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Letters to the editor..

Here at the Western Echo we love a good debate. If you have a concern, grievance, pet hate or even wish to congratulate someone for doing the RIGHT thing, then this is the place for it. Please note though, that everyone has the right to reply to your letter and we at the Western Echo are under no obligation to publish if things look like they are getting out of hand. We do reserve the right to edit letters for reasons such as clarity and length. Other than that, feel free to have YOUR say.

These views in this newspaper, political or otherwise, are not necessarily those held by the editor or anyone professionally associated with the Western Echo.

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Dear Editor,

Are you sick of the computer playing up at the chemist? I am.

So I spoke to our new pharmacist and he advised us to write letters and he will pass them on to owner to get machine repairs done finally.

We shouldn't have to wait days/hours etc for our medications as the printer refuses to print the correct name or language.

So please DO WRITE A LETTER ASKING FOR IT TO BE REPLACED PLEASE, drop them in to pharmacist

and let's get our chemist working properly again PLEASE!

Kerrie G Laffer

To the Editor, Oh my, I do wonder what the tourists think of our town? Welcomed into town with overgrown grass, clogged up gutters, no take away food and an IGA with empty shelves and in disarray.

Zeehan was branded the ugliest town years ago, I wouldn't be surprised if it isn't again.

Nardia Reader

Will YOU answer the call?

SES Tasmania is calling for Volunteers – will you answer the call?

When wild weather strikes or communities need help, it's not just luck that comes to the rescue—it's the volunteers of Tasmania SES. These everyday heroes leave their day jobs and the comfort of home to step up during life's most challenging moments. And right now, there's never been a better time to get involved.

Volunteering with Tasmania SES isn't just about sandbags and rescues—it's about adventure, teamwork, and learning skills you never thought you'd need. From community engagement, incident management, Road Crash Rescue, and response to severe weather events, SES volunteers are trained to prepare for and respond to a variety of situations.

"Knowing you've helped someone during their worst moments...that's what makes it worthwhile," says Dominic, a current volunteer.

Think you need special qualifications? Not at all. Tasmania SES is looking

for people with heart, commitment and time. They provide the training, the tools, and a supportive crew who'll have your back on every callout.

Being a SES volunteer means you are helping to build and strengthen community resilience.

"I have zero regrets," says Matt, another skilled volunteer. "You learn lots of cool skills, meet awesome people, and get to do adventurous things all while helping your community."

Beyond the SES orange overalls and flashing lights, is something even more rewarding: making a difference, no matter whether it's small or large.

So, what's stopping you?

If you're up for the challenge, ready to meet great people, and keen to support your community, Tasmania SES wants you. To answer the call, visit www.ses.tas.gov.au/volunteer to learn more.

When the call comes, will you be the one to answer?

Ordinary People; Extraordinary Volunteers



TAKING A COORDINATED APPROACH TO MARINE DEBRIS

The aquaculture industry in Macquarie Harbour is stepping up its environmental efforts, with a renewed focus on reducing marine debris and enhancing sustainability.



Daniel Costelloe, Environmental & Sustainability Manager at Petuna

All three companies operating in the region have combined forces, aiming to strengthen the impact of clean-up programs while engaging more effectively with the local community.

Macquarie Harbour is a vast and challenging environment," said Daniel Costelloe, Environmental & Sustainability Manager at Petuna.

"By collaborating with the other aquaculture operators, we're ensuring a strategic approach to debris clean-ups and compliance, and working on initiatives to steadily reduce the amount of aquaculture-related debris collected."

One of the key challenges for clean-up efforts in Macquarie Harbour is the sheer size of the area, with the total shoreline stretching for 205 kilometres.

With its expansive shoreline and isolated stretches, organising and executing effective marine debris collections is no small feat. However, the industry's new approach seeks to overcome these challenges through strategic planning and community engagement.

As part of the industry's more coordinated approach, the aquaculture companies operating in Macquarie Harbour have developed a comprehensive map of the

region, designating specific zones for each company to be responsible for maintaining.

As part of this initiative, Petuna, Huon and Tassal, will continue to perform the annual Industry Cleanup, which has become a key part of the company's sustainability calendar.

As an industry, we are committed to improving how we track and report the debris we collect, so the community has a clearer understanding of the positive steps we're taking and our clean-up efforts go beyond just removing aquaculture-related debris.

We also tackle household and other marine waste, ensuring the harbour is left cleaner than before.

