit.

Sometimes Mr Whittle drove the bus, even after having two heart attacks. Mum and dad warned us not to get on the bus if he was behind the wheel, so those days turned into unexpected holidays!

Christmas time was always special. I fondly remember our Boxing Day picnics at the Blythe River. Dad would hitch up the dray to one of our draft horses. He had the best horses and won many ploughing competitions. We loved the slow rides, passers-by waved and tooted their horns. We all enjoyed waving back.

I left school at 14 and briefly worked at AH Pease's shoe store before starting at APPM paper mill. I worked there for 12 years, counting and sorting paper, I made many lifelong friends.

At 22, I married Barry Kirkland. We had two wonderful children; Debbie and Rodney and we built our home in Somerset. Barry wanted to go crayfishing, so we moved to Stanley, on the corner of Hale and Edward Street. Barry spent long weeks at sea, and eventually, we separated. Mum and Dad built a unit out the back to help me with the kids, which was a huge support.

I got a job at Stanley Primary School and worked there for 25 years as a library assistant and teacher's aide. I loved seeing the kids grow and learn. On weekends, I also worked splitting scallops at the Stanley Co-op for some extra income.

While living in Stanley, I kept busy volunteering at Lyon's Cottage, the Discovery Museum, and the Stanley Football Club. I met so many lovely people through those connections.

Mum and Dad had a shack at Arthur River, and we spent many weekends and holidays there. On the way, we'd stop at Duck River for a picnic, letting the kids run around, and later grab an ice cream from Hine's shop at Christmas Hills.

One night, I went to a dance at the old hall at Godfrey's Beach. Kevin Charles was there. I knew of him, he worked as a coxswain at Port Latta and I'd seen him around Stanley. We started chatting that night... and the chat went well! We married in 1982 and, 43 years later, we're still going strong.

In 2002, Kevin and I moved to Smithton. I missed the beach and our family outings, but I got involved with the Anglican Church and the Women's Auxiliary and made many new friends.

I enjoyed playing golf and once won a trip to Western Australia to play, it was amazing! But the best part was always coming home. For me, there's no better place to grow up and raise a family than the North West Coast.

News from Wyndarra

Wyndarra Gala and Auction

What an evening!!

The Wyndarra Gala and Auction was a great success. Great company, food and music as well as entertainment by Josh "Pezza" Perry during his auctioning of our kindly donated items.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the evening. Whether you donated, sponsored, volunteered, entertained, bid in the auction, worked behind the scenes, or simply joined us on the night, your support made it a truly special evening.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to any of our Fundraising events this year. The generosity of our local com-

munity, and of the Tasmanian public and businesses, is truly amazing.

Wyndarra Facebook page names those who contributed to the evening and we encourage the community to get behind these local and Tasmanian business who have given so generously.

The Wyndarra Supported Disability Units are nearing completion. Follow the Facebook page or check the Wyndarra webpage for further information for updates and progress.

Life Membership for Marilyn

At Wyndarra's recent AGM, Marilyn Grey (pictured at right), was awarded Life Membership recognising nearly three decades of dedicated service to the Organisation and the community.

Marilyn's kindness, patience and belief in others has touched countless lives across Circular Head since she did her Volunteer Training in 1996.

Thank you and Congratulations Marilyn.

Latest Newsletter

Our latest Newsletter is out full of all the latest from Wyndarra. You can obtain a printed copy by talking to Bec on 64522722 or visit our webpage www.wyndarra.org.au to view a copy.



If only there was another way...

Circular Head Resale Shop

An event of Grace at St. Joseph's Catholic Church

A joyful event of grace and blessing began for the people of God at Queenstown, St. Joseph's Catholic Church on 25th October 2025 at 5.00 pm with the Sacramental celebration for the four candidates, Donnelly Eduardo Fiocco-Barragan, Ashley Wynne Susan Atkinson, Torry Ann North and Ameliah Jade-Tennille North. The celebration is all about the receiving of First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, the seal of the Holy Spirit. Archbishop Emeritus Julian Porteous of the Archdiocese of Hobart arrived to confer the candidates with gift of God's Grace and Spirit.

The event began with Archbishop Julian meeting the candidates and the family members before the Holy Mass at 4.30 pm by encouraging and exhorting them to the life of virtues, and God's Grace. The candidates got ready with the pastoral encouragement from the Archbishop and were excited to receive the twin sacraments. The Holy Mass began at 5.00 pm with the congregation of parents,

teachers of St. Joseph's Catholic School, sponsors, parishioners and all well-wishers. Fr. Arokia, the Parish Administrator welcomed everyone for the celebration with the introduction saying, "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." For it is the day of rejoicing as four of our candidates in the parish are entering into the life, love and grace of God fully. Archbishop Julian started the celebration and gave the message of the Holy Spirit for the candidates by taking the events of the Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11), the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples in the upper room. He, further delved in to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit where the candidates beautifully answered by saying, wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Archbishop exhorted everyone to receive these gifts which are considered permanent dispositions that help individuals follow the Holy Spirit's guidance and perfect their virtues.

After the homily, the candidates were presented to the Archbishop for conferring the Seal of Holy Spirit with Anointing of Chrism on their foreheads. In this time, the Sponsors presented the candidates with their saint's name: Donnelly as St. John Bosco, Ashley as St. Fructuosus of Braga, Torry as St. Valentine and Ameliah as St. Cecilia. With this great event of joy, the Holy Mass continued and finally the candidates received the Body of Jesus as their First Eucharist to be united with Christ deeply. The Eucharist ended with the final blessings of Archbishop Julian for the entire congregation. At the end of the

Mass, Fr. Arokia extended his heartfelt thanks to all the people of God starting from the Almighty for His outpouring of Holy Spirit and the life of Grace for the candidates. The event ended with the refreshments at the church foyer sharing the joy of Christ and wishing everyone "CONGRATULATIONS"!!!



Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

Man caught in machine at Renison Bell Mine



On Thursday, July 24, 1913, Francis Henry Gorey was accidentally killed at the Renison Bell mine when he was caught up in an electric winch. He was originally from Fingal, was 30 years old, and married with a five-year-old girl and a six-month-old boy.

A Coronial Enquiry was held over the following two days before Coroner E.V. Goldsmid, a jury of six, police, lawyers for the parties involved, the Inspector of Mines and the Assistant Inspector of Machinery.

The jury inspected the scene of the accident and saw that the clothing from the upper part of deceased's body, including his belt, was wound tightly around the pinion shaft of the winch. It appeared as if deceased's left front coat had been caught and he had been pulled in between the shaft and the drum of the winch.

After formal identification of the

body, Dr. Donald McRae was called, who deposed that he had examined Francis' body and found there were grievous injuries to the right thigh, right hand, face, jaw and neck, as well as a fractured skull. Later on, in proceedings the Enquiry heard it was about two minutes from the time Francis was trapped until he was released, and that he only lived for a couple of minutes without speaking after being freed.

The Enquiry heard from another six witnesses and focused on two key areas.

Firstly, why was Francis in such a position to be caught up as the only time the cog wheels on the winch were revolving was when the winch was being used, and in that case the operator should have been using a lever some [3 metres] away from where the body was found.

There was speculation that deceased had tripped or fallen into the machinery, or that he was cleaning the shaft using a piece of emery paper while it was in motion. Some of the witnesses said they would never do this personally, while others said that they had seen Gorey doing exactly that.

Perhaps a more likely explanation was a "rack pin" had fallen out of the left-hand side of the machine,

causing Francis to move over to where his body was found to investigate. It seemed he had picked the pin up as it was found placed nearby on part of the machinery. Witness Hugh Coull, who was the onsite



Machinery testified that he would have passed the winch without hesitation where it was, but if it was somewhere where more men were moving around it, it would require more protection.

