



## Bay of Fires visits Zeehan school



Marta Dusseldorp takes a selfie with the Primary School students - Photo by Alan Jennison

On Wednesday, May 29, our whole school was treated, quite literally, to front row seats as Archipelago Productions shot scenes from the much-anticipated Series 2 of Bay of Fires right in front of us in Belstead Street. Several of our staff attended the premiere of Series 1 at the Gaiety Theatre here in Zeehan in 2022.

It was an official 'walking excursion' with our usual risk-management pro-

cesses, but in this case we didn't have far to walk at all.

The action came to us.

Students got to see first-hand how a scene is shot, understanding that it is carefully choreographed and composed, often requiring multiple 'takes' to get it right.

Even a simple sequence such as capturing people exiting the school gate required just the right look, light and

sound. We all did a great job of being very quiet when 'action' was called.

Right on cue, our recycling truck arrived, drove along Belstead Street and parked right within the frame of the shot. Fortunately, they were able to come back later.

We were able to check out all the sophisticated equipment that was being used – the microphone on a boom pole, gimble-stabilised camera and wireless

monitors that had a direct link to the vision that was being captured.

Thank you to the production crew for providing this opportunity to our students – we are looking forward to more of these opportunities as filming ramps up around the town.

*Josh Dean - Principal*

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## Letter to the editor

We just wanted to thank and acknowledge the efforts of Robyn Gerrity who with the passing of our much-loved postie Max, kept our post office running and continued to provide this essential service to our community and our local businesses. Without the efforts of Robyn, we would have had a significant adverse impact on our daily lives and on the sustainability of our small and large business interests which would have affected our town Strahan.

For Robyn to maintain our postal services under such personal circumstances of grief and loss is admirable and while the chapter of her services for our community in our local post office has changed with the changing of business ownership, her contribution in making our lives easier and to the wellbeing of our community is deeply appreciated.

Post Offices in rural remote areas such as ours provides a substantial physical presence which enables us to connect with the rest of Tasmania, Australia and the world; and provides our community with access to core services and economic opportunities. In Strahan, our local post office is the sole provider of delivery, financial and many essential government services, as well as selling retail goods and providing broader community support.

Robyn Gerrity has also held positions on our local Council including a stint as Mayor; so it may be no surprise to our community that she worked so tirelessly to keep our postal services running so smoothly. We shall miss her friendly face at the post office; and wish her all the very best in whatever she wants to do next. THANK YOU!!!

**John and Jane O'Connell**

## Letter to the editor

There is a Minister please explain moment afoot regarding the Director of Mines intention to recommend to the Minister for Resources that he grant an exploration licence over 224km<sup>2</sup> EL4/2024 Macquarie Harbour under category 1- Metallic Minerals Atomic substances by Western Australian applicant Stunalara (operations) Pty Ltd.

Public submissions regarding such a lease entitlement closed on the 7th of June 2024, however, few if many in our Strahan or West Coast Community knew that this mining lease activity was being proposed. One would have to ask the question "Why on earth would a lease be even considered in the vicinity of Macquarie Harbour given the well documented threat to the Maugean Skate in relation to its extinction risks? The species is also a priority under the Australian Government's Threatened Species Strategy Action Plan 2022-2032.

With the Albanese Labor Government investing over \$2.1million to set up a captive breeding program to help save the Maugean Skate and the research findings regarding the degraded environmental conditions in Macquarie Harbour adversely threatening the survival of such a rare species; why would a mining lease even be conceptually considered?" The proposal makes a mockery of having an urgent formation of the Maugean Skate Recovery Team with representatives from government bodies from various levels including Hydro Tasmania, the aquacultural industry and local community Natural Resource managers and Environmental non-government organisations; with First Nations representatives; Copper

straight. I believe Kerrie was not at fault in this matter and I wish to say this publicly. I was quick to believe otherwise and did so wrongly. Kerrie at all times had the best interest of the animals at heart as she always has.

**Alan Jennison**

## A formal apology

I would like to apologise to Kerrie Laffer of Zeehan for not believing her, not believing IN her and not trusting her at her word with regard to the cat/kitten debacle some time back.

I was wrong and wish to set the record

Mines of Tasmania and the West Coast Recreation Association of Tasmania all asked to join the group in this important skate survival effort.

There has been a commitment of \$7m investment over the next two years to improve the oxygen levels in Macquarie Harbour. This is a significant investment by the salmon aquacultural industry who are trying to act responsibly through their major contribution to the Maugean Skate Conservation Recovery Program. With all this effort and investment to try and save the Maugean Skate and improve our harbour why would the government put all this at risk by threatening the efforts of so many; as well as putting at risk our existing economic activity in the region? One must ask "Why would a lease for mining exploration be recommended or even considered for approval in the vicinity of such a highly environmentally sensitive area? Why place at risk the collective efforts of so many to try and ensure the survival of the Maugean Skate and the water quality of our Harbour by adding such a high-risk activity? One must also ask the Premier and Ministers of the State Government "What on earth are you thinking? Why place at further risk the

environmental remediation efforts that the Maugean Skate need for their survival? Why place at risk our tourism and aquacultural industries and potentially unravel the huge investment trial to remediate our Harbour? Is the proposal for the exploration mining lease a matter of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing? Is this an example of greed and irresponsible incompetence over due diligence and care for our community, our economic survival and the survival of the rare and highly endangered Maugean Skate?

Macquarie Harbour Oxygenation Project (MHOP)Bubbler trial was set up by the Tasmanian salmon aquaculture industry in partnership with Tasmania's Institute of Marina and Antarctic Science and the Australian Government Fisheries Research and Development Corporation. To even contemplate a mining exploration lease in Macquarie Harbour vicinity smacks of a hysterically funny episode of Faulty Towers except the stakes and the Maugean Skate's very existence hinges on the decision this State Government will take to ensure either their very survival or extinction.

**Yinnaar Burrin**

## Bay of Fires visits Zeehan school

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ABC, Archipelago Productions and Fremantle are excited to announce that season two of the hit drama Bay Of Fires has started filming in Tasmania.

Reprising their roles are Marta Dusseldorp (Janet King), Toby Leonard Moore (The Unusual Suspects), Pamela Rabe (Wentworth) and more.

Showcasing Tasmania's rugged west coast, award-winning actress Marta Dusseldorp returns as Stella Heikkinen, the single mother of two, forced into witness protection and relocated to Mystery Bay – a remote Tasmanian town filled with suspicious, criminally inclined individuals.

