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Merry Christmas to all!



Wishing readers a joyful Christmas and a healthy and safe New Year.

I look forward to continuing to work with and support the residents of the West Coast in 2025

As your local Member, please contact me if I can be of assistance

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Independent Member for Murchison



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Behind the Scenes of the Mount Lyell Strahan Picnic



The Mount Lyell Strahan Picnic, held every 26 January, is a cherished tradition that brings families and friends together at beautiful West Strahan Beach. But what many might not realise is the immense effort required to bring this iconic event to life. Planning for the next Picnic begins as soon as the last one wraps up, and throughout the year, a dedicated team of committee members devotes countless hours to ensure its success.

"What motivates us to keep coming back each year is the joy of seeing the event well-executed and the hundreds of attendees having a great time," says Leigh Styles, Secretary of the Picnic Committee. "We understand the significance of being the custodians of a 127-year-old tradition, and that's something we don't take lightly."

The Committee meets regularly to review feedback, plan sponsorships, manage risks, and coordinate the many moving parts of the Picnic. Every detail is carefully planned, from replacing essential assets like marquees and chairs to sourcing refreshments and prizes. In recent years, the Committee has replaced aging equipment with items like 60 new chairs and four new marquees, ensuring

comfort and shade for attendees.

On Picnic Day, it's all hands on deck. Committee members and volunteers blow whistles at the start of races, hold finishing ribbons, and hand out prizes for events like the children's bicycle race. The event's charm lies in its traditional program, with favourites like gumboot throwing, sack races, and treasure hunts. "What makes this event so special is how it brings the West Coast community together, from families who've attended for generations to new residents experiencing its magic for the first time," Leigh reflects.

For those interested in being part of this legacy, Leigh encourages a visit to next month's Picnic. "Have a chat with our committee members and volunteers in red shirts," he says. "Whether you're looking to learn new skills, contribute your expertise, or just give back to the community, there's always room for fresh ideas and helping hands."

The 127th annual Mount Lyell Strahan Picnic promises to be another memorable celebration. As you toss a gumboot or cheer on a race, take a moment to appreciate the teamwork behind it all – and perhaps consider joining the team to help shape its future.

127th Mount Lyell Strahan Picnic
Sunday 26 January, 10:00am
West Strahan Beach

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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To the Editor.

Regards the burn off from Zeehan to past the Little Henty some weeks back.

I was quite upset after seeing the destruction caused by the burn off that apparently had got out of control. Why do they insist on hard burns & right in the middle of breeding, birthing times. This is straight up murder in my opinion. Why not employ some first nation people to take control with collaboration on these burns. Also, as the burn has opened up the area for the gorse to explode. Has there been any consideration of employing a group of people that will work on the gorse issue full time along with the broom & foxtail that's getting out of control also. To spend a heap of money burning off & then leaving it is not helping but exacerbating the issue. Not to mention annoying the locals.

Donna McMillan.

To the Editor.

The council needs to get their priorities right when they send out Abatement notices and stop being biased, advising people to cut their lush green grass in their fenced in gardens, grass that is cut on a regular basis and all the time our weak and none compliant council are avoiding the real issues.

Grant Hodge, Zeehan



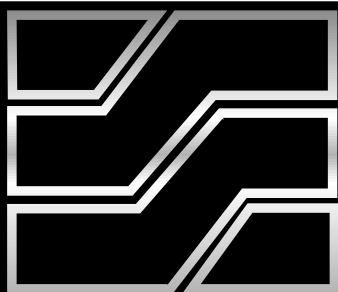
Dear editor,

Congrats on your birthday. You are supplying vital community support to the region. I don't live on the West Coast anymore but my brother brings your paper up to me on a regular basis and the paper is an enjoyable read. All the best for another 3 years.

Patrick O'Boyle

Speaking of letters...

Would you like to send a Christmas card to the residents of Lyell House? We'll send one back to you. Please address it to the Activities Coordinator, Lyell House Resident, 60-64 Orr St, Queenstown 7467, or drop it off at the main reception. Our last mailout will be on 16th December.



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Looking after mental health

Community members on Tasmania's West Coast have gained lifechanging skills in Mental Health First Aid after Hydro Tasmania and SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY teamed up to deliver two training sessions.

The two-day workshops aimed to equip community members with the skills to identify, approach, and support individuals experiencing mental health challenges.

The sessions, fully funded by Hydro Tasmania and facilitated by accredited SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY instructors, were delivered in Zeehan and Strahan.

Hydro Tasmania's Executive General Manager of People, Culture and Engagement Ruth Groom said Mental Health First Aid was an important skill set, especially in the lead up to the holiday season which can be particularly challenging.

"Knowing how to start that conversation with someone who is going through a tough time can make all the difference, and we're pleased to be able to support this fantastic initiative in our West Coast communities," said Ms Groom.

A total of 29 people participated in

the sessions, including participants from the State Emergency Services, Ambulance Tasmania, Gordon River Cruises, Volunteer Tasmania Fire Service, local business owners and social work students from the University of Tasmania.

SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY Project Officer Kylea Aldred said it was wonderful to work with Hydro Tasmania and bring Mental Health First Aid training to the West Coast.

"We are deeply grateful to have been offered the opportunity to partner with a team who truly understands the needs and challenges of the community and is keen to remove as many barriers to access as possible," said Ms Aldred.

"We know each and every participant will positively impact the community."