Harry Wilcocks, the previous winch operator, stated he had always thought that the cog wheels should have been guarded. He had occasionally talked to deceased about it, who had agreed. He added that as the machinery had been passed by the Inspector of Mines, he did not think it his duty to report it as dangerous. After hearing all the evidence, the coroner summed up, and after deliberating for 35 minutes the jury declared that the deceased had

died at the winch house, but there was no evidence to show how the accident occurred. A rider was added, recommending that the belt from the motor be guarded in the future. The funeral commenced at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday 27 July when the cortege left the residence of the deceased's mother at 3 Pedder Street. A short service was conducted at the Roman Catholic Church by Father Bernard Murphy, who also conducted a service at the graveside. It is known where Francis is buried but no physical trace remains today. This is an abridged excerpt taken from books edited by Malcolm Ready, Burials at the Zeehan General (Pioneer) Cemetery.

Sheaf tossing to return for the 2025 Circular Head Show

When and Where: 29th November, Stanley Recreation Ground

Building on last year's crowd-pleasing sheaf toss, this year's event will expand to include a small number of traditional Highland Games heavy athletic events including the stone put and weight for distance. The sheaf toss — where competitors launch a straw-filled bag over a bar using a pitchfork — will again be a highlight.

With divisions for women, novices, and open, the event is both a competitive spectacle and a chance for local talent to step up and give it a go. Entry is free, and all events are run with a strong focus on safety, fun, and community spirit - this is one event not to miss. Adding to the atmosphere, the Burnie Highland Pipe Band will perform throughout the day.

Competitors need to register at 10.30 on the day to enter the three events to be in the running for the Champion of Champions prizes. The Sheaf Toss can be entered individually and offers good prizes.

This event is complemented by the Circular Head Community Bank dog high jump, run by members of the North Motton Rural Youth, which has also proved very popular. For those new to the Dog High Jump, there are two categories: Large Dog (over 400mm) and Small Dog (under 400mm). Each dog has three attempts at each height, with the dog eliminated if it fails to clear the height. Owners can choose to retire their

dog at any stage or can choose to skip a height if they feel their dog will clear a particular height with ease. All dogs must be kept on leads and must be registered on the day; cost \$5.

For the first time in a number of years, there will also be sheep dog trials held on the ground which will complement the sheep dog demonstrations.

Throughout the day there will be Shearing demonstrations with the Sea Eagle Spinners weaving their magic with the fleece; a working blacksmith; the Edith Creek working bullocks; an interactive bird display with Majick Feathers; All About Reptile and NW Bird Club displays; rides on a model traction steam engine; entertainment by local singer, Jeff Power and for the younger members the Animal Nursery, free laser tag and working models.

Josh "Pezza" Perry (2024 Masterchef Runnerup) will again be showcasing local produce with Graze the Region including introducing some local producers. The usual competitions including chopping, the various cattle competitions and horse jumping will be sure to keep you occupied while the magnificent entries and displays in the Exhibition Hall are not to be missed.

The official Opening is held at 12 o'clock followed by the McCains Country Showgirl and Boy Competition with the Grand Parade the culmination of the day at 3pm.

There will be many displays and stalls

around the ground including various food options with a sit down option for morning/afternoon tea and lunch overlooking the main oval.

Gates open at 8am; adults \$15, Children 5-14Yrs \$10 and \$8 and Under 5 Free.

There will also be a second day of horse jumping at the Recreation Ground on Sunday 30th November from 9am. Entry is free and food will be available. Come along and enjoy this equestrian spectacle.

Major Joint Raffle Fundraiser:

Since 2017, with thanks to major sponsors Greenhams, Temma Farm and Perry's Quality Meats and many other local businesses, over \$98,000 has been raised with an annual major raffle. Funds are currently split amongst four groups – Circular Head Agricultural Society, Circular Head Saints Football Club, Rocky Cape and Smithton Circular Head Lions Clubs.

This year funds raised will be used by the Rocky Cape Lions Club on the mobile skin cancer bus that has just been launched while the Show Society will be purchasing some temporary cattle panels that are required each year.

It is hoped to surpass the \$100,000 figure this year, a mammoth effort in nine years. Many thanks to sponsors, ticket sellers and everyone who purchase a ticket. Tickets are available at local outlets or can contact Show Society, email: chagsociety@gmail.com

and will be drawn at the Stanley Twilight market 7.30pm on 20th December. Check out the 'What's happening in the Northwest' page in this edition to find out more.



This photo was taken at the Wynyard show but shows the style required to compete lol.

ROUND 'EM UP, GET 'EM REGISTERED, AND ROLL 'EM IN!

Have old tyres lying around the garage?

The Cradle Coast Waste Management Group invites you to give them the boot (responsibly of course) at our free* tyre amnesty.

WHEN: Saturday 29 November 2025

WHERE: Burnie Waste Management Centre

WHAT: Clean, off-rim car and 4WD tyres only

WHO: Open to all residents living in North West Tasmania

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Limited bookings available.
- Maximum 5 tyres per residence.
- Strictly no contaminated tyres will be accepted on the day.
- * Booking fee required to secure your spot. Refunded when drop off occurs.

For more information and to book:



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Under The Horizontal *with Tewkesbury Wharf*

Few names associated with the inception of West Coast exploration are as integral to this period of Western Tasmanian history as those of Charles Sprent and Frank Long.

Little needs to be said of the latter, Frank Long, whose name still looms large in the history of the Zeehan silver lead discoveries and development of the once famed Silver City. The former, Charles Sprent, on the other hand, has largely been lost to history and outside of interested circles is not as familiar to those who still profit from his exploration and discoveries.

Charles Percival Sprent, son of James Sprent (surveyor-general and commissioner of crown lands) followed his father into the lands department, becoming the administrative head of Tasmania's Lands and Surveys Department until his untimely death from typhoid in 1887.

Years before his appointment to this position, he was appointed as District Surveyor for Wellington from 1871. It was in this capacity that he undertook the surveys and track-cutting that would begin the colony's expansion into the West Coast of Tasmania, becoming a mainstay in the wild and unknown country beyond Mount Bischoff.

In 1876 Sprent and his survey crew were tasked with cutting an access track from the region of Mount Bischoff to Mount Heemskirk via the Pieman River. This track is considered by many to be the inauguration of West Coast exploration and mineral discoveries. While there were those already at Mount