Bay of Fires season one is available on ABC iView and has recently been released in the United Kingdom on ITVX streaming platform.

## A true West Coast parkrun

To date (2/6/24) we have completed 17 events with more than 300 people participating from all over the globe! Just this week we had a visitor from Boston, USA. Below are some more stats!

Volunteers: 64, PBs: 62, Finishers: 335

Also of significance in our growth and development are the strategic steps to ensure the event is embedded and enjoys ongoing success into the future. We are developing the capacity of several new run directors from all the different regions as this is truly a west coast parkrun! We frequently get participants from Strahan, Rosebery and Queenstown, as well as Zeehan! Remember you can volunteer, walk, jog or run! Go to parkrun.com.au to register and we will see you Saturday at 9:00am! Follow us on FB too and our website: [www.parkrun.com.au/zeehangolfclub](http://www.parkrun.com.au/zeehangolfclub)



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# Out for a stroll

I was working on the paper in my office recently and got a tip (thanks Carol) that there was an interesting chap wandering about town so I had to go and find out.

His name is Joash Tore'eke Molia Taufa'ahau, (but thankfully goes by the name 'Seggy').

Originally from the Solomon Islands, Seggy now hails from the Canberra area but hasn't been home for some time. Not that that is likely to happen in the near future either as Seggy is on a bit of a trek. A trek that will take over three years to complete...

That's how long he says it will take to walk (yes walk) to all the corners of Australia.

Seggy, 23 is being sponsored by Mont Adventure Equipment and Australian Geographic, walks up to fifty kilometres a day and sleeps rough each night.

And he does this for fun!

Seggy stays true to his goal by documenting his adventures in his blog '37,000 days', where he discusses the reason behind the adventure and the issues traipsing across one of the harshest and largest continents in the world. But still I ask, why?

"The short answer is 37,000 days or 100 years. A 'full life' is a number in age most will never reach. With the average life expectancy much less than 100 years. 37,000 days isn't realistic at all. So it's this idea of - it's not the years in your life that count. It's life in your years, to use up our short, fleeting time intentionally," Seggy explains.

As good a reason as any I guess but what a trek and still a long way to go. Good luck Joash Tore'eke Molia Taufa'ahau - with that attitude you'll go far.



# Hi from Tullah Neighborhood Watch

In conjunction with the West Coast Council we recently installed a bench seat in Tullah next to the Post Office.

The seat provides bus uses, a comfortable seat to use whilst waiting for the bus service which is daily. The seat has been a great success also for the locals and for tourists to use any time.

On Saturday 18th May, Tullah Neighbourhood Watch hosted a community

forum called Cuppa with a Cop at the Tullah Cafe for locals to meet and greet our local police force and to voice any concerns within the Tullah community.

Tullah Neighbourhood Watch are very grateful for the ongoing support from our local police and the attendance from the community. It was a great success.

Thank you to everyone  
**Tullah Neighbourhood Watch**



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# MACQUARIE HARBOUR UPDATE

**Many Tasmanians share a genuine concern about Macquarie Harbour and the Maugean Skate, a highly unique species native to Tasmania's West Coast.**

It is a complex issue with many moving parts and different responses now underway from government, the science community, and our own salmon aquaculture industry.

Over recent weeks we have started to see some outcomes from this work, which should give heart to everyone determined to secure the future of the species.

First, Tasmania's independent Environment Protection Authority released its latest report on the health of Macquarie Harbour stating conditions are "improving".

The EPA found that oxygen levels in the harbour have increased, and the dissolved oxygen levels in the preferred depths for the Maugean Skate are within the target range.

Second, the new captive breeding program for the skate is successfully producing baby skates.

The Federal Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek this week announced that "18 baby skates have hatched and over 50 new eggs have been laid in captivity".

Third, the first results are in from our trial of oxygenation technology, and they suggest it could be an effective engineering solution to manage natural oxygen levels in the Harbour.

The Macquarie Harbour Oxygenation Project (MHOP) is a joint initiative of the Tasmanian salmon industry and the Australian Government's Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and is being independently overseen by IMAS scientists.

Right now, an extra 3,000 kgs of dissolved oxygenation is being added to targeted depths within the harbour every day. The goal is to gradually increase this rate to 5,000 kgs a day next summer, which is the capacity of the trial equipment.

These are small steps in a trial to test the technology, but by no means insignificant.

Oxygenation technology is used successfully across the globe to support naturally low oxygen waterways, including the Swan and Darling Estuaries right here in Australia.

If the technology is proven, it can be scaled-up and become part of the ongoing support measures we can use to add to the natural recharging of the harbour.

**So, there we have it - improved harbour health, early success in the breeding program and good signs in the oxygenation trial.**

**It reaffirms our industry and the West Coast community's clear position that a healthy harbour, the Skate, and salmon aquaculture can co-exist.**

**Tasmania has world leading science and regulation that underpins our salmon aquaculture, and it is working.**

We strongly believe the regulatory framework and science guiding our industry's presence in Macquarie Harbour is sustainable.

Of course, no one denies the skate is under severe pressure or that the Harbour needs careful management.

But any objective analysis will acknowledge the Harbour is a complex environment and that the risks to the skate are many - climate change and warming waters, gillnet fishing, Hydro release flow, invasive species such as the European Green Crab, and historic mining sediment.

Salmon aquaculture is one industry that operates in Macquarie Harbour, but correlation does not equal causation when it comes to the future of the Maugean Skate.

And, on this point, even our fiercest industry critics must acknowledge the Maugean Skate, originally the Port Davey Skate, has already disap-

peared from Bathurst Harbour where there is no aquaculture.

Those who suggest that you simply end salmon aquaculture in the harbour, and the skate will make a comeback are not right.

There are absolutely no guarantees that taking the easy route and blaming salmon will help to save the skate.

But what is 100 per cent certain is that reducing aquaculture in Macquarie Harbour will cost jobs and devastate communities.

In a small town like Strahan, it would be catastrophic, with one in every three jobs in the town directly linked to the salmon operations.

Already, the uncertainty created by the Federal Labor Environment Minister's review of Macquarie Harbour aquaculture is harming the community, the workers and the families that depend on the industry.

What is needed is a timely, sensible, and outcome-focused long-term plan to continue to improve Macquarie Harbour and secure the future of the skate.

The Australian and Tasmanian Governments have stepped up, they're investing in the breeding program and insurance population.

The salmon aquaculture industry has stepped up, we're investing up to \$6 million into MHOP.