Funding for the program was received through Hydro Tasmania's Community Benefits Sharing program connected to the West Coast refurbishment program, which will start in 2026.

The Community Benefits Sharing Program is designed to deliver project-based community benefits to local communities when work is to occur in an area.



Mental Health First Aid training participants in Strahan

Croswell art on display

The Croswell family will be well known to many of you on the West Coast but how many of you realised how arty they were?

Drop into Soggy Brolly Gallery and check out some of the weird and wonderful artworks on display from now until sometime in January. This is an exhibition not to be missed!



Council Annual Plan



Council's Annual Plan and Budget is an important document which guides the work of the Council team over a financial year and sets the resource allocation Council provides to projects and priorities.

It is important in any Annual Plan that priorities are clearly identified and have appropriate resources allocated that allow them to be achieved. The number of priorities or projects that are included in the Annual Plan will be limited to ensure that they are achievable within the financial year. This means that it is important to identify both areas where Council should do more, and areas where Council can do less. New ideas cannot be implemented without finding savings or increasing revenue.

To help guide Council in setting

the Annual Plan and Budget, Council invites input from the Community. Priorities and projects should be linked to the West Coast Community Plan 2025 and other strategies adopted by Council. These documents can be found on our website and are available at our office.

Ideas not linked to strategies are less likely to be included in the Annual Plan.

Council welcomes input for the questions in the following survey.

Please note: there is no longer a separate "budget bid" process. If you have an idea that you think Council should pursue, please have your say now.

To have your say, please complete the survey by 5PM Monday 3 February 2025.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBWGFG6>

North West Driver Mentor Program

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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.







The North West Driver Program is funded by the Tasmanian Community Fund, an independent fund that supports and strengthens Tasmanian communities by distributing funds to those communities, and by the State Government through Jobs Tasmania.

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 on 31 January 2025!**

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Happy Holidays

We wish you a safe and joyful holiday season!



Graduate celebrations reward ‘training’

From the School -
This afternoon, 13 of our Grade 10 students graduated from the West Coast Wilderness Railway Pathways Partnership Program.

A huge congratulations to each student, who stepped out of their comfort zones and made the most of this unique learning opportunity.

Each student was presented with a graduation certificate by our Principal Mr. Moore, as well as West Coast Council GM Ciara Spencer and WCWR GM

Ian Robertson.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this program a success— our amazing students, and their WCWR mentors who guided and supported our students every step of the way.

A special thanks to Heather (WCWR) and Skye (WCC), for their ongoing hard work and motivation behind the scenes.

We’re excited to see this program continue to grow and look forward to the next round in 2025!



Photo provided by West Coast Council

From the WCWR -

On Tuesday this week, some of our railway team members were lucky enough to help celebrate with graduates of the 2024 West Coast Wilderness Railway Pathways Partnership Program. Now in its second year, this program has provided these students with valuable work-based learning experiences within the West Coast, preparing them for future pathways in education and careers. This program is a collaboration between the West Coast Wilderness Railway, Mountain Heights School and the West Coast Council. We congratulate these students on their efforts this year and wish them all the very best for the future! We would also like to thank the school and local council for allowing us to be a part of this great program, with ongoing support we hope to sustain this initiative and create lasting opportunities for young people in our region.

Tender out for teacher residence upgrades

Tenders have been released for upgrades to 14 teacher residences in Queenstown. Minister for Education, Jo Palmer, said by providing modern, fit-for-purpose residences for our teachers, we can help ensure that we encourage educators to stay in our regional and remote areas long-term. “The Tasmanian Liberal Government is committed to attracting high-quality teaching staff to our regional and remote areas,” Minister Palmer said. “As part of our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania’s Future, we’ve committed \$15 million to upgrade teacher residences across Tasmania. “Our Government’s investment in rebuilding and upgrading teacher

residences is in addition to our commitment to provide financial incentives for teachers in hard-to-staff locations, which is designed to target areas that most need teachers.”

It is expected that initial works, separate to the tendered works package, will commence in mid-December this year.

The Teacher Residences Program will also see construction commence on new residences progressively over the next five years. These new residences will be located in our greatest demand areas, including the West Coast, Scottsdale, Smithton and Flinders Island.

For more information, visit www.tenders.tas.gov.au

Board members visit MMG worksite



Rosebery Mine was pleased to welcome members of the MMG Board to site last week. The Directors were taken on an underground and surface tour of the mine and to our existing Bobadil tailings storage facility.

There was positive feedback about all the work being done to set Rosebery Mine up for a strong future.

Zeehan Men’s Shed news

Gem & Mineral Fair 2024, On behalf of the members of the Shed we would like to thank all our supporters for making the weekend such a success, and we would like to thank Steve, Clive, Eddie, Rob Pearn and Bob for their time spent at the tables selling our goods. Peter Cullen’s cutting boards were the flavour of our sales. Two of our items are on their way to Japan putting Zeehan on the global map well done to our members. We have several orders from the fair to be commenced shortly. During the last couple of weeks we were able to complete a few orders that were wanted before moving to another town. After three years of waiting for approval,

our shed extension is well underway. Thanks to Craig Youd, Dale Youd, Arthur Youd and our members we are at the lock up stage.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year



Chris Fagan brings cup west



Chris Fagan visited Queenstown on the 23rd November 2024. A big thank

you to Chris, the Brisbane Lions and the Queenstown Crows Football Club for bringing and hosting the Premiership Cup. Thank you also to the huge crowd who turned out to listen to Chris share stories about his career and childhood. Thank you to the Queenstown Crows Football Club for hosting Chris and the Premiership Cup. Another thank you to Chris Fagan for taking time for the fans, taking photos and autographing their items. It was and is very much appreciated!