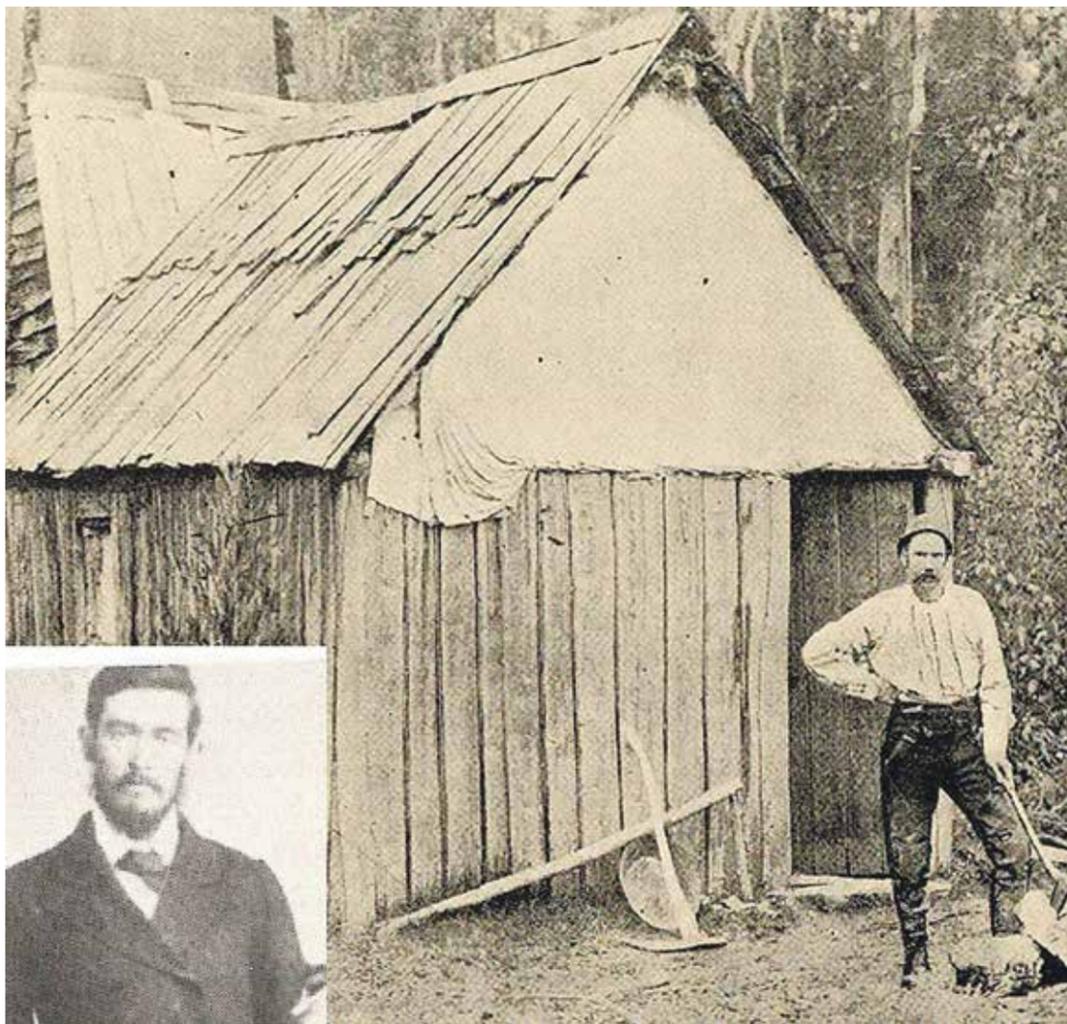
Ramsay, chasing the Bischoff granite for another bonanza in tin, and also parties pushing into the Pieman River region since 1870 (William Smith) and 1874 (William Slater), Sprent's mission is considered to be the first public action taken in this regard.

What is rarely mentioned in despatches is that Frank Long accompanied Sprent's party on their historical trek.

We know this from two sources. The first, from Sprent's official report to the government (ha1876pp42) following his expedition, stating that he left his depot at the Ramsay River in company with his 'usual companions' (David Jones and John Burke) and FH Long acting for a private interest.

The second account is from Bush Correspondent, who accompanied the party, appearing in three parts in The Cornwall Chronicle on the 5th, 9th and 19th of June 1876.

While the writer alludes to and names the four men in the party though not himself, it is clear from Sprent's report that this account must have been written by Long. There is some confusion in that Frank Lempriere is also named, but a careful reading will reveal that Lempriere appears only after the party reach Parson's Hood and

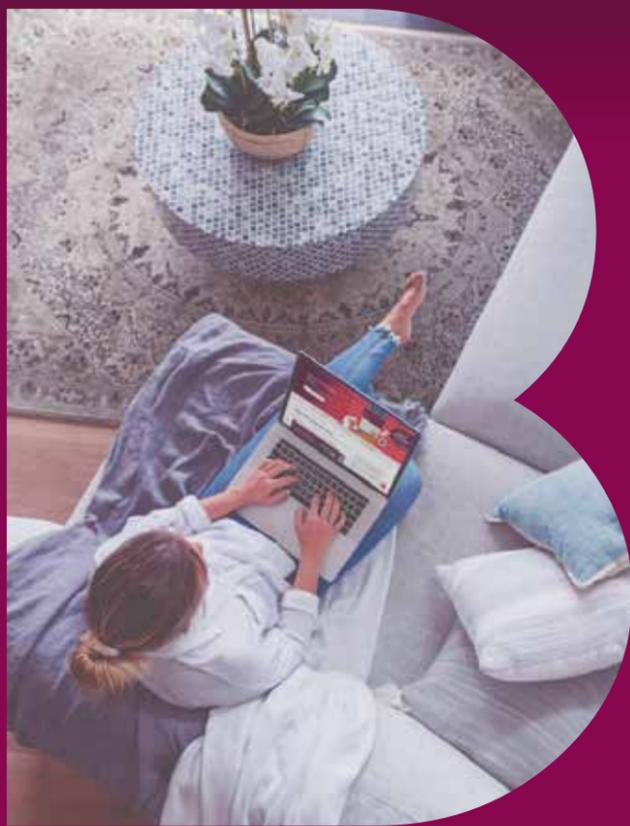


Sprent treks back to Waratah to enlist his help.

What can be gleaned from these accounts is that Frank Long was on the ground at the very beginning of the era, adding further lustre to his legacy. He would go on to see his efforts result in the Zeehan silver lead boom, even if he would not profit by it. Charles Sprent

would not live to see the Silver City.

The track they cut would not be used to access Mount Heemskirk by the four 'official' parties that followed on from Sprent's report in 1877. The one party that did would almost perish in the attempt, but that is another story for another time.



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6 DECEMBER 2025

FOLKUS BAND

\$10 ENTRY - OPEN FROM 6PM
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For anyone who has an interest in writing songs, poems, short stories or books.

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- We aim to bring people together in a supportive atmosphere to learn, discuss and share ideas about writing.
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- Want to share your writing with others and get supportive, constructive feedback?
- The Rosebery Writer's Club is about getting together with other writers, socializing, having fun and learning how to be the best writer you can be.

I am testing the waters to find out how many may be interested in meeting weekly to learn, share our works and give supportive advice on how to improve on our writing. I have a venue for us to get together, but dates and times will be worked out after discussing with people who are interested.

For more information, call Buck on 0466 011 913



Rosebery Market

Saturday
NOVEMBER 15TH

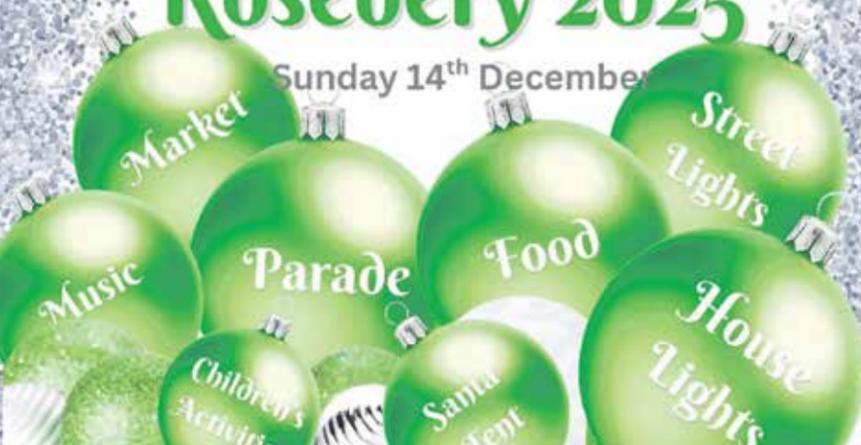
10am - 2pm

Memorial Hall

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Christmas in Rosebery 2025

Sunday 14th December



Market, Street Lights, Music, Parade, Food, House Lights, Children's Activities, Santa Tent

Craft Group

Join us for an afternoon of creativity, fun, and good company.

11am-2pm every Tuesday

Bring your own crafts or work on a group project

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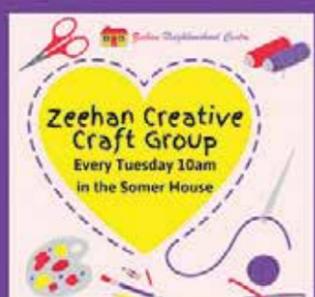
Zeehan Creative Craft Group

Every Tuesday from 10am
At the Somer House

Bring a plate to share and your current craft project
Tea and Coffee supplied.