But there are others who must do more, namely Hydro Tasmania. Some scientists have argued that the changes in river flow due to Hydro is the largest anthropogenic contribution to lower dissolved oxygen levels, especially since the start of Basslink.

Tasmanians have been farming salmon in Macquarie Harbour for almost 40 years now, and the second-generation workers want to continue this proud work.

The Tasmanian Premier Jeremy Rockliff and Labor Leader Dean Winter have expressed their confidence in the industry and the future of aquaculture in Macquarie Harbour.

Even the Prime Minister has said: "I see a future for the salmon industry in Macquarie Harbour..." and "I support you maintaining your jobs."

But, right now a region and its local industry remain hanging in limbo. This hurts families, it hurts business.

Tasmanians living in our regional communities deserve better than this. They deserve a positive decision on their futures, and quickly.

**Luke Martin**  
Chief Executive, Salmon Tasmania



# Local lad Dean Winter

It was no coincidence that on my very first day as Tasmanian Labor leader I headed for the West Coast to catch up with aquaculture workers.

It wasn't just because standing up for working Tasmanians, their jobs and their right to improve their lives is my party's foundation. It was also personal – I was coming home.

I am from Queenstown, where my Mum was a nurse and my Dad worked at Mt Lyell.

Dad was the captain and coach of West Coast Rugby Club, who had been recruited from his native New Zealand by a keen rugby fan in the mine management. He met my Mum when he got injured and attended the hospital where she was nursing.

Like so many West Coasters and people across Tasmania, my parents worked incredibly hard. After we moved to Hobart, when Dad became a roof plumber, I remember him working late into the night in the headlights of his truck to get the job done.

They instilled that ethos into me from a young age. The respect I have for working Tasmanians is what led me to the Labor Party and my commitment to making Tasmania a better place for them is what inspired me to enter politics.

For more than 120 years, Tasmanian Labor has been supporting working people and that will never change.

Since I became party leader, our parliamentary team has sharpened its focus on jobs, especially in regional areas. We are worried about an economic slow-down that has already cost us 5000 jobs since the Liberal State Government has been in minority.

I have also made it crystal clear that Labor backs industries that are important for our regional areas such as forestry, aquaculture, mining and tourism.

I want these traditional industries to thrive so the people who rely on them can thrive.

I invite anyone who doubts the importance of the local jobs these industries

create, directly and indirectly, to do what I did as on my first day as leader and talk to workers on the salmon farms, and then talk to workers in businesses and services in Strahan. Their views are just as clear as my own.



Another key industry for the West Coast has been energy generation and I am excited about our state's potential.

The hydro was our first energy revolution and I believe renewables can have a similar impact in offering good, well-paid local jobs and opening up new opportunities for Tasmanians.

Although my family moved away when I was young, I have great memories from Queenstown.

On my latest visit I met Ian Bradshaw, whose family has operated a sawmill at Lynchford for many decades, processing the famous specialty timbers of the West Coast. He knew my Dad as they played rugby together and it was a real privilege to get to hear his stories.

As I continue to stand up for working Tasmanians, I will take every opportunity to visit the West Coast and meet locals. It's always so good to be back home.



# Tassie pollinators in Strahan

In a 'buzzing' celebration of Tasmania's invaluable pollinators, 45 Strahan community members (27 children and 18 adults) came together for an educational event focused on the hardworking native bees of Tasmania.

Hosted as part of Landcare Tasmania's Know Your Local Patch program and generously funded as a part of the Ocean Beach Landscape Project by the Elsie Flood Foundation and the Department of Premier and Cabinet under the Premier's Fund for Children and Young People, the event aimed to raise awareness about the critical role these tiny creatures play in local ecosystems.

Attendees joined members of Wildcare Friends of the Henty to delve into the fascinating world of native bees, exploring their habitats, behaviours, and distinguishing characteristics. Highlights of the event included a hands-on activity where participants crafted bee hotels using natural and locally sourced materials, providing a safe haven for Tasmanian native bee species. Another activity that was popular on the day was the Bee Vision box - where children created their own flower which glowed under UV light to imitate the pollen guides and bulls-eyes that plants have on their flowers to encourage bees to visit.

There were lots of excited screams from children peering into the bee vision box.

"We were thrilled to see such enthusiasm from the community in learning about our native bees," said Bianca Burford, Landcare Tasmania's education coordinator. "It's essential to recognise

and celebrate the vital role these hardworking pollinators play in sustaining our environment and food systems."

Dr. Yolanda Hanusch, a pollination expert from the University Of Sydney, led an engaging session highlighting the differences between native bees and their more commonly known counterparts, honey bees.

Participants left with a newfound appreciation for Tasmania's hardworking little pollinators and a commitment to safeguarding their habitats for generations to come. The Strahan Primary School received native bees of Tasmania posters for their classrooms and they have continued weaving the bee theme into their lessons with the Kinder/Prep class. Students have designed their own bee pictures and shared their knowledge of bees in a recent school assembly.

To find out more about past and upcoming school holiday events with Landcare Tasmania, visit [www.landcaretas.org.au/upcoming\\_kylyp](http://www.landcaretas.org.au/upcoming_kylyp)

Landcare Tasmania thanks the Elsie Flood Foundation and the State Government for their funding support, Dr Yolanda Hanusch for her engaging talk, Fullers Bookshop for donating Tasmanian native bee posters, the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) for lending a cast of a honey bee, Motel Strahan for the accommodation for our pollination expert, Wildcare Friends of the Henty Group for their help in planning and running the event and Strahan Primary School for generously offering the use of their hall.



Back row L-R: Hudson Saltmarsh, Toby Hutcheson, Logan Saltmarsh, Darcy Jackson  
Middle row L-R: Ayla Hall, Joey Burke, Mikaela Jayakody, Marley Maine, Charli Morrison, Bay Rollins  
Front row L-R: Paisley Saltmarsh, Addison Drake, Edward Reeves, Lucy Reeves, Quinn Rollins

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Rosebery Mine

# Community Newsletter

June 2024



Image (L-R): Janine Mann, Recipient of the Rosebery Volunteer of the Year Award and Kelso Jarvis, Chair of the Rosebery Community Consultative Committee.

## National Volunteer Week

Congratulations to Janine Mann who was voted the Rosebery Volunteer of the Year. Janine received a two-night luxury accommodation at Pump House Point, Lake Saint Clair and a fuel voucher. Janine was recognised for her community service, extensive volunteer hours and participation in many community group committees. Congratulations Janine.