In the photo: Chris Fagan, baby Eli and Courtney Scherger.

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Happy Birthday Wee Georgie



One hundred years ago and the silence of the bush was broken by a noise never heard before. This was the raucous whistle of 'Wee Georgie Wood', Wee Georgie was a steam train brought in to haul Galena, (silver lead ore) on the North Mount Farrell tramway.

A 6 ton Fowler locomotive, Wee Georgie Wood, numbered 16203, arrived to replace the ageing Krauss that was being used at the time and in 1928 another new 6 ton Fowler locomotive, Wee Mary, numbered 17732 arrived to replace the Orenstein and Koppel.

Wee Georgie Wood and Wee Mary continued to share the workload until 1946 when Wee Mary was withdrawn from service and parts used to rebuild Wee Georgie Wood.

With the advent of the new Murchison Highway in 1964, Wee Georgie Wood and No 9, the

only loco's working, became redundant and Wee Georgie Wood was headed for the scrap heap or for mounting as a monument. The thought of Tullah's little workhorse being laid to rest stirred the feelings of residents in Tullah as well as Rosebery and in 1977 the "Wee Georgie Wood Steam Railway Inc" was formed with the aim of fully restoring Wee Georgie to working condition and, in the long term, to have a steam railway attraction on the West Coast.

It has taken a lot of hard work, blood, sweat and tears but Wee Georgie Wood has celebrated his one hundredth birthday in November and over 500 people turned out to help the celebrations along.

Hopefully there will be many more birthdays to come for this amazing little engine.

Like to take a ride? Check out the website at www.weegeorgiewood.com.au



‘Nimble’ strikes a great balance

It may not sound like much of an effort to place masking tape in a square on a smooth floor but as the opening act of ‘Nimble’ shows, it can be harder and much funnier than you think. This start to the show, brought to the West Coast by Launceston based group ‘Rooke’ as part of a Circus Across Tasmania program led into a little masterpiece of fun, balance, trust and tension. Acrobatics on blocks, a very stubborn

hula hoop and not just a hint of bravery from the performers had the audience enthralled and sitting on the edge of their seats.

The facial expressions, the mastery of their craft, and fitness of these performers left everyone wanting more. The popcorn was pretty good too. Thanks Rooke, I hope we see you on the West Coast again sometime soon.



Study Hub/UTAS Wrap up for 2024

Well, what a year it has been! Study Hub West Coast and the University of Tasmania piloted some new collaborations this year and changed our approach to the roll-out of others. We had some amazing community engagement events, including a really successful Future You - Careers Expo Day for upper primary and secondary students, years 7-10, with 167 attending the expo. We tested a large event in October called Health Fest West, which was attended by 31 exhibitors and was a cross-collaboration of different professional and academic groups, local industry, and health service providers who promoted health and wellbeing on the West Coast. We received positive feedback, with many enjoying the networking opportunities together, as well as with the West Coast community.

Study Hub and the University also congratulate all the graduating students for 2024. The dedication and hard work that we witness each day really highlight the resilience of the West Coast students to be part of learning and education opportunities whilst juggling the challenges of being in a remote community. To all the new and current students, well done for 2024 and we are looking forward to seeing you at the Study Hub in 2025.

Children’s University students from West Coast schools, recently graduated in the University’s Northwest Graduations. However, this year children from Zeehan Primary School who are part of the Children’s University program will be graduating locally on Tuesday, 17 December in Zeehan, commencing with a town-and-gown walk from West Coast Heritage Museum to Study Hub West Coast. Keep an eye out for our wonder-

ful graduates and academic stage party, who will be wearing gowns and caps in the main street of Zeehan outside West Coast Heritage shortly before 10am. Please cheer on our Zeehan Primary school graduates!

The University worked with staff and partners for some fantastic school holiday activities in conjunction with Tas Libraries, West Coast Space Show, Bitlink, Young Tassie Scientists, Hydro Tasmania, and University of Tasmania PhD students. We also held Open Days at both the Galley and West Coast Heritage Museums, and we provided opportunities for schools’ outreach with water quality testing, and opportunities for children to learn about the endangered Maugean skate. More recently, Professor Sebastien Meffre, from the University’s Centre for Ore Deposit and Earth Science, attended the Zeehan Mineral Fair. The event was well supported by the community, and we were excited to have the 2.5 tonne witherite sample to display with the University’s rocks and minerals (thanks to West Coast Heritage). In addition, Study Hub West Coast also hosted a Hydro Tasmania initiative for Mental Health First Aid training – thank you Hydro Tas!

Warm Christmas wishes from Study Hub West Coast and the University of Tasmania Study Hub West Coast and the University of Tasmania wish all their students, University colleagues and partners, local industry and business partners, schools and residents, a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year, and thank you all for the wonderful support provided for our learning and education initiatives in 2024. We will be back in 2025 stronger than ever with some new and exciting initiatives.



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MACQUARIE HARBOUR UPDATE



The salmon industry has been operating out of Macquarie Harbour for 37 years and we know that the people who work in this industry care deeply about the marine environment they live and work within every day.