Free to attend.

Zeehan Creative Craft Group Dates



Lunch With A Mate

1st Monday of every month 12pm-1pm
At the Zeehan RSL

All community members are welcome. Call (03) 6471 6108 to reserve your seat.

\$8 donation for 2 course meal.

Lunch With a Mate Dates



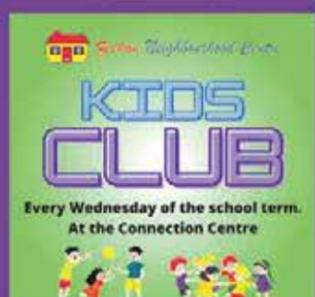
Kids Club

Every Wednesday from 3pm during school terms
At the Connection Centre

Primary School aged children welcome. Afternoon Tea provided.

\$4 per child, or \$6 per family.

Kids Club Dates



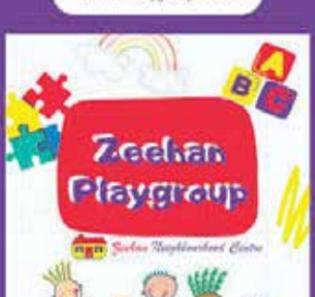
Zeehan Playgroup

Every Monday from 10.30am to Midday.
Held during School Terms.

Held at the Connection Centre, Fowell St, Zeehan (Opposite the pool).

All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to come along and relax with a cuppa while the children play. (Please bring a healthy snack for your child.)

Zeehan Playgroup Dates



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WEST

Wee Georgie Wood

Steam Railway

Murphy's Highway TASMANIA

New Season Starting

2025

September 27 & 28

October 11 & 12
October 25 & 26

November 8 & 9
November 22 & 23

December 6 & 7
December 13 & 14

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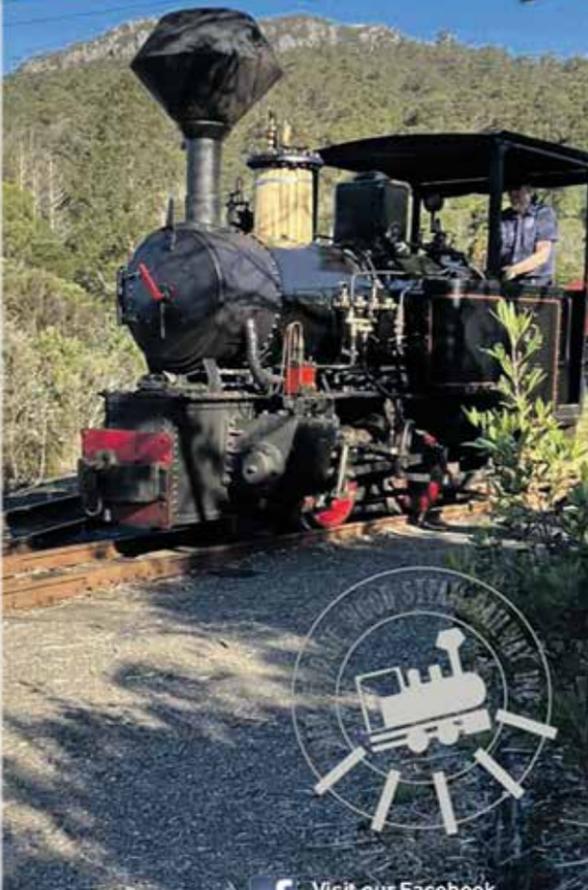
January 10 & 11
Australia Day Weekend
January 24 & 25 & 26

February 7 & 8
February 21 & 22

March 14 & 15
March 28 & 29

Easter Weekend
April 4 & 5 & 6

ANZAC Weekend
April 25 & 26 & 27



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2025 Trial Harbour Sports Day

Join us for the annual THPA Sports Day at the Community Shed and Sports Green.
Races for all ages - even the fur-babies!

Races start: 12.00pm

Wednesday **31** December 2025

Evening start: 9.00pm
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2nd West Coast PWF Foursomes 6TH DEC 25 STRAHAN	22nd West Coast Epiroc Mining Classic 28TH FEB 26 WARATAH	38th West Coast William Adams Cat Singles 14TH MAR 26 QUEENSTOWN
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SUMMER 2025-26
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MACQUARIE HARBOUR SHORELINE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY 2025

TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP OUR HARBOUR HEALTHY AND THRIVING!



Date: Saturday 15 November, 2025.

Time: Start between 11 AM and 2 PM. Lunch from 2:30 pm.

Location: Meet at West Strahan Beach Picnic Shelter to register and be allocated a clean-up location. Return by 2 PM for rubbish-sorting.

What to bring: Please wear suitable shoes, a hat, sunscreen and bring water.

What will be provided: Gloves, rubbish bags and other clean-up equipment along with refreshments.

A FREE THANK YOU BBQ LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY STRAHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION AT THE WEST STRAHAN BEACH PICNIC SHELTER - STARTING AT 2:30 PM.

Contact details:
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jcullen@cradlecoast.com

This event is a joint initiative of the Healthy Harbour Project and the Strahan Aquaculture Community Forum, sponsored by the Mt. Lyell Strahan Picnic Committee.



This project is funded by the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust and Saving Native Species Program and delivered by Cradle Coast NRM, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NORTHWEST

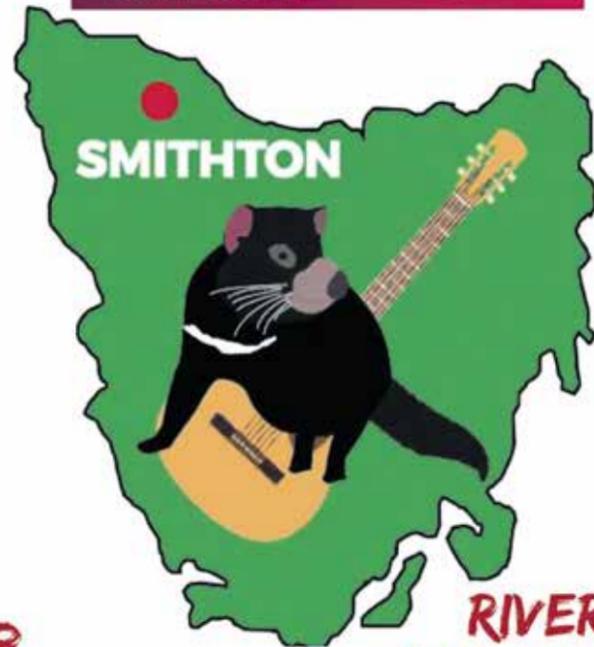
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR CIRCULAR HEAD (STANLEY) SHOW