## Round 1 Sponsorship results

The Rosebery Community Consultative Committee met in April to assess sponsorship applications and provide recommendations to the General Manager for funding. We would like to congratulate the following groups who were successful in this round.

Round 2 Sponsorship opportunities are now open and will close on 30 September.

Please contact Jill Richardson, Community Liaison on 1800 767 664 or [jill.richardson@MMG.com](mailto:jill.richardson@MMG.com) for application forms and details.

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Rosebery Golf Open	Sponsorship	\$6000.00
Rosebery Athletics Club	Sponsorship	\$12,000.00
Rosebery Festival	Sponsorship	\$20,000.00

## Energy & Mines Summit

Adam Pandelis, Manager Environment, Community and Closure recently attended the Energy and Mines Summit held in Perth.

The theme of the summit was 'The Decarbonised Mine' and brought together over 700 industry experts to discuss the challenges for reaching net zero targets.

Adam presented on the pivotal role of hybrid solutions in driving towards net zero objectives and the successful trial and implementation of diesel electric loaders, showcasing MMG's efficiency in reducing emissions while maintaining operational efficiency.



## Social Impact and Opportunity Assessment

On 2 May community members representing the Rosebery Development Association, Rosebery Community Consultative Committee, Regional Development Australia Tasmania, West Coast Council, MMG and Consultants from Tetra Tech Coffey (Facilitators), met to hear an overview of the Social Impact and Opportunity Assessment outcomes from the visioning workshop held last year. The group discussed how we could all work together to action the recommendations, look for future funding opportunities and how we can all work together to continue to promote and grow our local region. Further meetings are planned to continue these important discussions.



## Thank you and farewell Don MacCansh

In May we saw the retirement of Don MacCansh, superintendent of Geology at MMG Rosebery and the author of Don Rock's Geology articles. Don has been a regular on the golf course, umpire for the Rosebery Toorak Football Club and participant in a wide range of community events.

We would like to thank Don for his commitment to our community and wish him well on the golf course in his retirement.



# Grace's journey

## A Story of Dedication and Resilience



Grace Shimomura, a single mother from the Philippines, moved to Launceston, Tasmania, in 2022 to care for her ageing mother, Rita, not knowing the full extent of what dementia care entailed.

Grace's journey into caring was sudden. Rita had suffered a fall and was struggling to live alone after the death of her second husband in 2021. Rita, an 82-year-old war widow, suffers from vascular dementia, Alzheimer's, and Lewy body dementia (LBD).

Due to her mother's deteriorating health, Grace had to abruptly leave her career and teenage children in the Philippines. She is now working on their migration documents to reunite with them in Tasmania, which will enable her to continue caring for Rita.

"Before coming here, I didn't know much about dementia beyond forgetfulness."

"I quickly learned that being a full-time carer involves managing every aspect of my mother's life," Grace said.

One of the biggest challenges Grace faces is navigating the Australian healthcare system, particularly as a newcomer to the country.

Carer Gateway has provided Grace with crucial resources and support including free counselling, mental health workshops and peer support groups. Particularly helpful has been Carer Gateway's coaching service, which offers practical guidance and emotional support.

"Carer Gateway has been a lifeline."

"My coach was thorough and encouraging. She helped me create actionable steps, which made everything less overwhelming."

"She has been my accountability partner and has been instrumental in helping me focus and stay on track," Grace explains.

Grace also benefits from peer support groups facilitated by Carer Gateway, where she connects with other carers, shares experiences, and gains insights that help her in her role. She now volunteers a couple of hours every month to lead her local carers group.

"Knowing I have a support through Carer Gateway gives me peace of mind. It's comforting to share and hear stories from others in similar situations."

Despite the challenges of caring, Grace cherishes the moments she spends with her mother.

"Most days, mum is mobile, has an appetite, and enjoys her choir and Sunday outings. These moments are precious," Grace reflects.

"Being a carer can be lonely and isolating sometimes. So, knowing that there is help out there, one number I can call just gives me peace of mind."

If you are in a similar situation and need help with your caring role, contact Carer Gateway's Tassie team at Care2Serve. Call 1800 422 737 (and select 1 from the menu) or visit the website at [www.carergateway.gov.au](http://www.carergateway.gov.au)

# Kiss my ArtGlass



Sarah King is an Artist & Founder of 'KissMyArtGlass'

Sarah comes with lots of life experience and challenges and is not ashamed to say that once upon a time she was homeless; experiencing two home robberies while in hospital, Sarah decided to use the facility at the University of Tasmania as all of her tools, photographs and precious things were stolen. She lived in her car for 2 years while she was studying for her 'Masters of Fine and Design', at the Launceston Fine Arts Campus, University of Tasmania, in 2007.

Rent was unaffordable and with no money to sustain her, she used found material from industrial bins to achieve her work. A stainless steel firm donated her stands for her Masters work, 'The Story of a River'.

Her resilience is easy to see in her works and also the making of her studio, taking 4 years to create. Sarah has lived in Tasmania's north West Coast for 35 years. Her art is about the local environment, the beauty, loss, climate change and endangered species, working with recycled materials as much as possible. Sarah wants to pay forward. Believing in a 'Circular Society', she will be offering affordable lessons & group classes in Sculpture, Life Drawing, Painting, Portraits, Mould Making and GLASS art and Design.

Sarah's Gallery/Studio and Street



Plant Library is a work in progress. Her 'Permaculture' background is vast, along with skills in wooden boat building and off grid home designs, gives her a broad outlook in survival skills.

Sarah said, "Phone for private lessons, if you would like to learn skills for 2D & 3D endeavours and an invitation for the artist to exhibit in her garden and studio. I would like to establish a co-operative artist space and open ideas using recycled materials garden sculptures and collaborations."

"We have no community house in Queenstown or a notice board with information about community events. The notices are now put in a variety of places and for me it is very confusing to see what's going on in our town. The Post Office has the best free, out of the rain space, and on enquiring, it can be used if we don't build onto the walls as it has a Heritage listing. So a clever free standing design, including seats and notice boards can be put in place for community activities and council notices and be available 7 days a week off main street. I am sure there are skilled artists in Queenstown who would design and make it suitable for a Heritage building and funding could be available with Councils support and help. The advantage is that it has easy access and all in one place where everyone goes."

Sarah will accept certain commissions and encourage workshops that inspire recycling and our future for CHANGE!

Sarah has a working with vulnerable peoples ID card."

So do call in and discover her creations and hopes for the future of collaboration and discovery.