Visitor centre has moved

The West Coast Visitor Information Centre now has a new (temporary) home. We are open and operating from our new home at 29 The Esplanade!

After a mammoth effort over the last week, our team is back doing what we love - working with you to help provide the best West Coast experience!

And yes, we're still dog friendly!

What are our opening hours?

Monday-Friday from 10.30am to 5.30pm. Activity and accommodation bookings, local information and merchandise remain available online at www.westcoasttas.com

Where will you find us?

At 29 The Esplanade, opposite the cruise terminals. Keep a look out for our sandwich boards

Will our services be changed?

Nope! We'll continue to provide quality visitor assistance, accommodation and activity bookings, support to local businesses, West Coast Tas merch and sale of tickets to The Ship That Never

Was.

What if you can't find what you're looking for?

Our new space is smaller and we're still working to have as much as possible displayed and available.



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If there's something you're after that you can't see, please ask as we may not have unpacked it yet, but can get it for you.

Please be patient with our team as we get comfy in our new home

Why are we moving?

Our home is being rejuvenated as part of the Strahan Waterfront Precinct

Redevelopment project, which includes renewal of the West Coast Visitor Information Centre building to enhance visitor servicing.

Where can you find out more?

Details about the redevelopment project are available on West Coast Council's website.

Plans are also on display at the West Coast Council Queenstown Office, and with us at the Visitor Information Centre in Strahan.



Caring for the coast

As a Community Services and Disability Services Organisation, Cradle Coast Care has a focus on servicing the rural areas of the West and North West Coasts.

Cradle Coast Care currently has capacity to take on Assistance with Daily Life, Community Participation, Domestic Assistance, Lawn Care, Respite or your Short Term Accommodation needs.

Cradle Coast Care has vast experience in a range of areas, including early childhood development, mental health and adult disability services.

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CRADLE COAST CARE

Regional Tourism Roadshows

Save the Date!

Tourism Tasmania, in collaboration with Events Tasmania, the Tasmanian Hospitality Association (THA), the Tourism Industry Council Tasmania (TICT), and the Department of State Growth, will be hitting the road in early 2025. These mini roadshows are designed to provide updates on the tourism support package and connect directly with regional stakeholders.

We understand it's a busy time of year, but these sessions will offer valuable insights and opportunities for engagement. Mark your calendars and join us at one of the following locations:

Strahan – Monday, 17 February, 5–7 pm | Location TBC

Devonport – Tuesday, 18 February, 11 am–1 pm | Location TBC

Further details will be confirmed closer to the dates.

Don't miss this chance to stay informed and connect with your industry peers.

North West Driver Mentor Program

FREE
Begins in 2024

Are you trying to get your Driver's Licence to look for and secure employment, or access training or education for your chosen career path?

The North West Driver Mentor Program will assist young people living on the North West coast, to complete their 80 hours driving time required to sit their provisional licence test. This is a **FREE** program.

Eligibility criteria for young people to access the program include:

- Must be between 16 - 24 years of age
- Have a current Learner Driver's Licence
- Do not have access to a suitable supervisory driver and/or vehicle.
- Require a driver's licence to improve their ability to secure/ maintain employment, or attend training and/or education that provides a pathway to employment.

To register your interest in participating, please call YFCC on 6423 6635, or scan the QR Code to register online.

The North West Driver Mentor Program is delivered through a partnership between Youth, Family and Community Connections (YFCC) and West North West Working.

Logos for YFCC, West North West Working, Tasmanian Community Fund, Tasmanian Government, and Jobs Tasmania are displayed at the bottom.

ANSWER THE CALL

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Will you answer the call?

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Arrival time: 10am

10:30am

Children's bicycle race

Children must bring their own bicycle and helmet
5-7 year girls
5-7 year boys
8-10 year girls
8-10 year boys
11-14 year girls
11-14 year boys

11:00am

Tiny Tots Footrace

Girls 4 years and under
Boys 4 years and under
5-7 year girls
5-7 year boys

Treasure Hunt #1

Children under 14 years only

Ladies Gumboot Throwing

(Adults only)

Children's Footrace

8-10 year girls
8-10 year boys

Treasure Hunt #2

Children under 14 years only

Three-Legged Race – Adults

Separate events for women and men

Junior Footrace

11-14 year girls
11-14 year boys

Sack Race

Separate event for girls and boys in each age group:
4 years and under
5-7 years
8-10 years
11-14 years