When: Saturday 29th November 2025 **Where:** Stanley Recreation Ground

Time (Approx)	Event
8.30	Stud Beef Breed Classes followed by Interbreed Classes (approx 10.30)
9.00	Saputo Dairy Arena – Dairy General Classes followed by Interbreed Classes approx 11.00 followed by Calf Classes approx 12.30
9.00	Equestrian Jumping commences in Circular Head Community Bank Arena
10.00-10.30	Sheep Dog Demonstration by Pandara kelpies
10.00	Greenham's Trade & Export Competition (On the Hoof Judging)
10.00	Chopping Programme commences
10.30	Registration for Highland Games events – Sheaf Tossing, Weight for Distance and Stone Put competition followed by safety and rules briefing and demonstration and practise.
10.30	Laser Tag (Free) Commences
10.30-11.45	Graze the Region with local butcher and 2024 MasterChef Runnerup, Josh "Pezza" Perry featuring local produce and producers (Lunch break 11.45-12.45)
10.30-11.00	Sheep Dog Demonstration by Pandara Kelpies (Demonstrations throughout the Day)
11.00	Practise Sheaf Tossing with former Australian Champion, Sean Vinar – open to anyone over 15 years of age. Followed by Novice and Ladies Section. (Break for Opening at 12.00; recommence 12.30)
10.30-3.30	Presentation by Scott from N.W. Snake Catchers (Hourly All Day)
11.15	Shearing Demonstration and Demonstration by Sea Eagle Spinners, Wynyard (Approximately Every Hour all Day)
11.30	Prior to Opening at Tennis Court Area – Singer Jeff Power sponsored by Woolnorth Renewables followed by Burnie Highland Pipe Band
12.00	Welcome by President Craig Dwyer and Official Opening by Gavin Pearce MP Followed by McCains Country Showgirl and Boy Competition
12.00-12.30	Sheep Dog Demonstration by Pandara Kelpies
12.30	Weight for Distance followed by Stone Put competition
12.45-3.30	Graze the Region with Josh "Pezza" Perry featuring local produce and producers
1.00	State Beef & Dairy Young Cattle Paraders followed by Dairy Young Judging
1.30	Circular Head Community Bank Dog High Jump organised by North Motton Rural Youth
2.15 Approx	Followed by Sheaf Tossing competition sponsored by UBC Trade, Smithton Betta
1.30	Presentation by Scott from N.W. Snake Catchers
1.45	A Grade Chopping Standing Championship
3.00	Circular Head Community Bank Grand Parade led by Burnie Highland Pipe Band and Edith Creek Bullocks

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1st Prize: 6kg Strip Loin Robbins Island Wagyu Beef / Greenham Tas donated by the Hammond Family (Value \$1200)

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- 3rd Pieman River Cruise and Overnight Accommodation for Two donated by Pieman River Cruises (Value \$559)
- 4th Domestic – Cool Ice C170 Icebox donated by Yolla Co-op (Value \$485)
- 5th Kinrome Portable Tool Kit donated by Ag Warehouse, Smithton (Value \$419)
- 6th Arthur River Cruise (Red Boat) & Accommodation for Two donated by Arthur River Cabin Park & Cruises (Value \$400)
- 7th Gordon River Cruise for Two People donated by World Heritage Cruises, Strahan (Value \$310)
- 8th \$300 Voucher donated by Muirs Smithton
- 9th Accommodation & Continental Breakfast for Two donated by Noah's Stanley Luxury Bed & Breakfast (Value \$298)
- 10th Vouchers donated by All Wheel Services, Smithton (Value \$250)
- 11th Services donated by Glynn's Lawyers – Legal Consultation for One person's Will (Conditions Apply) (Value \$250)
- 12th Hamper Gift Pack donated by Grumpy Goal Co, Smithton (Value \$210)
- 13th - 17th Cape Grim Beef – 1x3.5 kg Scotch Fillet donated by Temma Farm in conjunction with Greenham Tas (Value \$200 each)
- 18th - 19th Side of Black River Lamb donated by Phillip & Fiona Medwin, Gateforth Farm (Value \$190)
- 20th Approx 2 Metres of Split Wood donated by the Bergman Family (Value \$180) Or Circular Head Gift Card to the value of \$150
- 21st Crayfish (Approx 2kg) donated by Graham Airey (Value \$170)
- 22nd COB Ham (Approx 6kg) donated by Perry's Quality Meats (value \$150)
- 23rd Safety Power Block with 1.8m Lead donated by Ag Warehouse (Value \$145)
- 24th \$100 Fuel Voucher donated by Fuel on Goldie
- 25th \$100 Voucher donated by Circular Head Motorcycles
- 26th \$100 Meal Voucher donated by Lanigan's, Rocky Cape
- 27th \$100 Meal Voucher donated by Rocky Cape Tavern
- 28th \$100 Voucher donated by Smithton Betta Home Living
- 29th Outdoor 2.95m Umbrella donated by Armour Millie 10 (Value \$99)
- 30th \$50 Fuel Voucher Fuel on Goldie donated by Cheryl Lardner

Thank you to all donors of the above prizes. Raffle will be drawn at December Stanley Harvest Market 20th December. Tickets available at various local outlets and on-line by contacting chagsociety@gmail.com or inbox the Circular Head Show Facebook page.

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Marrawah Redpa Community Meeting
Irrigation Scheme Prefeasibility Assessment Briefing

Friday 5th December 12pm-3pm
Redpa Recreation Ground – 30 Comeback Road,
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BBQ lunch provided

For further information and to **RSVP (by Tuesday 2nd December)** contact
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TasFarmers

Following on from a very successful fair held in Queenstown during August the Burnie Stamp Coin & Collectables Club will be holding another fair in Smithton on Saturday November 22nd at the Circular Head Heritage Centre at 12 Nelson St, Smithton.

The fair will be operating between the hours of 10am to 3pm and various dealers as well as the Club will have tables of items to purchase.

Bob Brunetti, the facilitator of the Club, said the event was being held to allow Circular Head people access to their hobby in the area without having to travel long distances.

The event will be held along the same lines as the one held in Queenstown and the two proposed ones in Deloraine and Hobart. If successful we propose making the event an annual one.

We believe the event will appeal to both long time collectors as well as casual and new enthusiasts. There will be stalls with stamps, coins and others collectables. Dealers and Club members will be available for appraisals of collections as well as buying and selling as well.

Through our contacts we are also available to have commemorative and campaign medals cleaned and appraised. Ribbons can be replaced and medals reset. Miniature medals can also be organised.

Many people have items in their cupboards or estates needing appraisal. These items in many cases lay around for years as people do not know how or who to approach to dispose of these items. We are happy to help and advise at no charge or obligation.

There will also be a slide show presentation on early Tasmanian postal material and this will run for the duration of the event.

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



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Did you know?

* Visual artist Michaela Gleave has 220 million YouTube views.

* Digital artist Stuart Campbell has made digital art for Ready Player One.

* Sabian Lynch's album as Alpha Wolf debuted at #2 in the ARIA Australian album charts.

* Filmmaker Craig Leeson's *A Plastic Ocean* prompted a ban on single use plastic bags.

* Justin Heazlewood (*The Bedroom Philosopher*) had two songs in Triple J's Hottest 100.

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Dream Burnie is presented by the Burnie Arts Council, supported by the Burnie City Council & Arts Tasmania.

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TasNetworks' CEO, Seán Mc Goldrick, said Tasmanians need electricity that's clean, reliable and affordable.

"It was a uniquely challenging year, with our people responding to unprecedented storm damage with skill and commitment," Dr Mc Goldrick said.

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In 2024/25, TasNetworks:

- Invested almost \$272 million into its network, to boost reliability for Tasmanians;
- Held 'Call It Out' training for every single employee, to help support psychosocial safety;
- Struck an Enterprise Agreement that supports and rewards employees than ever before, while helping keep power prices under control for Tasmanians;
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West Coast Council	South Burnie Car Park
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Bookings close 14 th November	Saturday 29 November

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AGAINST THE GRAIN



JUMBLE No. 692

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TODAY'S TARGET
 12 Words **Good**
 15 Words **Very Good**
 18 Words **Excellent**
 22 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.