"I asked for help."

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

Grace - Carer

Grace is a carer for her mum Rita, who has dementia. With Carer Gateway's support, Grace was able to access free coaching and counselling and connect with other carers through her local Peer Support Group. Care2Serve is the local Tassie team connecting Tasmanian carers to Carer Gateway. If you are a carer and would like help too, contact us. Support is free, inclusive and confidential.

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### Cradle Mountain Science Excursion

On Wednesday the 15th of May the year 7 class took a trip to cradle mountain where we walked part of the Dove Lake circuit. We went because in science we are studying the plant and animal kingdoms.

*Kailin year 7*

The walk was fun, but we only made it halfway due to time constraints. The shop was extremely over priced. I recommend bringing your own supplies.

*Blayne year 7*



### Science and Engineering Challenge

On Tuesday the 22nd of May students from year 8, 9 10 participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge at Marist College in Burnie. The day exposed the students to STEM challenges using equipment that the school doesn't have access to, STEM professionals and potential future careers. Blaine and Seth came 4th and 2nd in both of their activities, Nicole and Savannah won the Helter Skelter Shelter challenge, Myriah and Heather came 2nd in the wind turbine challenge and Takota and Hayley came 4th in the Wind turbine Challenge. Well done to all students who participated.



### West Coast 3-6 Cross Country

On Tuesday the 21st of May, 5 students from grades 3-6 were selected to participate in the west coast cross county races. All students ran to the best of their abilities and were also selected to compete in the Northwest Cross Country running carnival held in Ulverstone in the coming weeks. Best of luck to Cayden, Stevie, Sam, Grayson and Cody.



### School Football

On Thursday the 9th of May Ayden and Mal participated in the 9/10 School Football combined team with Mountain Heights District School playing against Smithton High School. Both played well and had opportunities to contribute to the team. Both played in a variety of positions and showed teamwork by positively interacting with other students from Mountain Heights. Final score was Smithton 18 goals and 17 points to West Coast 5 goals and 2 points.



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Thank you to our families who helped out with our School Association BBQ on polling day! We raised more than \$250 for the school!



### MATHEMATICS IN ACTION

The logo of ZPS used in a lesson about coordinates and directional language.



### TASSAL BREAKFAST

Thank you TASSAL for a delicious pancake breakfast! A great way to start the day!



### RIDE 2 SCHOOL

Many students joined us on our Ride 2 School Day, raising awareness of bicycle safety, healthy choices and sustainable transport options.



### SRC EASTER FUND-RAISER

Well done to students and families who contributed Easter Eggs for our raffle. Almost \$500 was raised!



### CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Get your CU passport stamped for various extra-curricular learning opportunities, including parkrun! Miss Q our CU coordinator at ZPS.



### LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

LiL at ZPS is on Thursday from 10:30am-12:00pm. Children from Birth-4 is welcome! Our pre-Kindergarten program will start later in the year.





## LIONS EYE HEALTH PROGRAM

On 6-7 and 13-14 May teams led by DC Stephen Smith (Clarence LC) and Facilitator Anne Fagg (Rocky Cape LC) delivered the Lions Eye Health Program to schools on the West Coast of Tasmania for the first time.

The program was generously supported by Bluestone Mines Tasmania, Petuna and the LEHP National body which enabled the screenings to take place. Bluestone and Petuna were presented with a plaque in recognition of their contribution.

Four schools participated in the screening which identified a number of children with possible vision problems and when addressed, should improve vision outcomes for those children.

Children were screened for: Visual Acuity – to determine how sharp vision is at a long distance. Colour Vision – to determine if the child sees colours as most people do. Depth Perception – to assess binocular function of eyes at near tasks.

Spot Vision Camera – to screen for abnormalities with a child's eyes.



## Reporting from the Galley Museum

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

### DIANNE POWELL

Dianne Powell is currently the longest serving volunteer at the Galley Museum, having started off cleaning the building before moving into the role of Secretary for the volunteer management committee. Dianne has a wealth of knowledge across a wide range of topics from the Mt Lyell Mine disaster to family history. As well as staying on top of museum administration, Dianne can often be found with a drill in one hand and hammer in the other, updating exhibitions and curating items. Dianne's favourite rooms amongst the over 25 in the museum are Grandma's Room and the Wedding Dress room, both located on the first floor.



### JODIE DIXON

Jodie is a great example of a new resident of the West Coast embracing their new home – having moved to Queenstown from the mainland a little over twelve months ago. Jodie has been volunteering at the Galley Museum for around six months, most recently also taking on the role of President of the volunteer management committee. With a background as a visual merchandiser Jodie has put her skills to use in updating the Galley's retail display area. "I love being part of a smaller community," Jodie said. "Volunteering at the Galley has connected me to the community, and it's been great learning about West Coast history."



# Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

## YOUNG MAN FALLS DOWN MAIN SHAFT OF MONTANA MINE, SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES

Still found in the cemetery today is the headstone of Ernest Francis Miller, who died aged 21 on June 20, 1901. At about 3:30 p.m. that day he had the misfortune to fall down the Montana mine's main shaft while getting an ore truck and mistakenly attempting to push it into the shaft cage when the cage was not at the same level. Sadly, he was to have been married in just a few weeks. He had been employed at the mine for seven years, working his way up to the position of a bracedman, a surface worker in charge of the cage going up and down the shaft.

An inquest was held at the Hospital the next afternoon before Coroner E.L. Hall, a jury of seven, and representatives of the Police, the Mines Department, the Engine drivers' Association (operators who raised and lowered the cages up and down mine shafts), the Montana Company and the Amalgamated Miners Association.

After the jury viewed the body they heard from the following witnesses.

Walter Wilson who said he was a trucker at the Montana mine at No. 4 level. About 3:30pm on Thursday afternoon Ernest Miller came out of the shaft cage on to that level. The witness asked deceased what was up and deceased said he wanted an ore truck. He got him a truck and left. At that

time, the cage was at No. 4 level.

H.E. Wright deposed that he was an enginedriver at the Montana mine and Miller had asked him to be lowered to No. 3 level.

A few minutes later Miller asked for the cage to go to No.

4 level. Shortly after the cage got stuck in the shaft, and a little while later he managed to free it.

William Craig deposed he was a miner at the Montana and was working in the shaft on Thursday afternoon with his mate.