Treasure Hunt #3

Children under 14 years only

Senior Children's Footrace

Girls and boys
15-17 years



Three-Legged Race – children

Separate event for girls and boys in each age group:
5-7 years
8-10 years
11-14 years

Wheelbarrow Race

Separate event for girls and boys in each age group:
5-7 years
8-10 years
11-14 years
Women • Men

Horseshoe Throwing

Separate event for girls and boys in each age group:
4 years and under
5-7 years
8-10 years
11-14 years
Women • Men

Over 50's Footrace

Old Boilers (Women's)
Old Buffers (Men's)

Egg & Spoon Race

Separate event for girls and boys in each age group:
4 years and under
5-7 years
8-10 years
11-14 years
Women • Men

Treasure Hunt #4

Children under 14 years only

1pm

Announcement of the West Coast Spirit Award recipients

Lunch Break & Sandcastle Building Competition

2pm

Miss & Master Tiny Tots

Girls and boys under 5 years

Miss Picnic Girl Junior

Girls 5-9 years

Miss Picnic Girl Senior

Girls 10 years and over



Treasure Hunt #5

Children under 14 years only

Mount Lyell Strahan Picnic Gift

Open Women's Footrace
Open Men's Footrace

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Stepping the Chain

Separate event for Women & Men. The chain is a unit of length equal to 66 feet (22 yards). It is subdivided into 100 links or 4 rods. There are 10 chains in a furlong, and 80 chains in one statute mile. In metric terms, it is 20.1168m long. The chain also survives as the length of a cricket pitch, being the distance between the stumps.

Tug O' War

- Teams of six
- Must pre-register at canteen
- Women's teams • Men's teams
- No mixed teams

PLEASE NOTE:

- All times are approximate, and the order of events may change depending on operational needs. Please listen for announcements.
- We may limit the number of people per event (to comply with distancing requirements), run multiple heats (to allow everyone to participate but in smaller groups), or combine and split groups and races as necessary. Please listen to the announcements.
- West Strahan Beach is not patrolled. Keep children within arms reach at all time.
- Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. EFTPOS available.
- Due to several factors that have delayed works through the middle section of the railway, the West Coast Wilderness Railway (WCWR) is not currently operating the whole line, and is unable to operate a Picnic Train in 2025. The WCWR look forward to returning the Picnic train service when track works are completed.

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World Heritage Cruises

West Coast Schools graduate

We had 13 fabulous graduates from Zeehan Primary (12 attended on the day) this made a total of 29 graduates across the West Coast schools in the Children's University program this year;

Our graduates donned graduation gowns and caps to a fanfare played by Andrew, our Piper from Queenstown;

Josh Dean Principal and Lee Cowen Children's University Co ordinator were gowned up in formal academic attire along with UTAS staff and academics who followed our young Zeehan graduates along the main street in the town and gown walk to the Study Hub for the graduation ceremony.

The formal ceremony re-affirmed the achievements of students and recognised the Children's University program which inspires students to increase their lifelong learning through extra-curricular activities and life experiences outside of school.

The learning is voluntary, child-led and fun, and is open to all children and

young people, from age seven in member schools.

By encouraging children to try new experiences, develop new interests and acquire new skills, the program builds bridges to employment and higher education. What may have felt remote, or out of reach, becomes achievable.

The program – which is offered by the Peter Underwood Centre at the University of Tasmania – also fosters warm relationships for members and their families with schools and the University.



Red STENCIL/PressWEST update

PressWEST Tasmania finished off a busy 2024 with a Screen-print workshop in late November for 18 participants and a team of six facilitators. Taking its cue from an introductory drawing session at the Queen River the workshop developed a series of techniques focused on printing with stencils. Susan (pictured below), one



book with quick drawings of shapes, textures and patterns. House and building numbers also found their way into these works, as did the name of the town's historic theatre, the Paragon. I have been layering up each work with a mixture of screen printing and stencils, drawing and painting."

PressWEST plans for the 2025 program are taking shape. They include a drawing workshop in late March, Landscape painting in April, Printmaking in July, Bookmaking in August and Screen-printing in November. Several exhibitions including the PressWEST contribution to the October Unconformity Festival are in the works.

PressWEST website for further information later in January - presswesttas.com

Raymond Arnold



Helen making a rubbing in the Queen River bed

of the participants, commented in the aftermath of the workshop:

Susan Simonini - www.susansimonini.com

"Over the last month I've been working on 8 mixed media pieces that I started at the print making workshop at @presswest_tas in Queenstown, on the west coast of Tasmania.