As an industry we have come together and invested in the future of the Maugean Skate with the establishment of the Macquarie Harbour Oxygenation Project (MHOP).

The MHOP is going from strength to strength and the oxygenation is helping offset the effects of human activities.

We are very pleased that the Federal Government have listened to the science and recently announced funding to support this important program as well as other solutions to help the Skate.

Senator Anne Urquhart said “This announcement is about delivering a

strong future for fish farming in Macquarie Harbour.

“We know that engineered oxygenation has worked overseas, and a trial already underway in Macquarie Harbour is showing increasing levels of dissolved oxygen.

“The current oxygenation trial by the Australian Government’s Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and Salmon Tasmania is supporting conservation efforts for the Maugean Skate.

“Their work provides the evidence-base for this additional Federal Government investment which will protect the industry and the Maugean Skate.

“Labor stands on the side of jobs, and we also stand on the side of sustainability. These two things aren’t contradictory; they go together.” said Senator Urquhart

We can strike a balance here between conservation outcomes and the economic and social wellbeing of regional Tasmania, and the industry is determined to lead this path with the support of the Federal Government.



Photo: Jeremy Lyle

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Strahan Christmas Decoration Committee
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2024 STRAHAN
Christmas Family Night

5.30pm - Saturday 14 December
Strahan Golf Club

Sacramental Celebration at St. Joseph's Catholic Church

An event of joy for the West Coast Parish on 26th October 2024, when four of the candidates (Three kids from the school and one from the parish) received their Sacramental Program viz., First Holy Eucharist and Sacrament of Confirmation from His Grace, Archbishop Julian Porteous, the Archbishop of Hobart. God has been gracious and merciful to pour out His abounding grace on these candidates as they came forward to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit sealing them with gifts and fruits of the Paraclete. St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Queenstown rejoices in this event along with their parents, teachers, well-wishers and people of God as souls for Christ is increasing when this kind of Sacraments are received by the candidates.

To brief a little about the celebration of Sacraments, the Sacraments are the keys to the depths of God. They are a way to relate to God throughout life's transitions and help us to give praise and worship to God. They help us nourish, strengthen, and express our faith. Through the sacraments, Jesus remains with His people, strengthening, healing, feeding, and forgiving them as they face life's challenges.

The Sacraments are important,

because they are what allow us to have that "grace," not just grace as an abstraction that we can only hope we receive. We hope for grace in the sense that we put our hope in grace, that 'that' will be the means for us to share in God's life. The Sacraments impart graces into us, and, received faithfully and without indifference, are what help us to share in God's life. God wishes to communicate and impart His grace to every individual and the sacraments are channels for God's grace – every time people take part in a sacrament and receive it, they receive more grace. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1210 says that the sacraments touch all the stages and all important moments of the Christian life.

The interesting fact is that Ward Kysen Rhys has taken the Conferring name as 'Bison'; Wildenauer Aylah Rose with Conferring name 'Mary'; Brumby Mayson Patrick James with Conferring name 'Francis'; and Atkinson Liesl Hopwood with the Conferring name of the St. Kateri Tekakwitha for their spiritual journey saints.

The celebration went on well in the presence of the parish faithful, school staffs, parents and well-wishers who were praying for these four candidates

as a community of believers who said "Yes" to the Lord to receive grace and receive seal on their foreheads when Archbishop anointed and prayed over them. The Holy Mass started at 5.00 pm on 26th October and the celebration lasted for one hour and concluded with the final blessings from Archbishop for the parish. After the Holy Mass, there was a short refreshments at the foyer of the church organised by the parish-school. We hope and pray that the people increase in number to receive their sacraments to live in the life-of-God.

The West Coast Parish welcomes everyone to the life of God and church and be part of the church community to celebrate life and grace in Christ. We

are a community of believers with love, joy, peace and grace, embracing the people and building God's Kingdom.

We welcome everyone for the events happening at our West Coast Parish, please make a visit to the church communities at Queenstown, Zeehan and Rosebery.

For further details contact :

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Archbishop's Pastoral Visit to St.Fursaeus' Church on 27th October, 2024 where he celebrated the Holy Mass at 9.00 am and followed by the refreshments.



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

CHRISTINE GRAY

Shares treasuring duties, Christine likes to volunteer when she can to give back to the community "Volunteering at the Galley has been a great way to build new skills and to meet people, it's a relaxed atmosphere and a great team." Whilst she doesn't do regular shifts anymore, Christine still helps out when she can and is inspired by the passion and commitment of the Galley team to keep the museum open, offer new exhibitions and promote the West Coast.



WENDY ANTHONY

Wendy grew up in Stanley and moved to Queenstown in 1983. Volunteering at the Galley for five years, Wendy loves meeting people and sharing local history and stories. Wendy does a couple of shifts a week and also "Although I have regular shifts, if I need to take time off I know another volunteer will fill in." Wendy also works at Missing Tiger bookstore in Queenstown and in her spare time Wendy loves reading.



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Image (L-R): Darrell Wialu, Senior Mine Geologist, Jill Richardson, Community Liaison and Karla Morales Leiva, Mine Geologist.

West Coast Heritage and Minerals Fair

Held each year at the West Coast Heritage Centre, MMG Geologists had the opportunity to share information about our mining practice and mineral extraction at the West Coast Heritage and Minerals Fair. The days were well attended with lots of interest from participants.



GM Christmas Message

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The support we receive from our local communities, businesses and community groups, is crucial to the ongoing success of Rosebery Mine.