He rang for the cage to be lowered down to them, and as they were waiting he heard a noise he did not think was right, and told his mate to stand back. Just as they stood back Miller fell where the witness was standing. He helped his mate to lift the deceased into the driest part of the shaft, and went for assistance. The deceased never spoke. It was his opinion that the cage had already moved before the deceased put the truck in, as the truck came down on top of

the cage, and caused the cage to jam in the shaft.

George McGeorge, a shift boss at the Montana, said he was working on Thursday afternoon at No. 3 level, near the shaft. He met Miller getting out of the cage.

He asked him what he wanted and Miller replied he wanted an empty ore truck.

He told him to go back to the surface and he would send a truck up. Miller walked back to the cage and went to No. 4 level.

In reply to a question from the police representative, who was concerned about the possibility of foul play, McGeorge stated that Miller was a general favorite at the mine, and on good terms with everyone.

All of the four witnesses stated that Miller, as a bracedman, should not have been underground using the cage to get an ore truck.

Dr. Gilbert E. Butler said he was summoned to the Montana mine shortly before four o'clock on Thursday afternoon. He ex-

amined the deceased, who was unconscious, and found Miller had a broken thigh, a fractured skull, and extensive injuries to the brain. He then ordered his removal to the hospital. He never recovered consciousness, and died a few minutes after 9 p.m. that evening.

The Coroner briefly reviewed the evidence, and the jury, after a short retirement, brought in a verdict that "Ernest Francis Miller met his death accidentally, and no blame was attached to anyone."

The funeral was held on the following Sunday, the remains leaving the residence of Mr George Howe on the corner of Bayley and Wilson streets for the cemetery at 3:30pm. At the graveside the Rev. F.G. Copeland officiated, and at the conclusion of the Church of England burial service Brother McGuinness read the burial service of the United and Ancient Order of the Druids.

Many beautiful wreaths and floral tributes were forwarded from Hobart, and by friends locally, with much regret being expressed that such a bright and promising life had been so suddenly terminated.

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



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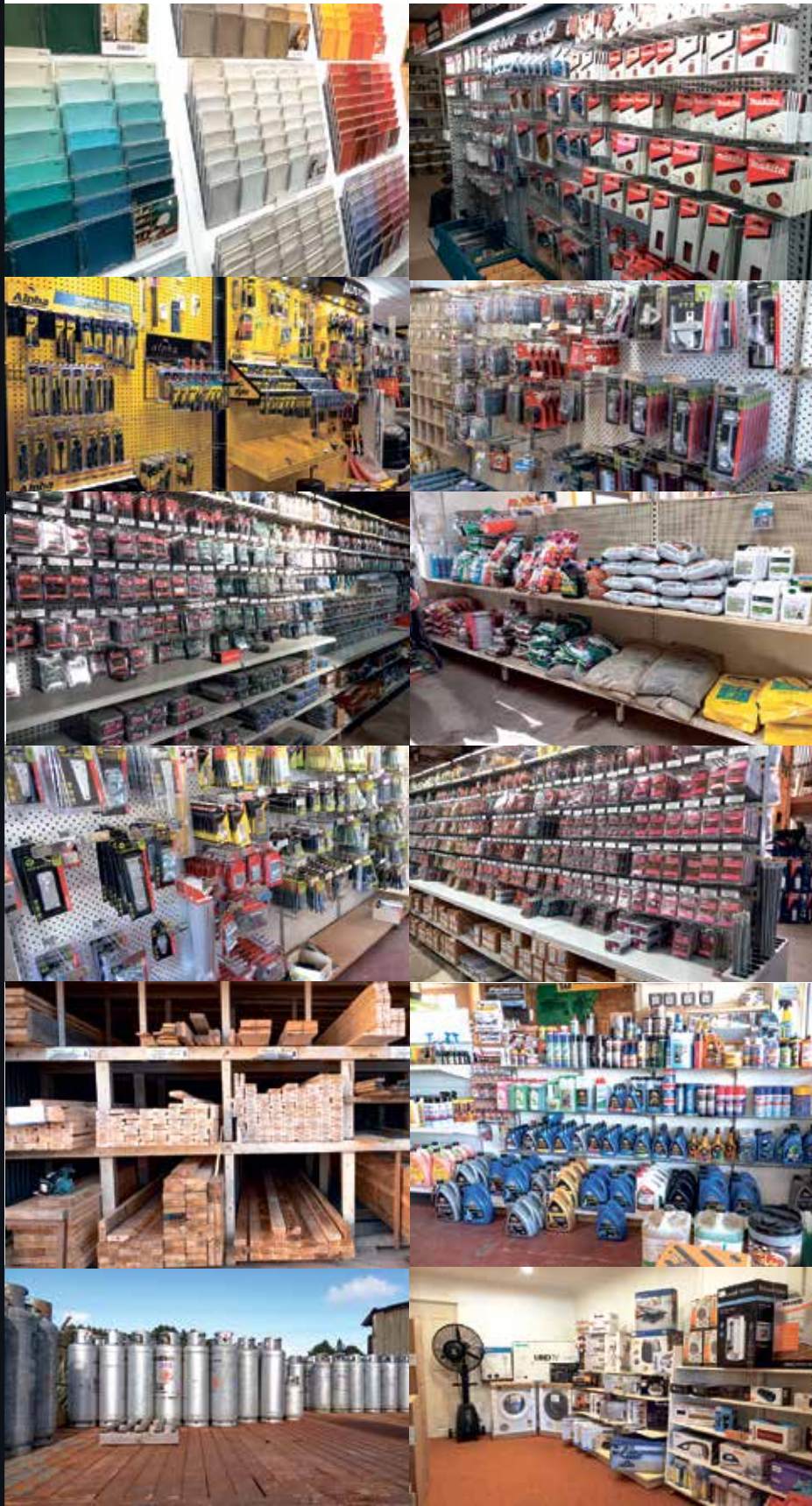
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## Something for Everyone: The Essential Role of Volunteering in the Mount Lyell Strahan Picnic

With National Volunteer Week 2024 now behind us, it's a perfect time to celebrate the incredible impact of volunteering on one of the West Coast's most cherished traditions: the Mount Lyell Strahan Picnic.

This year's theme, "Something for Everyone," really hits the mark, highlighting the diverse talents and passions that volunteers bring to this historic event. Held annually on 26 January, the Picnic owes its continued success to the dedicated volunteers who make it all happen.

The Mount Lyell Strahan Picnic, which first took place in 1897, started as a much-needed break for the workers and families of the Mount Lyell mine in Queenstown. Back then, it provided a welcome escape from the tough mining conditions, offering a day of relaxation and fun.