As I wandered through the town and down to the river, I filled my sketch-

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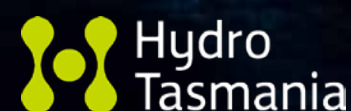
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We're excited for a big 2025 on the West Coast!

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Big ideas start small

...and Hydro Tasmania is here to help them grow!

Hydro Tasmania is launching a new funding program with up to \$10,000 to support projects on the West Coast. Whether you're part of a dedicated community group, a forward-thinking business, or a passionate individual with a plan to make a difference, we want to hear from you.

Applications close 14 February 2025!

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Parkrun off and running in 2025



The New Year has kickstarted off tremendously well for the Zeehan Golf Club parkrun as we recorded our highest participant attendance on Saturday 4th January with 68 people who either ran, jogged or walked the scenic 5km course.

It was a glorious summer's day and the 47th event consisted of locals, and visitors from across the state, nationally and internationally.

Many milestones were achieved as several parkrunners complete their parkrun alphabet another completing their 50th parkrun and a first time park runner had ran their very first every parkrun.

Everyone then enjoyed a coffee and something to eat at the Zeehan Pitstop Cafe as we shared stories and made new friends.

Thanks to all our volunteers, without them things like this wouldn't happen in our community. If you are interested in volunteering or participating in the Zeehan Golf Club parkrun, please contact us via zeehangolfclub@parkrun.com or via our facebook page.

Beauty and the beast at Tullah



If you stopped for a Coffee at Tullah before Christmas you may have seen an unlikely pair greeting the customers. Mrs Claus and the Hulk were there to spread Christmas cheers with the caffeine, and rumour has it that Santa himself put in an appearance. It certainly surprised these two young visitors on their way through.

QUEENSTOWN ERIC THOMAS GALLEY MUSEUM VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Each month we'll be introducing you to some of the wonderful volunteers from the Galley Museum in Queenstown.

MARK & HEATHER GREWAR

Mark and Heather moved back to Queenstown in June 2024 after thirteen years away.

"Queenstown has always felt like home and we're so happy to be back. We love working at the museum, sharing the history and talking with visitors."



RAYMOND TRAPPITT

Raymond has an extensive background in the corporate world specializing in business strategy and corporate governance. These skill sets complement the direction of the Galley Museum, ensuring the strategic plans align with our vision of preserving history for the West Coast community. Raymond has lived in Queenstown for almost eight years and is currently the Chair of the Galley Museum committee.



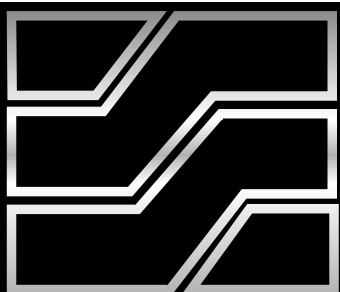
SUE TREGONING

Sue has volunteered at the Museum for over a year.

"I enjoy meeting new people, hearing their stories and learning about the West Coast history."

Sue's favourite room in the Galley is the Medical Room.

When not at the Galley Sue works at Missing Tiger, and volunteers with the local Cancer Council group.



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Any athletic supporters out there?

With the rain clearing and the track drying out the 68th Rosebery Athletics Carnival had a full program of events on Saturday December 21. A day with plenty of highlights in the chopping. Stephen Foster showed himself to be a cut above the rest, winning his second 400mm Underhand Tasmanian Championship in a row.

In the rock drilling Adrian 'Pippi' Williams won his second Tasmania Rock Drilling Championship While on the track Jack Hadley took out the MMG Rosebery Wheel Race with Rosebery-Toorak Footballer Adam French winning the MMG Open Gift.

The Ian and Anne Drake Relay event was once again a crowd favourite with the team of Adrian Williams (Driller), Logan Bailey (Runner), Aaron Jones (Cyclist) and Tyson Rowe (Chopper) proving too strong.

Crowd numbers were up on last year and a fantastic day of racing was complemented by the car show with 14 entries and kids activities supplied by the Rosebery Men's Shed.





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Image: Bobadil TSF

Works on expansion to Bobadil TSF to begin this year

MMG Rosebery has received final approval from West Coast Council to progress with an expansion of an existing tailings storage facility (TSF).