We are proud of everything we have achieved this year and look forward to working with our communities again in 2025.

Please take care, stay safe on the roads and the water and have a safe and relaxing holiday period.

Steve Scott
Rosebery Mine, General Manager



Image (L-R): Jo Bracken, Gray Stride, community members, Chris Winskill, Community Liaison - Projects, Dr Melinda McHenry and Will Plumb, UTAs.

Regional Development Planning

Representatives from MMG and Rosebery community members met with UTAS Physical Geographer Dr Melinda McHenry and honours student Will Plumb to explore partnership opportunities for a Regional Development Plan for the future of the Rosebery community. MMG looks forward to collaborating with UTAS and the community on this important project.



AusIMM student site visit

UTAS students visited site last month to gain insight from the Geology team into the mining industry in Tasmania. The students were taken on a tour of the mine. The site visits are an initiative to support students gain industry understanding as part of our platinum sponsorship of AusIMM.

No Limits 4wd Club - Hobart Show weekend trip to the west

To the wild west coast with a small group of mates in a few 4wds (80, GU, 79, Triton) and Brodie led us around all the tracks in the area over 5 days. Surprisingly we didn't see many other 4wds the whole trip, perhaps the bad weather forecast scared them away?, but the weather was nicer on the west coast than in Hobart.

We have been doing an annual 4wd club trip to the west coast for 15+ years now and the tracks have changed due to rain erosion? and more traffic from social media?

West coast footage online has surely led to a lot of additional mainland traffic and the tracks haven't had enough regular maintenance so they have gotten more difficult over time with more sections where you need to pick good lines to not get stuck.

I do remember more mud and water on the Climies and Pieman Heads tracks in the past but it is summer at the moment.

We camped at Trial Harbour, Granville Harbour and Henty Dunes.

Some track notes:

- Lake Cumberland - there are easy and hard lines to take on the whole open section below the treeline now, since the switchback collapsed and was redone a year ago the switchback corner is probably the safest it's been currently. The track is still epic to drive up and a hard track. Good to see most people are walking the final section to the top, it was pouring when we got to the top so we didn't go for a walk this time. With 2 4wds with diff locks, 35s, autos and 1 tyre off a bead we were up and down in about 2.5 hours.

- Climies Track - the few sections that have been getting harder and harder over the last few years now have tracks made around them, so people now have options but track spreading is not ideal. It still takes a few hours to idle along the track and we called into the old Federation and Cornwall mine sites at the southern end of the track to fill in the day. Oh we did get a puncture in 1 4wd in the final minutes of the track!

- Pieman Heads Track - was pretty dry so it was easy to pick lines around any water sections if we wanted to. The beach section at Pieman Heads has washed away so we were unable to drive the whole way around the coast. No-one uses the campground up there as I reckon it's a common day trip while camping at Granville Harbour. The coastal track and inland track are both drivable with a pretty standard 4wd.

- Montezuma Falls - I hadn't done this in a few years, and I remember why! The track from Melba Flats is about 2 hours of idling along with no view except the tram track, 1 hard climb past the ring river turn off is tricky compared to the rest of the track (4wds have rolled off the track here before). There are a lot of trees down just past that and 2k from the falls so a walk is needed right now, a group of people with a big saw could clear it in an hour or two. We didn't take the Ring River track this time so we could get out without any issues and head to Henty Dunes to find a campsite.