Today, it's still a major highlight on the community calendar, drawing hundreds of locals and visitors to West Strahan Beach.

Volunteering is truly the heartbeat of the Picnic. Each year, more than 2000 volunteer hours go into planning, organising, and running the event.

Volunteers from all walks of life come together, united by a common goal: to keep this wonderful tradition alive and ensure it remains a vibrant and inclusive celebration.

Volunteers are involved in every aspect of the Picnic. In the months leading up to the event, they secure sponsorships, arrange permits, and plan all the activities.

On the day of the Picnic, they're up early, setting up the grounds, managing events, and overseeing logistics. From coordinating the children's races to ensuring everyone's safety and enjoyment, volunteers are at the heart of it all.

One of the key roles of volunteers is running the traditional games and novelty races that have been a staple of the Picnic since its inception.

Events like the sack race, egg and spoon race, and tug of war require meticulous organisation and enthusiastic supervision.

Volunteers also manage modern attractions such as face painting and balloon twisting, ensuring there is truly something for everyone.

Corporate volunteering has also become an essential part of the Picnic. Local businesses support the event by encouraging their employees to volunteer. This not only helps with manpower but also fosters team bonding and community engagement within the companies.

The theme "Something for Everyone" really comes to life as corporate volunteers bring diverse skills and fresh energy to the event.

The impact of volunteering goes beyond just the day of the Picnic. It fosters a strong sense of community spirit and pride, as residents come together to create a memorable experience for all.

Volunteers gain valuable skills and a sense of accomplishment, knowing they're part of something meaningful.

As we look back on National Volunteer Week 2024 and the theme "Something for Everyone," we want to say a huge thank you to the volunteers who make the Mount Lyell Strahan Picnic possible.

Their dedication and hard work ensure that this treasured tradition continues to bring joy and unity to the West Coast community. Volunteering indeed offers something for everyone, enriching both the lives of those who give and those who receive.



# A big slap in the mortality... at 62

We never seem to consider our mortality, although it does enter the mind from time to time as we get older.

It's certainly not something we dwell on very much, lest it jinx us perhaps but sometimes we are faced with it without thought or preparation.

Such was the case for me recently at 2am on a Wednesday morning.

I couldn't sleep, was tossing and turning, unable to get comfortable and had a bit of a pain in my chest.

A pain that got worse as I lay there, a pain as if someone was trying to push my spine through my chest and my chest through my spine at the same time, a five out of ten kind of pain..

Is this a heart attack? Is it indigestion? What is this?

And then it eased off...

Phew, that wasn't fun it must have been a bit of indigestion.

Fifteen minutes later it was back...

And worse.

Seven out of ten on the pain scale and now in my upper chest under my chin.

Ow. This is scary, I think I might be having a heart attack. At 62! The same age as Dad was when he went this way.

Well, that certainly made me think and so, as we do (well, me anyway), reached for the phone to google my symptoms. Google said ring a bloody ambulance, so I did.

The voice on the 000 line was very calm. Soothing and professional, she was very reassuring, chew three aspirin and we will have an ambulance on the way. Fifteen minutes later, there at the back door was a paramedic, an ambo officer, a knight in his vis armour, complete with big bag of tricks, his tools of the trade.

It didn't take long to ascertain that yes; I was indeed having a heart attack, but it was only a small one. Another paramedic arrived, bit of a look and chat between them and off was to go in the stead with the flashing lights.

It was decided this pair would take me from Zeehan to Tullah and hand me off to another crew there. They would then take me to Wynyard, and I would be flown in an air ambulance to Launceston General Hospital.

Not far out of Tullah I was asked a most serious question.

Turns out it wasn't such a small heart attack anymore but

there was a drug that might help. The ambo's call it Drano for the heart. Trouble is, it can have nasty side effects, worst being a 1% chance of a stroke. Your permission and a signature must be given before they can administer this delightful sounding medication.

What the hell. I am in the throes of a heart attack which could finish me, I am in one of the safest possible places with a highly trained team, let's do it. What's the alternative really? A few minutes later and the heart had calmed down. Phew... that feels so much better.

Shut up brain, the panic is over.

Well, the rest of the trip was all so very smooth, these teams are highly professional, courteous, positive and made it appear like this was all in a day's work for them. Ho-hum, you'll be fine.

And so it was.

A dawn flight to Lonnie on the RFDS plane, great conversation with the paramedic on board and a view through the portholes of Launceston that few get to experience whilst laying down.

Launceston General had arrived, or rather, I had, and off to the foyer where the ramping system that we all hear about was immediately brought home.

I didn't take that long, an hour or so and I was being wheeled through the hospital corridors.

Now here's an interesting thing... the rest of my stay would happen in reverse.



Every time I was wheeled around the hospital, whether to surgery, ultrasound or anywhere else it was always backwards. Always seeing where I was coming from, never where I was going, and I found this curious.

Turns out it makes the beds easier for the orderlies to push but still an interesting way

to travel to and from my new temporary home.

4D, the heart ward. A small, four bed room with an empty spot just for me.

Pushed in against the wall (backwards again of course) I had arrived. I was soon covered in sticky dots, electrodes and cannulas (I hate needles) and wired up to machines that would tell whether I was still

alive and by how much.

Will this be the last place I see? Heart attacks kill people. I have a heart attack, will I die? Will I see the morning? I don't want to die. I'm young. Why is this happening? Why have I been smoking for so long. Why did I EVER smoke. Why do I not eat better, exercise more...?

Why, why, why...?

Reality sets in. This really is serious.

It didn't take long to settle into ward routine and the staff were amazing. The nurses are so calm, so... unflustered, so caring, very professional and yet smiling at the same time. Yes, it's no fun been woken up every half hour for blood pressure testing and obs. It's no fun trying not to dislodge an electrode as you move in the bed. But these things are now part of the norm, for a short while at least one hopes...

The staff really care, these are people that

want to be there to help, that want you to be as comfortable and unafraid as possible. They are there for us, for me, for you, and it shows, and I cannot praise them highly enough.

It's not long before the news comes through that you are off to surgery. Time for an angioplasty, stents that will open up the arteries of the heart and (hopefully) make it all right again.

Backwards through the corridors and into the surgical ward waiting area. An hour or so there only to find there is a more serious patient coming in and you will have to go

my arteries and ventricles, and they are working right in front of me. This video is incredible, the technology amazing and the radiologist brilliant. Measurements are made, photos taken, and three quarters of an hour passes so fast. Back to the ward with zero pain, just a slight tight sensation in the chest.