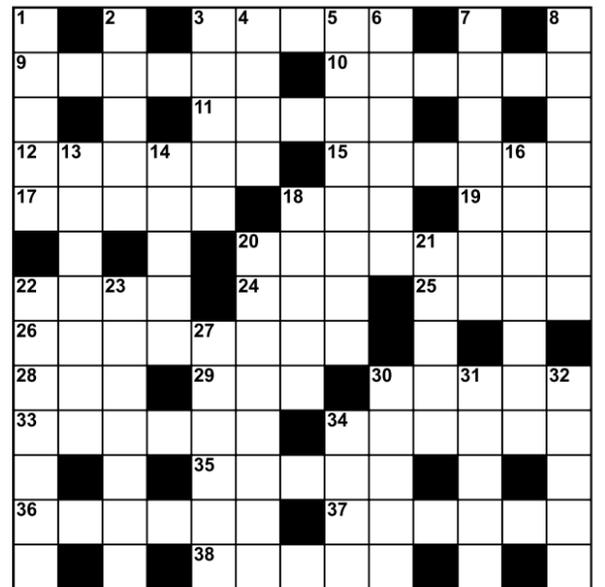
SUDOKU No. 013

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CROSSWORD No. 10861

ACROSS

- 3 Full of cheer
- 9 Fell into disuse
- 10 Girl's name
- 11 Weapon
- 12 Bring out
- 15 Slip by
- 17 Dogma
- 18 Wicked
- 19 Bristle-like appendage
- 20 Errands
- 22 Long detailed story
- 24 Metal-bearing rock
- 25 Nothing more
- 26 Utters repeatedly
- 28 Adults
- 29 Small spot
- 30 Postpone
- 33 Shooting star
- 34 Gloomily ill-humoured
- 35 Mature
- 36 Bailiffs
- 37 Reel
- 38 Bullock



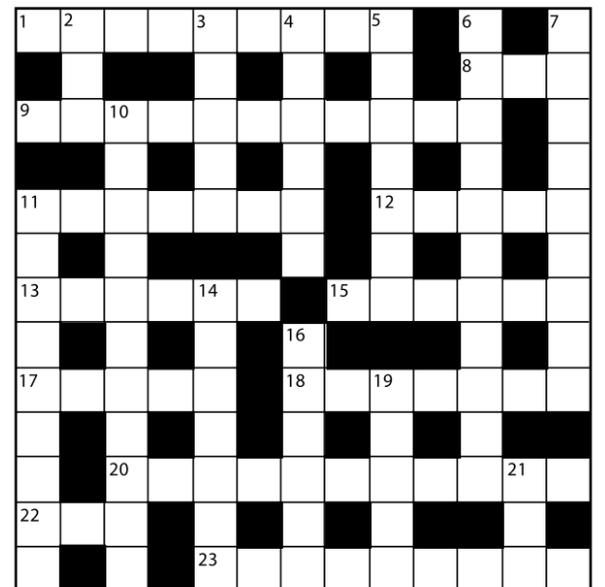
DOWN

- 1 Navy
- 2 Country
- 3 Worth
- 4 Revise and correct
- 5 Frees
- 6 Surrenders
- 7 Leakage
- 8 Acute
- 13 One bequeathed a legacy
- 14 Tree
- 16 Turns aside abruptly
- 18 Headwear
- 20 Driver
- 21 Traffic light
- 22 Boils gently
- 23 Well-bred
- 27 Worships
- 30 Giver
- 31 One's strong point
- 32 Brings up
- 34 Allot

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16512

ACROSS

- 1 Tell age of flute (9)
- 8 100 engaged in swindle (3)
- 9 A voluminous catalogue, perhaps (7,4)
- 11 Cut down thrones (7)
- 12 Amorous fellow has a pound left (5)
- 13 It's a fault to go over to the other side (6)
- 15 Herdsman - wants learner to go for doctor in 12 (6)
- 17 Quick writer (5)
- 18 Socialist quit its organisation (7)
- 20 Led by ham act to queen who went mad (4,7)
- 22 Writer of half verse (3)
- 23 Lout chose to fail to maintain contact (4,5)



DOWN

- 2 To speak untruthfully is not to be upright (3)
- 3 Cited decree (5)
- 4 Position of foot in traditional story? (6)
- 5 He just plays with gun in extremes of terror (7)
- 6 Term used by grammarian who can't keep quiet? (6,5)
- 7 In which the painter pretends to show the meaning (9)
- 10 Hold a trifle mad this dictator (5,6)
- 11 Moves out of the way despite problems in ship (9)
- 14 Idle act ruined fortress (7)
- 16 Security fastens 100 lights (6)
- 19 Aspect of countenance to lack nothing (5)
- 21 Facial twitch in particular (3)

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

Crossword No. 10860

R	S	D	A	R	E	D	P	O			
A	N	T	H	E	M	R	E	G	I	O	N
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Sudoku No. 012

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

Cryptic No. 16511

Across: 7 Agreed; 8 Tomato; 10 Tsarina; 11 Night; 12 Even; 13 Snail; 17 Party; 18 Ruin; 22 Craft; 23 Oneself; 24 Trifle; 25 Repair.

Down: 1 Earthed; 2 Creates; 3 Denim; 4 Hobnail; 5 Range; 6 North; 9 Carnation; 14 Pastels; 15 Numeral; 16 Uniform; 19 Scott; 20 Rapid; 21 Seven.

Jumble 691

acute astute auric aurist catsuit cause citrus cruet cruise crus cruse crust cuesta curate cure curia curie curse curt curtate cute cutis cutter ecuri erect etui eustatic icterus ictus rectus rictus ruse rust rustic RUSTICATE sauce saucer saute scut scutate scute situate statue stature strut sucre suet suite surrat sure sutra taut truce true trust tuart urate urea uretic uric urticate user utter

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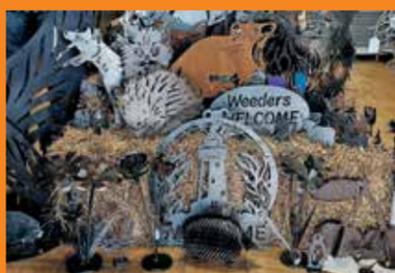
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Small grants create meaningful impacts for community groups

Round Five of Cradle Coast NRM's Community Capacity Small Grants Program is well underway, providing funding and support to local community groups across north-west and western Tasmania to continue their valuable natural resource management (NRM) work both on the ground and through community engagement and education.

A total of \$15,000 has been granted across eleven community groups to undertake a range of important NRM activities. Tackling weeds is a focus for many grant recipients, including rice grass treatment in Duck Bay, remote area weed treatment along the coastline of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and treatment of willows along the Forth River.

Biodiversity and revegetation are also priorities, with native planting planned at the Community Farm in Oldina and at Sisters Beach. Devonport Community Landcare will use their funds to purchase equipment for both revegetation and weed control.

Other groups will deliver a combination of community engagement and conservation efforts, with the Ulverstone Community Garden planting native species and providing workshops on the benefits of incorporating native plants alongside edible gardens.

Cradle Mountain Wildcare will also provide workshops, with their activities focusing on the propagation and planting of native species endemic to Cradle Mountain. A recent successful workshop

with Jim McLeod taught propagation techniques for local plants, which, once established, will be used in revegetation plantings around the Cradle Mountain Visitor Centre.

The protection of Little Penguins is another focus among the grant recipients. King Island Landcare is developing brochures on Little Penguins on the island, while Penguin Rehab and Rescue in Burnie will purchase cameras to assess the health of recovering penguins for release into the wild without human interaction.

Additionally, Keep Cups will be purchased for use at future North-West EcoFest events, completing a full set of reusable crockery for the event's Waste Not Hub to eliminate single-use plastics.

Cradle Coast NRM wishes to congratulate all the successful groups, including Cradle Mountain Wildcare, the Circular Head Landcare Group, Devonport Community Landcare, King Island Landcare, Live Well Tasmania, the North West Environment Centre, Penguin Rehab and Release, Sisters Beach Wildcare, Wildcare SPRATS, the Ulverstone Community Garden and the Wilmot Willow Busters.

For more information or to be connected with one of the community groups to volunteer your time towards one of these invaluable projects, please contact Claire Jinnette, Cradle Coast NRM Engagement Officer at cjinnette@cradlecoast.com. **Claire Jinnette, NRM Engagement Officer, Cradle Coast NRM**



Benefit update for West Coast



The Western Regional Strategic Partnership (WRSP) hosted forty residents at the Paragon Theatre for a progress update for the community on Thursday 6th of November.