- Henty Dunes - the sand was wet for

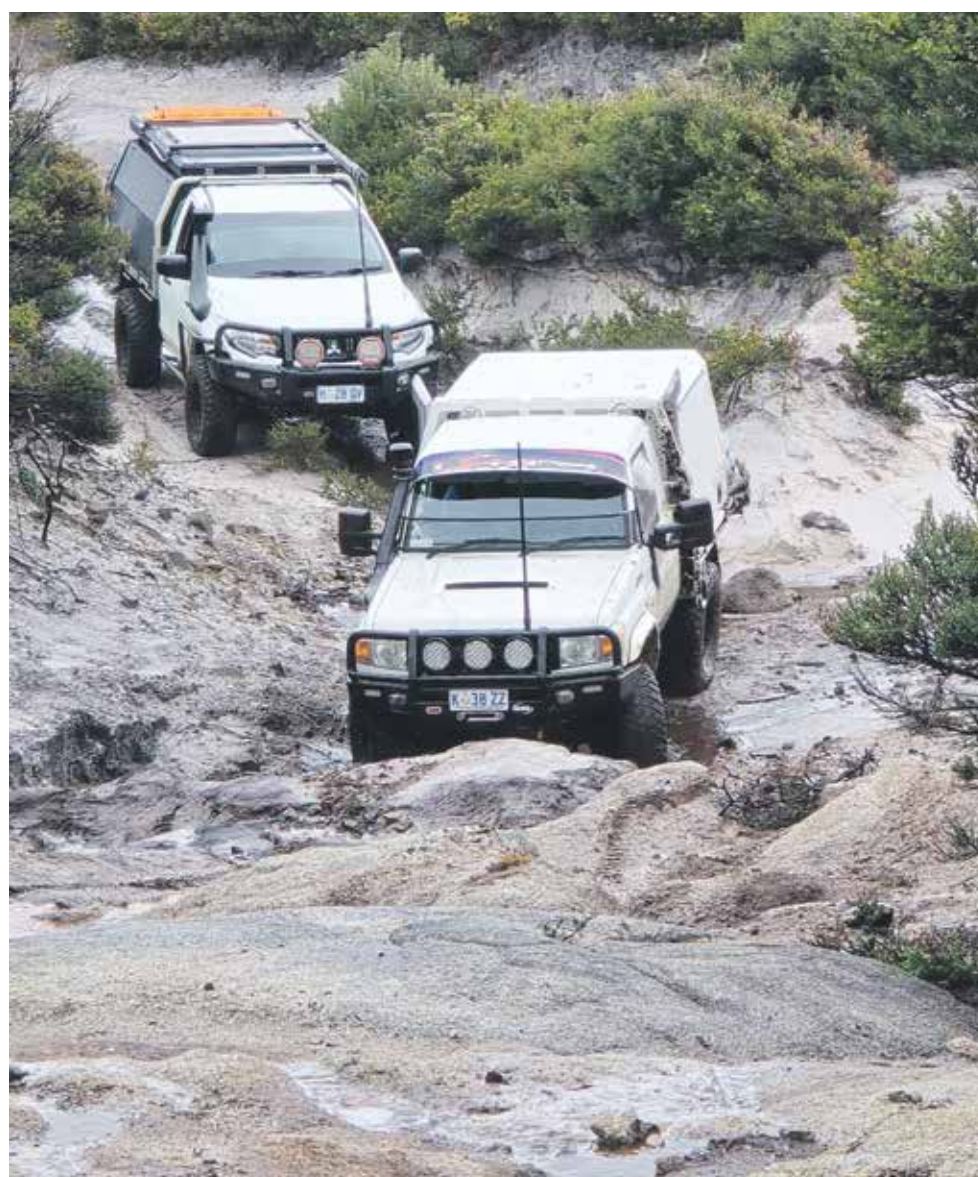


a lot of our trip so it wasn't as soft as it can be, and with tyres let down low we got around with no worries, even out onto ocean beach via a buggy track which was great as it has been hard to find a track out onto the beach in a 4wd in recent years due to the Henty River moving course. It's a long way down the beach to Strahan and back up again!

Great to see not much rubbish on any

of the tracks or common camping areas. We did have some gloomy weather off and on so I got some epic sunset photos and bringing up dry wood from Hobart was a good idea to keep warm in the evenings.

By Jarrod Doyle
No Limits 4WD Club



A very merry West Coast Christmas



Zeehan put on quite the show last weekend with the annual Christmas parade and fun day at the school hall.

The floats were decorated with enough tinsel to fill Santa's sack many times over and the hall full of fairy floss, apple bobbing, face painting, balloon creatures, donuts and of course, the jolly fellow in red himself. Lots of laughs and fun and a great way to start off the holiday season on the West Coast.



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Queenstown Men's Shed

Situated at 13 Penghana Road Queenstown (next to NDIS), the Queenstown Men's Shed is accessible to men and women.

The Men's Shed is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10.00 'til 2.00 pm. Join us for a sausage sizzle lunch every Saturday at midday. Our membership fees are \$25 for 6 months and \$50 for 12 months.

We have a new committee and new goals. As a community minded group, we are invested in developing projects to benefit as many as possible in the community, whilst utilizing the skills and sharing the knowledge of our members. Our latest project is to make older style wooden toys to benefit kids in our community. To be part of the toy making, skills other than woodworking are needed ie, sanding, painting and so on. Everyone can lend a hand. The Men's Shed is not simply about focusing on the workshop and using the tools. We are a friendly, inclusive social group, many of whom enjoy a chat over

a cup of coffee and a biscuit. Our social activities include playing various card games, chess, scrabble, jigsaw puzzles and conversation for a few hours each week. We have trivia nights planned – stay tuned. It will be fun. We are open to suggestions on how to improve and be able to offer more involvement to current and future members. Let us know what you think.

Our Christmas BBQ will be on 14th December from midday. Everyone is welcome to join us and have a look around the Shed. We will be preparing our entry for the Christmas parade. Come and give us a hand.

Over the Christmas New Year period we will be closed after the 21st December and reopen on 3rd January.

Committee
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 Vice-President/Secretary Dave Newell
 Treasurer Maureen Bransden
 Contact: Jeff Graetz 0416 457 401,
 Maureen Bransden 0402 291 749
 admin@queenstownmensshed.org.au

St Joseph's students in a league of their own



St Joseph's Catholic School Queenstown
 Congratulations to our Lego League team on their amazing efforts at the 2024 FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Burnie Regional! Our team come away with the CORE VALUES Award, 2nd place in Robot Design and was also successful in qualifying for the next round in Sydney. We are thankful for Miss Bounds, Mr Semmens and Mr Jones for providing such a wonderful opportunity for these students. GO Queenie Coders!

Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

STRESSED AND TIRED LOCAL DOCTOR TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Quite a nasty surprise was experienced by the residents of Zeehan just days after Christmas, 1908, when it became known that Dr. Arthur Manners, aged about 50 and a native of Yorkshire, had died by taking poison from his own hand.

He had been around Zeehan conducting business on the Monday, but he had not been seen on the morning of Tuesday 29 December and suspicions of something amiss were confirmed when he was observed through a keyhole lying lifeless on a bed at his rooms in Main Street. A coronial enquiry took place at the Courthouse the next afternoon, with Coroner E.V. Goldsmid presiding.