Works will begin this year on the Stage 11 and 12 embankment raises at the Bobadil TSF, providing around 3 years of additional tailings storage capacity.

Rosebery Mine General Manager Steve Scott said continued works at Bobadil and a capacity increase at 2/5 Dam has the potential to extend the life of our existing tailings facilities through to 2030, subject to permitting approvals.

"This is great news for our 600 strong workforce, our local communities and local supply chain that benefits from the ongoing operation and success of Rosebery Mine."

School award presentations

Community Relations Advisor Chris Winskill represented MMG Rosebery at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School's end of year awards ceremony, celebrating student achievements for 2024.

Chris handed out awards to Jaxx Armstrong for MMG Academic Effort, Melody McGowan received the MMG Leadership Award and Tyson Rubens the St. Mary McKillop Award.

At Rosebery District School Presentation Day, the winner of the MMG Rosebery award for individual excellence went to Chayse Hampton.



Image (L-R): Chayse Hampton and Chris Winskill

Raiseboring projects takes off

A raiseboring machine is being used to drill the first of many ventilation rises, which will be 4.5 metres in diameter, 200 metres high and situated 1.4 kilometres below surface.

This is the most northern raiseboring exercise ever undertaken at Rosebery and opens up future mining opportunities.



Image: Raisebore machine

Christmas lunch underground

MMG Rosebery's underground and surface teams got into the spirit of the festive season by feasting on a special Christmas Day lunch.

The menu included ham, prawns, salads as well as a choice of cheesecake, pavlova and chocolate mud cake for dessert.

A special thanks to those who kept the mine operational over the break



Image: Underground mining team

Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

FLORENCE MINE ACCIDENT, MAN DROWNS WHILE CLIMBING LADDER TO SAFETY

Walking from the cemetery carpark today the closest headstone is that of Thomas Kestles, aged 47, who drowned in the Florence Mine just before midday on June 23, 1903. His body was recovered two days later, and he was buried in that grave on the following Sunday at 3pm.

A Coronial Enquiry commenced on Friday 26 June where evidence regarding identification and cause of death was heard, Dr. Butler stating that the mouth, nose, windpipe, lungs and stomach were all filled with a slate-coloured mud, causing suffocation.

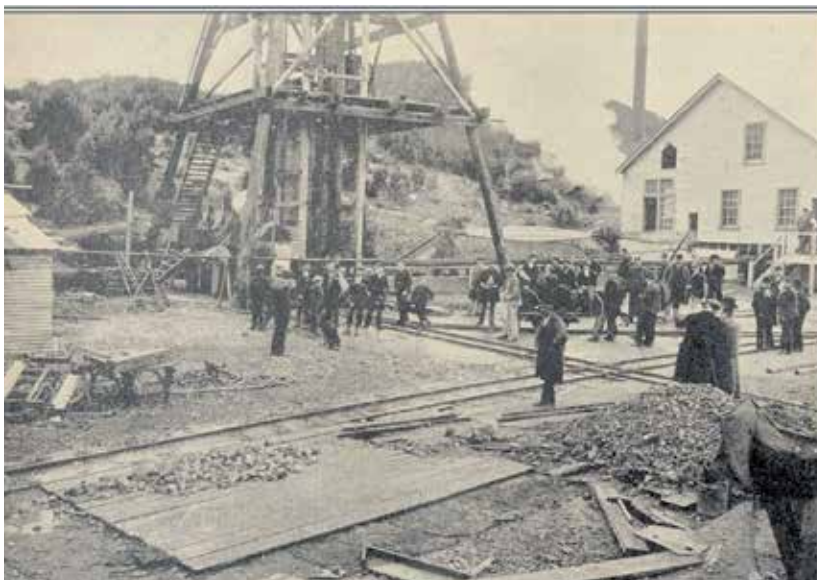
Following months of delay owing to the incident site being flooded, the Coronial Enquiry reconvened on 12 November 1903. The previous day the coronial jury had inspected the site which was finally free from water, under the guidance of the Inspector of Mines, James Harrison.

The Enquiry heard that the shaft at the Florence mine was 200 feet deep, and five men were working at various distances extending out about 240 feet along a tunnel (number 2 level) driven from the bottom of the shaft towards Curries' Shaft, a mine which had not been in use for some three years and was known to have consequently filled with water. The far end of the level was about 70 feet away from Curries'.