Thoughts are creeping in now that I might just be ok, I might just survive this, nobody around me seems worried that I might soon fall off the perch and all is calm in my new world.

This is still Wednesday.

I could continue writing but there really is no need.

I am safe. Yes I will need to make some lifestyle changes, some fairly major, I will need to be careful for a while, I still need another stent putting in the other side of my heart and I will be on drugs for the rest of my (hopefully long) life but thanks to the professionalism of all the people who helped, from the woman on the 000 line to the ambos, nurses, orderlies, doctors, surgeon and many more, I am safe.

Special thanks go to the paramedics who helped me, Aaron, Matthew, Julie, James, David and Matt. to Victor Chen for his steady hands and brilliance, the

nurses, Aliesha, Robyn-Ann (I hope your father is OK), Julia, Leon (the acclaimed maker of beds), Jess and a special mention to Nurse Stacey. You all made this an experience that, while I wish nobody ever has to go through, something less scary than it could have been, something filled with the essence of you and the way you care. I cannot praise you highly enough.

Thank you for keeping me alive.

PS. The only thing that put a bit of a dampener on the whole thing (apart from the fact that it was a heart attack was the discharge from hospital. It is four hours or so normally from Launceston to Zeehan and the only suggestion, in fact the only option was a bus. A bus that takes three hours just to get to Burnie. After heart surgery a couple of days before! A Redline bus! Yep, this is the best that the system can come up with.

That needs to change.

I will be looking into that for a future story in the paper. As well as a look into the airports in the West Coast towns. Why can they not be used? I heard they built powerlines across the Zeehan runway; the Queenstown airport is not safe (Is there not a helipad on the new multi-million-dollar ambulance station roof?) and Strahan is the only option but obviously not if you need to be airlifted from Zeehan.

Luckily, I made friends in the hospital and one of the patients in 4D was leaving at the same time and very kindly gave me a lift to Burnie (thank you Katherine and Les) where a friend (thank you Vanessa), came to get me and gave me a ride back to Zeehan. A huge thanks also to Kerrie who looked after my animals, cleaned up my house and made it so much less troubling to come back to after my absence.

Thank you dear reader for indulging me and for coming on my journey, I had to get it off my chest (so to speak).

Alan - Ed

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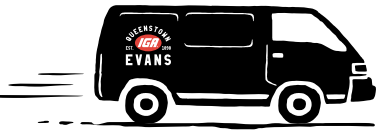
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**2024 DATES**  
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Event date 20 July 2024  
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This includes your choice of 2 Mains and 2 Desserts and amazing role playing Murder Mystery Costume Dress Up Party. Who will be the Murderer? Will it be you? Please RSVP 5th July 2024.

Contact Jackie on: 0439 684 081  
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Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre  
Cuppa with a cop!  
Join us at Community Morning Tea  
21st June 10am \$5.  
Meet Heather and Connor from Tas Police



**A formal apology**  
I would like to apologise to Kerrie Laffer of Zeehan for not believing her, not believing IN her and not trusting her at her word with regard to the cat/kitten debacle some time back.  
I was wrong and wish to set the record

straight. I believe Kerrie was not at fault in this matter and I wish to say this publicly. I was quick to believe otherwise and did so wrongly. Kerrie at all times had the best interest of the animals at heart as she always has.  
*Alan Jennison*

# Visiting the West Coast on Monday, 24th June

As your local Member, please contact me if I can be of assistance 64308400 or [murchison@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:murchison@parliament.tas.gov.au)  
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# WE PLAY JUNIOR BASKETBALL GRAND FINALS

Photos by Alan Jennison

There were four games held recently for the Queenstown Junior Basketball Association 2024 season and the standard was incredibly high. I love photographing sport (as you might have guessed) and these kids gave me plenty to aim the camera at. It seems the smaller they are, the more ferocious and determined to throw themselves in there. Well done to all.

**Results:**

**Under 12 Girls**

Rubies 16 beat Opals 8

**Under 12 Boys**

Pumas 47 beat All Stars 35

**Under 16 Girls**

Liberty 58 beat Mystics 26

**Under 16 Boys**

Warriors 59 beat Celtics 42





# WE PLAY

## JUNIOR BASKETBALL GRAND FINALS

*Photos by Alan Jennison*



# WE PLAY

## WEST COAST JUNIOR FOOTBALL GRAND FINAL QUEENSTOWN V ZEEHAN

Photos by Alan Jennison



The West Coast Junior Football Association TAS Grand final was held last weekend and we were treated to some great football by some talented kids Here are the results.

Queenstown Crows vs Zeehan Bulldogs

Crows 7.14 - 56

Bulldogs 4.3 - 27

*Crows Goal Kickers*

Evan Townsend 2

Corban Smith Callow 1

Jayden Latham 1

Jack Triffett 1

Jayden Schwoch-Clarke 1

Sierra Stubbs 1

Outstanding Team Effort

*Bulldogs Goal Kickers*

Koby Nicholson 1

Blake Peachey 1

Tyson Rubens 1

Darby Bennett 1

Awesome Team Effort



# WE PLAY

## WEST COAST JUNIOR FOOTBALL GRAND FINAL QUEENSTOWN V ZEEHAN

*Photos by Alan Jennison*



# WE PLAY ROSEBERY WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Photos by Alan Jennison

Round 5 of the Rosebery Women's Hockey Association annual roster seen Browns vs. Shamrocks take the field. The first half was a battle for possession of the ball, back and forth, with both teams playing without a full side, which meant a lot of running!

In the 3rd quarter of the game Shamrocks were fatigued, and Browns took advantage running the ball down the field, past players and scoring 4 goals.

After a swift reminder the game was still on, Shamrocks managed to score 2 goals from penalty corners in the 4th, but it was too late to come back, with Browns winning 4-2.

It was a beautiful, sunny morning for hockey, but the mud puddles on the sidelines had not dried up – a good thing, as first year Browns player, Mya Richards scored her first goal, resulting in a traditional dunking in the mud after the game!

After the King's Birthday Long Weekend, we will be just under half-way through the season, so there is still plenty of hockey to be watched on Saturday mornings at 10am at the Rosebery Hockey Ground.

The association would like to thank MMG for their recent sponsorship in covering insurance costs for the season, which has helped immensely with us being able to continue to run our annual roster.

*Kelsi*



*Above and right. Mya Richards had a bit of a muddy start to her Hockey career*