The first witness called was William Alexander Hay who deposed that he was a barman at the Central Hotel. He last saw Dr. Manners alive at his surgery between 12.30 a.m. and 1.00 a.m. on Monday morning. The deceased usually ate two meals a day at the Central Hotel, but he did not appear on Monday, and so on Tuesday morning the witness went around to his surgery to investigate. On looking through the keyhole he saw a man's hand. He then reported the matter to the police.

Constable C.E. Tomkinson deposed that with Alexander Hay, P.W. Johnstone and Roy McLaren, he went to deceased's surgery at about 10.20 a.m. on Tuesday. He knocked and got no reply. He then looked through the keyhole and saw the hand of a person. After again knocking and receiving no reply, he burst the door open. He saw the deceased lying on his bed on his back. He was fully dressed, and had both his spectacles and his boots on. Both feet were on the floor. Below the right hand was a bottle which he

produced marked "hydrocyanic acid" and "poison."

A search of the room revealed a note which said "Pray let my body remain here until five days have elapsed. A. Manners." There was also a telegram which had been slipped under the door, dated December 28, which indicated that a locum was expected to arrive later in the week.

Alice Elizabeth Rawson stated she knew Dr. Manners very well, and he had last visited her house about mid-day last Monday. She thought he seemed normal then, but on the previous day she thought he could hardly stand, and when speaking he seemed to force the words out of his mouth.

William Hicks deposed that he had last seen Dr. Manners at his house in Tarleton Street at about 8.30 p.m. last Sunday evening. Dr. Manners told him that he was suffering badly from insomnia, and he did not think he could look after his patients properly. He said that he was going to send a telegram to Melbourne on Monday morning asking for a locum doctor to be sent, and expected him to be here on Wednesday. Deceased said that he expected to be leaving Zeehan on Saturday, and that he was going to make a will, and would get the witness and his wife to sign it. The doctor seemed normal to him.

Thomas Anderson, junior, said he was a clerk at the Postal and Telegraph Office, Zeehan and that Dr. Manners had sent a telegram about 9.45 a.m. on Monday morning.

Bruce Brown deposed he was a telegraph messenger, and he had left a telegram for Dr. Manners at about 1.20 p.m. on the Monday at the Central Hotel.

Percival Newman deposed that he was a

servant at the Central Hotel, and on Monday evening he had been given this telegram and he had placed it under the door of Dr. Manners' surgery at about 7.10 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

Dr. Fritz George Heyer deposed that he last saw Dr. Manners alive very early on Monday morning. He had asked Dr. Manners to see one of his patients, and the deceased seemed quite pleased, and was more talkative and seemed more cheerful than he had been recently. Dr. Manners had left him about 12.45 a.m.

He had attended Dr. Manners' surgery at the request of the police on Tuesday morning, and he believed death to have taken place about 8 or 9 hours previously.

The previous afternoon he had performed a postmortem, and he was of the opinion that death was caused by an overdose of hydrocyanic acid. He did not think it was possible for a medical man possessing all his faculties to take an overdose of hydrocyanic acid by mistake.

When questioned he thought that Dr. Manners must have written the note regarding his body not being moved for five days while under the influence of some drug, or while suffering from insomnia.

The jury brought in the following verdict, "That the deceased, Arthur Manners, came to his death by an overdose of hydrocyanic acid, self-administered, on the 28th Decem-



ber, 1908, and that we cannot say whether it was accidental or intentional."

His funeral took place on the following Friday. The gravesite contains a headstone, albeit broken, which can still be seen today.

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

Queenstown Ambulance station open day

Friday, 6th November and the community was invited to take a tour of the new Ambulance station in Queenstown's Esplanade.

This sure is a modern centre, all gleaming, clean and huge. A great turnout of adults and children (who loved the sirens and lights of course) were traeted to a walkthrough of the complex and a sausage sizzle at the end.

If you could see yourself working out of here, Ambulance Tasmania is seeking volunteers to be Ambulance Officers. There are not many jobs as rewarding and of course all training is supplied. Drop in and have a chat to some of the staff there.



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It Takes a Spark: Grade 4-6 & 8 Camp

The It Takes a Spark conference was held at Launceston grammar school where we were all learning about science and technology. The conference was on Friday 29th of November. To make the trip worth while, we made it a three day camp. We did all sorts of activities like rock climbing, swimming, bowling, the cinemas to watch mona 2, rock climbing and the museum. The weather was a bit wild, it even began to flood at our accommodation, it was so much fun!

-Grayson



K-2 Camp

K-2 class went on camp in Smithton. When we first got there we unpacked our stuff then we started to play. The guy showed us about the playground, then we got to play on it for a little bit. He had a jumping pillow, we jumped on it. We had to take out shoes off. Then we had dinner. The next morning, we changed our clothes then after that we had breakfast then we went to the pool. Then we saw the penguins one night and after we saw the penguins we went back to the hotel, I feel asleep on the bus and when we stopped I woke up then we had dinner. When we woke up we went to the Trowutta arch and then had lunch and went to the old school then we went to gymnastics and we jumped into the foam pit with the cubes and it was fun. We had lunch and played on the playground then went back to school.

- Kayden



Q Bank Gallery - artists in residence

Maggie Jeffries and George Kennedy have spent the last month on a collaborative painting residency at Q Bank Gallery, Queenstown. They are both emerging artists from nipaluna/Hobart.