William Craig and Alfred Burt had laid three explosive charges in the face of the tunnel and then gone to the surface with all the other men except Kestles and J.W. Farnell. Shortly after the charges went off there was a sudden inrush of muddy water which quickly filled the level and then continued up the shaft where the two men were desperately trying to climb up the ladderway to safety. Farnell was just ahead of

Kestles at number 1 level, about 100 feet from the surface when he heard Kestles say the water was getting close to him. After that he didn't see or hear him again. Farnell was only just able to get clear of the swirling water himself.

The Enquiry dealt with two main issues. Firstly, even though the men knew there was water around, they had not been using boreholes drilled ahead of them to check for the



Workers at the Florence mine, waiting on the recovery of the body. (Tasmanian Mail, 4 July 1903.)

presence of water on the day in question.

This they sometimes did if the ground looked suspicious. J.W. Farnell stated that Kestles, who was in charge underground, had made a careful examination of the working face at 11 o'clock that morning, as he had done on every shift, and found nothing to be concerned about.

One witness Alfred Burt, stated it was Kestles himself who instructed them to discontinue putting in the boreholes, as he did not consider there was any danger of water at that level. This was contradicted by another witness William Craig, but Craig had heard Kestles say that there was no danger from water at that level, and the witness himself did not think there was any danger.

Mine Manager Frederick H. Astle was certain he had told Kestles to use boreholes, but Kestles always ridiculed the idea. He considered Kestles to be a very careful miner except regarding the boreholes. He had heard no complaints from the men about the work being dangerous.

The other issue concerned the instruction that the men had been told to go to the surface whenever blasting was taking place.

Engineer in charge Albert Midson related how just three weeks prior he had a conversation with deceased about him staying below while firing was occurring. He had said to Kes-

gles "We had better go too." Kestles said that there was no danger, and witness said, "You know that it is the order of the manager that everyone is to be on the surface while the shots are being fired." Kestles said "Bless you, there is no danger." Witness said, "It is not proper for us to be here when the orders are that we are to be on the surface or in the cage." Kestles, in reply, said, "We will remain here now, it is not worthwhile starting the pump again."

In addition to hearing evidence from eight men about mining in the Florence and Curries' Shaft, the enquiry also heard from James Harrison and Assistant Government Geologist George Waller. Initially it was thought that the inrush of water had come from Curries' Shaft, but after hearing the evidence it was found to be from an underground hole full of water (a vugh) which the explosion had disturbed.

The jury returned a verdict declaring Kestles' death was an accident, but added a rider stating that both James Harrison and the Frederick Astle were guilty of great neglect in not having taken more precautions when it was known that there was underground water in the area, and for not having larger man holes in the ladderway to make escape easier.

This raised the ire of "The Zeehan and Dundas Herald" editor, who wrote that while the verdict declared the death was accidental, the rider asserted that negligence was displayed. Had the rider been incorporated in the finding then it would have amounted to an allegation of manslaughter against Harrison and Astle.

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

The township of Renison Bell

Tasmania is one of the most mineral-rich places on the planet, Bluestone's Renison Bell mine is home to more than 80 per cent of Australia's identified tin resource.

Why the name Renison Bell?

The site was first discovered in 1890 by a prospector on a six-month lone exploration in western Tasmania, George Renison Bell. Bell found and pegged a 1.3 square kilometre mineralised zone north of Zeehan.

In the years following his discovery, a number of companies worked the tinfield. The township of Renison Bell was established in 1909 to support a flurry of activity. However, the metallurgical technology at the time didn't allow for profitable recovery of tin from the complex low-grade ores.

As activities slowed, so did life in the township. By 1940's the town had dramatically reduced in size.

It wasn't until 1965 that deep drilling proved that Bell had in fact discovered an immense ore reserve. Sadly, Bell passed in 1915, without knowing he had discovered one of the world's largest known primary tin deposits.

As an industry, our technology and methods for valuable-mineral extraction has evolved dramatically over time. Increased efficiencies alongside environmental

sustainability in the recovery of this essential resource have enabled our mine to endure and thrive on the Renison Bell site.

The historical image below shows the Renison Bell township between in 1969



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Strahan Family Fun Day

Strahan certainly put on a show at the recent Family Fun Day held at the Golf Course.

What a wonderful celebration, occasions like this makes you proud to be part of our great West Coast community!

Sponsored by Salmon Tasmania, there were many others that played a big part in bringing this to the community (Santa even dropped in!).

Well done to all that helped make it such a great night



Queenstown junior Basketball program a hit

The QJBA hosted a 9 week Aussie Hoops program with 26 participants taking the opportunity and registering.