Updates included the Telstra Roundtable held earlier the same day, the family day care centre being progressed by Coastal Family Daycare for Rosebery, Bluestone Mines Rentails Project and the kick off a partnership with Regional Institute of Australia (RIA) to develop a Community Benefits Framework.

RIA is an organisation spanning back 15 years and specialises in researching and identifying solutions unique to regional development in Australia. RIA will be collecting input from multiple stakeholders (business, industry, and the community) and identify a framework by which project developers can contribute resources (people, equipment, assets, and finances) in a way in which there is a tangible benefit to the community well beyond the completion of the project. Projects typically bring an influx of people

and money, which benefits some but probably disrupts others, so the framework is targeted to provide a more strategic approach to what positive legacies the community experience after the project has been constructed.

The Chair of WRSP, Ray Mostogl, who also represents the mining industry in the steering committee said, "There is much more to the Western Tasmanian community than mining, drawing reference to the successful recent event Unconformity and the growth of tourism, and it is important major mining, and renewable projects can proceed, because they are still important for Tasmania overall, but do so without harming the other important parts of the community, culture and economy."

This week saw Liz Youd, the WRSP Project Leader finish up to take a full time position with GHD. The Committee acknowledged Liz's contribution earlier that day and wished her the very best in her next endeavour. Advertising for the role will commence soon.

More from the Thursday 6th January 1910, Daily Telegraph

In thirteen years Mount Lyell has yielded to the mental and physical labor bestowed on it 100,000 tons of copper, 9,000,000 ounces of silver, 300,000 of gold, and 2,500,000 pounds in dividends to its shareholders.

In addition to this it has provided livings and something more for thousands of people, and has been a source of considerable revenue for the State.

The record of Mount Lyell is one which Tasmania may be justly proud, and it forms perhaps the best tribute that could be paid to Mr. Sticht and the large number of others associated with him in one way and another in the practical work that has made its compilation possible.

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Circular Head CWA news

Recently Tricia Florent and Judith Howard attended the State CWA Conference at Grindelwald in Launceston. Delegates from all over the state met to vote on suggested internal motions and to hear some very interesting speakers.

Prof Scot Ling Marine Biologist IMAS spoke on the collapse of our native giant kelp forests due to warming sea waters bringing sea urchin larvae that eat the kelp and endanger the sea life that depend on them such as juvenile lobsters and abalone. Tasmanian waters are 4 times warmer than anywhere else in the world. They also lack nutrients necessary for the local developing sea life. IMAS have partnered with Eaglehawk Dive Centre to train divers to rid the areas of sea urchins and reseed giant kelp. This is proving successful and will continue to free up and reseed further areas in southern waters.

Peter Buzza from Regional Internet Access spoke about the internet connections in regional and rural areas. He is

willing to help anyone experiencing difficulties and can be contacted by email: regionaltechhub.org.au or phone: 1300 081 029

Chris Batt spoke on the Housing Policy in Australia. He gave us some interesting statistics on changes to housing over the decades. 25 years ago, house prices equalled 9 years average wage now equal 16.5 years average wage. 1950 most homes were government built by 2024 only 3.5% are government built. There has been a gradual decline since 1990's after bank deregulation which encouraged investment housing. There are now 4 empty houses for every homeless person.

Giselle Birmingham spoke on AI (Artificial Intelligence) which gave us some insight to how we use AI without realising e.g. voice commands, smart phones etc. AI already used in Centrelink and banking. Which got us thinking about what safeguards we might need in the future.

Coaches and players wanted

The Rosebery-Toorak Football Club - a proud and longstanding member of the North West Football Association (NWFA) is calling for expressions of interest from enthusiastic and committed individuals to help lead and grow the club into its next chapter.

After a period of rebuilding, the Hawks are determined to strengthen their on-field performance and community presence, with a renewed focus on development, inclusion, and regional pride.

Coaching Opportunities:

The club is seeking applications for the following coaching positions for the 2026 season:

- Senior Coach
- Reserves Coach
- Assistant Coaches
- Skills Coach

These roles present a fantastic opportunity for experienced coaches or emerging leaders to make a real impact, fostering player growth, strengthening team culture, and helping to shape the future direction of the club.

Club Secretary Duncan Murfet said the committee is eager to attract passionate people who share the club's values and commitment to local footy.

"The Rosebery-Toorak Hawks are more than a football club, we are part of the fabric of the West Coast community. We are looking for leaders who want to be part of something bigger, who can help build a positive and supportive environment for our players and members," Duncan said.

Player Recruitment

The Hawks also welcome expressions of interest from new and returning players looking to take the field in 2026. Whether you're chasing a fresh start, a new challenge, or simply want to be part of a great community club, Rosebery-Toorak offers an inclusive and supportive environment where everyone is valued.

While small in number, the Hawks are big on heart and with the right people involved, 2026 could mark the start of a strong new era for the club.

Anyone interested in a coaching position or joining as a player is encouraged to contact:

Duncan Murfet
duncan.murfet@bigpond.com
 0438 731 223



'Working on Water' school trip for Rosebery students



The students also took part in a series of rotation activities with representatives from Skretting, Tassal, and Pennicott's, gaining insights into aquaculture, sustainable seafood production, and marine tourism.

A special thanks to Tassal, Huon, and Petuna for their generosity and help in making this trip possible for our students. What an incredible experience it was for our RDS students!

Statements from the students:

"The working on water program was a great opportunity to take a look at all the different jobs available in and around water. It was really interesting looking at the fish food factory, travelling to the fish pens and look at all the different boats."

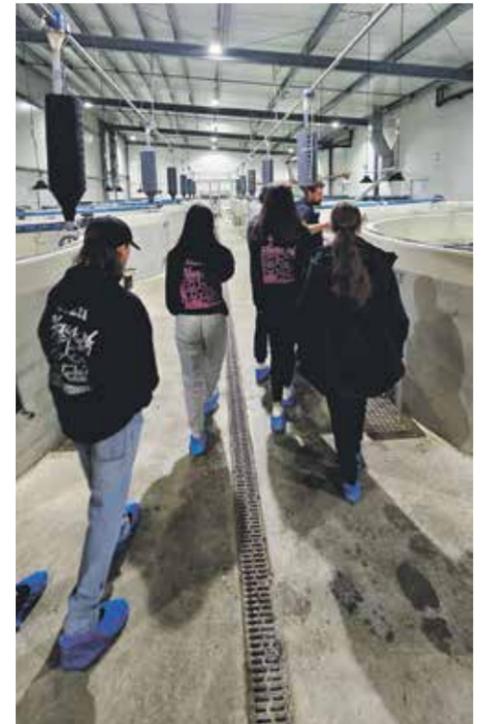
"The working on water program was a fun 3-day learning experience. We learnt about boats, and I saw a starfish."

"When we went to Hobart it was exciting. We learnt about fish, boats, fish food/farms, and whilst I didn't stay the whole time, I enjoyed it."

"I believe the trip was really fun and showed me a possible side-job that could involve the water as well as showing me how the 'waters' of Tassie lead to so many great jobs".

"I enjoyed being on all of the boats and learning about how the fish farms work. I was lucky to get the chance to see behind the scenes of the boats and factories. I enjoyed it very much."

"It was very interesting seeing the process of the salmon from birth to the farms and all of the work that goes into it."



Recently, seven Year 10 students from Rosebery District School were selected to participate alongside 35 other Tasmanian students in the Working on Water program in Hobart. The three-day program gave students the opportunity to explore a wide range of careers and potential pathways on, in, and around the water.

A highlight of the trip was when the students observed all stages of salmon farming — from the hatcheries through to visiting the leases out on the water. Many were surprised by how complex the process was and how many different stakeholders are involved in ensuring the salmon make it to our plates.