Congratulations to all our next playing crop coming through and thanks to the parents for getting the kids there each week.

Thanks to Daynon from BTas for making the trip from Hobart to present certificates and a huge thanks to our committee members Trudy & Mahalia for all their assistance.



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WE PLAY TRIAL HARBOUR RACE DAY

Photos by Alan Jennison

I had heard about the festivities that take place at Trial Harbour on New Years Eve and had it on my list to photograph for a couple of years so thought it was time to head out there and see what it was all about. What a great fun, well organised day it was too.

The morning starts with running races of all kinds as well as sack races, three-legged races, piggy back events and much more. There is even a dog race!

The events truly include all age groups, from toddlers to those more 'mature' community members and with lots of spills and thrills had everyone in stitches.

If you get the chance, drop out there this year and give it a go.





WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE COAST?

A Happy New Year from all volunteers and committee of Animal Welfare Centre Inc.

Since Tupperware left Australia, we had to find another way of fundraising for veterinary fees, formula, accessories, etc. so we've taken on three new ventures to see how they go. **Flavourista** - a range of beautiful blends to help you prepare easy and delicious meals at home, plus more.

Melaleuca - From cleaning products, toothpaste, weight loss, vitamins, more, there is a huge range to see. Join before the 17th of January for \$1 membership and save huge dollars on prices. I've already tried a few items and am over the moon happy.

Out of the box - which we are launching online on the 18th and 19th of January. Out of the box has so many different items available, from homewares to fishing and camping gear. And even though you order that day, you have four weeks to pay. This is a one time only deal. Normally it will be pay when ordering. Pop into the shop for more information or inbox President, Kerrie Laffer and she will forward you the shopping links..

We're also calling for any volunteers, be it animal sitting, shop, help, sorting items, etc. The AWCI centre op shop is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Saturday. For one week, between the 13th and 18th of January come in to the shop and fill a bag with clothes from the op shop section for \$5 (BYO bag). Main Street, Zeehan



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2025
6:30PM
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Wee Georgie Wood Railway Society

Annual General Meeting.
Saturday 25th January at 4pm.
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MMG West Coast Major Sponsor **Calendar VI 2025**
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Clubs Major Open Events

Golf Club	Event	2025	2026	2027
Zeehan Open	Sat Ambrose Sun Open	Sat & Sun 18-19th January 2025	Sat & Sun 17-18th January 2026	Proposed 23-24th January 2027
Strahan Open	Sat Ambrose Sun Open	Sat & Sun 8-9th February 2025	Proposed 7-8th February 2026	Proposed 6-7th February 2027
Waratah Open	Sat 4888 Sun Open	Sat & Sun 22-23rd February 2025	Proposed 21-22nd February 2026	Proposed 20-21st February 2027
Queenstown Open	Sat Open Sun Ambrose	Sat & Sun 8-9th March 2025	Sat & Sun 7-8th March 2026	Sat & Sun 6-7th March 2027
Rosebery Open	Sat Ambrose Sun Open	Sat & Sun 1-2nd November 2025	Sat & Sun 31st Oct-1st November 2026	Sat & Sun 30-31st October 2027

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West Coast E. S. & D. Foursomes est 2024	6th December 2025 Strahan	
West Coast Epiroc Mining Classic est 1996	28th February 2026 Waratah	16th January 2027 Zeehan
West Coast William Adams Cat Singles est 1977	14th March 2026 Queenstown	
West Coast E. S. & D. Foursomes est 2024		27th February 2027 Waratah

Other Open Club Events 2025

Golf Club & Event	Date	Golf Club & Event	Date
Rosebery John Dunham Memorial	Saturday 4th January 2025	Strahan Jack Rowe Memorial	Easter Friday 18th April 2025
Rosebery Australia Day Cross Country Challenge	Sunday 26th January 2025	Zeehan Jethro Douglas Memorial	Sunday 20th July 2025
Rosebery Ernie Farrer Memorial	Saturday 1st February 2025	Strahan Legacy Day	Saturday 20th September 2025
Zeehan Moine Memorial	Saturday 1st March 2025	Rosebery Harry Hay Memorial	Saturday 8th November 2025
Zeehan Eley Memorial	Saturday 5th April 2025	Strahan Fagan Foursomes 'Men's Sat - Mixed Sun	Sat & Sun 22-23rd November 2025

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