They also explored commercial fishing vessels and one of the boats used by the Marine Police, which gave them valuable insight into what a working career on the water might look like. The students visited the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) in Tarooma, where they learned from young scientists about the research taking place and explored course options offered by the University of Tasmania and IMAS. They also had the opportunity to chat with graduates from the Australian Maritime College about their study and career pathways.

They then enjoyed a fish and chips lunch at Mures Seafood Restaurant, where they met members of the Mure family and learned about their fishing business and how seafood is managed from ocean to plate.



TULIPS IN WYNYARD

Photos by Alan Jennison

What a colourful spectacular this was! The annual Tulip Festival in Wynyards was a huge event with hundreds of people visiting and enjoying the festivities. As I often do I will let the photos tell the story. *Ed*



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WARATAH – Gateway to the Wilds

Have you heard of, or been to Waratah, Tasmania?

Waratah is a town located in the Northwest of Tasmania, approximately 60 kilometers from Cradle Mountain. It serves as a base for visiting the Northwest region. Waratah is a small historic mining community near the Tarkine/Takayna Wilderness, known for Waratah Falls in its center and the former Mt Bischoff tin mine. The town was established to support tin mining operations and features preserved historical buildings, a platypus viewing platform, trout-stocked lakes, and access to forests, waterfalls, and the Western Wilds region.

In 1886, Waratah became Australia's first town with electric streetlights, and was the site of what was once the richest tin mine in the Southern Hemisphere. After the Mount Bischoff tin mine (once the state's first major mineral resource), closed permanently following intermittent operations until 2010, the population declined significantly. The remaining history of the town is maintained through preserved sites and the Waratah Courthouse Museum, which displays artifacts, photographs, and stories about early settlers and

miners. The area continues to offer natural attractions including a waterfall in the town center and proximity to the Tarkine wilderness.

Philosopher Falls, named after James "Philosopher" Smith who found tin in the area in 1871, is located about nine kilometers from Waratah. It is a multi-tiered waterfall within rainforest surroundings, and various species of fungi can be observed at certain times of year. The falls can be easily accessed by following signage from Waratah towards Savage River; the car park is located on an unsealed road nearby.

Today, Waratah has a population of around 240 residents. During periods of snowfall, visitors frequent the town. Local amenities include a roadhouse and the historic Bischoff Hotel offering refreshments. Accommodation options available in Waratah include the Bischoff Hotel, multiple bed-and-breakfast establishments, a Caravan Park adjacent to lakes, (you might even spot a platypus or two), and an RV stay at Waratah Alpaca & Pepperberry Farm.



What's on in Waratah this month!

Every Thursday

Music Night at The Hub
Ritchie street 5-7pm

12 November

A Bit Sketchy

A community art program
Talent optional

All materials provided

Free your Inner artist

The Community Hub,

Ritchie street 1-4pm

21 November & 5 December

Community Lunch

Every fortnight 12pm at

Rosebery Neighbourhood House

Booking Essential 03 6473 1497

8 Agnes Street, Rosebery

6 December

Welcome to Summer in Waratah

Waratah Mens Shed

6pm till late \$10 entry

Presented by Warwyn Council

and Waratah Action Group

Every Tuesday and Sunday

Indoor bowls @ The Mens Shed

Elma Fagan Community Centre

2pm till 4pm Gold Coin Donation

All equipment provided.

No experience necessary

Seeking dresser answers

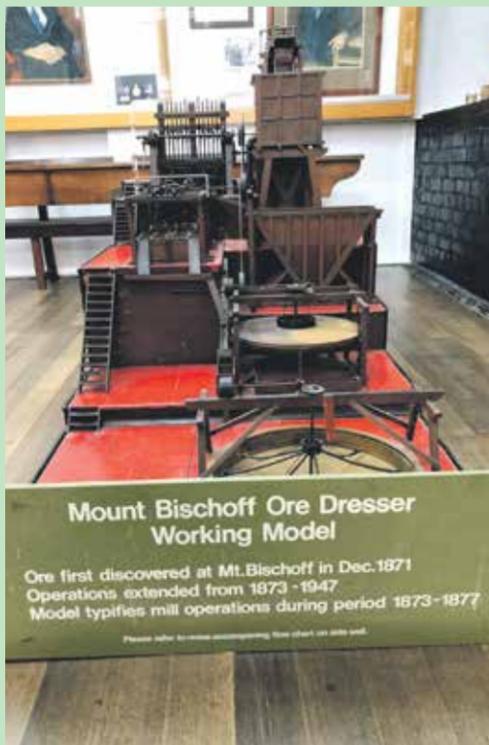
Our museum is run entirely by dedicated local volunteers committed to preserving the rich history of Waratah and its surrounding areas.

Our opening hours are as follows: seven days a week, from 10 AM to 3 PM. We are located on Smith Street in Waratah.

Ore Dresser

This model of the Mount Bischoff Ore Dresser is kept and maintained at the Zeehan Museum. Unfortunately, we do not have any information about who made it or when it was created.

If anyone has any knowledge regarding this Ore Dresser, we would greatly appreciate it if you could share the information with the Zeehan Museum. This would help us piece together its history and story.



With fantastic fungi and a waterfall in the middle of the town, Waratah is a must see destination!

Photos above and below by Judi Hunter



Some of the Waratah locals out collecting waratah in 1916.

This was sent to Hobart to raise money for various charities.

Photo by John H Robinson, hand coloured by Jan van Oevelen from the Netherlands

Ian Vanderbeek appointed Chair of the Cradle Coast Authority Board

Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ian Vanderbeek as the new Chair of the CCA Board.

Mr Vanderbeek is an accomplished senior executive and non-executive director with more than 40 years of international experience across the transport, logistics, and agriculture sectors. His extensive leadership background includes serving as Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, and Independent Director in Australia, the United States, Europe, Asia, and the Pacific.

Cradle Coast Authority CEO Philip Reid said Mr Vanderbeek's appointment brings a valuable mix of strategic leadership, governance experience, and commercial insight to the organisation.

"Ian's global perspective and extensive board experience across government, listed and privately held companies will be a great asset to CCA as we continue to deliver on our regional priorities and strengthen collaboration across north-west and western Tasmania," Mr Reid said.

Mr Vanderbeek said he looked forward to supporting the organisation's work across the region.

"Cradle Coast Authority plays a critical role in advancing sustainable economic growth and prosperity across the region," said Mr Vanderbeek. "I regard economic development not simply as financial progress, but as a strategic driver for stronger communities, expanded opportunities, and improved quality of life.

My involvement as a Board member of Metro Tasmania and TasRail has provided valuable insight into the transport and infrastructure priorities shaping the Cradle Coast region. This experience reinforces my commitment to advocating for initiatives that deliver enduring value for communities, industry, and stakeholders alike."

Mr Vanderbeek is recognised for his strategic thinking, analytical capability and collaborative leadership style. He has a strong record of delivering results in complex and regulated environments and is known for building high-performing, diverse teams that achieve meaningful outcomes.

Most recently, he served as President of Airline Operations for U.S.-based Southern Airways Express and now consults across multiple sectors while serving as a Non-Executive Director on several government and private boards. He holds a Bachelor of Business and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

The Cradle Coast Authority thanks outgoing Chair, the Hon. Sid Sidebottom, for his leadership and invaluable contributions to the region. CCA will recognise Sid's service to the organisation at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 3 December at 9.30 am.

Mr Vanderbeek will commence in the role on 1 January 2026.



Biannual Kerbside Collection

Tuesday 18 November & Wednesday 19 November

Items that can be collected:

- ✓ furniture
- ✓ electrical appliances
- ✓ bundled green waste
- ✓ car body (1 per household)

Broken glass, asbestos, fuels & oils, tyres, soil, concrete, gas bottles, paint tins & items over 3 metres long will **NOT** be collected

Register by 5pm Friday 14 November:

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- ✉ email wcc@westcoast.tas.gov.au
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- 📄 complete the online form



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Announcing Mt Roland Art Prize 2026



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