These painters have used their time in residence to research and develop their creative practices through the benefits of a shared studio space, collective thinking, and collaboration.

Kennedy's artwork explores the fringe areas of the Tasmanian landscape. He is particularly interested in the boundaries where manmade and organic spaces converge. Kennedy paints these spaces using a combination of abstraction and figuration, using rich colour, bold lines and dynamic compositions, representing the changing stability of these areas.

Jeffries' botanical oil paintings are inspired by a childhood sense of wonder and develop into documentations of her experience in natural environments. Central to her creative practice is a fascination with the plants that grow in these places, and capture her pull towards intricate detail, reminiscent of the ways she would explore as a child.

Both artists bring extremely different approaches to painting. However, they find similarities in how they experience environments, collect source imagery, and follow intuition. Maggie's interest in realism and precision starkly contrasts George's expressive, gestural approach. The respect they have for one another's work allows for them to

work creatively together for the first time; sharing ideas and trying new techniques. Through the duration of their time in Queenstown, they have already learned a lot from one another; discussing colour and composition, as well as how they solve creative problems and bring playfulness into their creative processes.

During open studio days, the artists invited the community of Queenstown to contribute to a 10-metre painting/drawing, which has been permanently installed in the studio space. Over 50 people have added to this painting moving into the final week of the residency, and the artists will open the studio on Friday 13 December for an exhibition to showcase this work.

This large-scale community drawing will be photographed in various places around the town and has been created as



an ongoing document of the residency and the artists' research into collaboration, running parallel with the artists' playful approach to painting.

These elements of the residency encouraged personal connection amongst creatives, leading to future opportunities for collaboration between artists and the communities in which they work.

This project was made possible by the Australian Governments Regional Arts Fund, which supports the arts in regional and remote Australia.

Artist's Instagrams:
george.kennedy
maggie_may_jeffries

Artist pages found at Despard Gallery
<https://www.despard-gallery.com.au/>
Maggie May Jeffries <https://www.despard-gallery.com.au/artistprofiles/maggie-jeffries/>

George Kennedy <https://www.despard-gallery.com.au/artistprofiles/george-kennedy/>

A well behaved ZPS Grade 4,5,6 hit Hobart

Zeehan Primary School's Grade 456 Hobart Excursion took place recently, with 21 excited students and five adults travelling across the state to spend 3 nights at Orana Guide Camp in Roches Beach. While there, the Grade 456 class enjoyed adrenaline-fueled experiences like go-karting, trampolining and rock climbing as well as educational opportunities at the Tasmanian Museum and Art

On Tuesday we attended the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, where our guide took us on a tour through almost all of the exhibits on show. Students experienced and appreciated the early colonial architecture and history of the museum's basement and lower floors before heading to the high-tech interactive displays on offer upstairs. Highlights of the museum included the

available proved to be a challenge!

The activities set out for the Wednesday on camp were intended to be the core focus of our journey to Hobart, and with students attending the Parliament of Tasmania and Government House, it was explained that Wednesday might seem long and perhaps less exciting at times. Upon finding our seats in the viewing area of the House of Representen-

toured the State Rooms. The elegance of Government House is claimed to be unequalled in Australia, and touring this decadent heritage building was truly an experience to behold.

We then squeezed in a very quick stop at Waimea Heights Primary School, where their jump rope team demonstrated a series of routines just for our students. Consisting of around 30 upper-primary aged students, the Jump Rope for Heart team performed solo and group tricks, often involving multiple skipping ropes crossing over with multiple skippers. Truly impressive!

Our Wednesday wound down with a round of bowling, playing arcade games, eating pizza and in some cases too much pizza; and having a good time at camp as our last night came to an end.

On our way back to Zeehan the next day, students stopped by TASSAL's Remote Operations Centre in Hobart's CBD for a tour of their facilities and were offered samples from TASSAL's nearby cafe.

Slowly making our way out of Hobart, we stopped in at the Salmon Ponds just out from New Norfolk. Students were impressed with the stock of fish that could be viewed and had the chance to feed them as they explored the grounds. We then ordered from Pancakes by the Pond, selecting from a choice of savoury pancakes for lunch – a thoroughly enjoyed first-time experience for many.

From there, we made the long and slow drive home. The journey was themed with quiet conversation, sleeping children and the odd excited reminiscings like "how good was ...?"

In the days following camp I became very proud to hear that aside from the obviously very enjoyable experiences that students appreciated, there was a genuinely positive response regarding our visit to the House of Assembly and Government House. Further to this, I was proud to receive compliments from the many guides, instructors and professionals that we relied upon during our camp. It was commented that our students were tidy and respectful when eating out and attentive during tours. For this I thank and commend the parents and community of Zeehan for their role in raising such fine children.

Mr Smyth



Gallery, the Parliament of Tasmania and Government House.

The camp began when students arrived at Zeehan Primary School on Monday, November 25 at 6am. With bags packed into the ZPS trailer, our sleepy-eyed students clambered into the bus to depart just after 6:30. The first stop on the journey to Hobart was at Nelson Falls, where we took the short walk through the forest to soak up the sights of the cascading falls at the viewing platform. We then boarded the bus again and headed off for our next stop.

By mid-morning the group arrived at the Wall in the Wilderness to browse the incredible wood carvings by sculptor Greg Duncan. After a quick bite to eat, we again boarded the bus to continue towards Hobart. Following another quick stop in Hamilton, we finally arrived at Orana just before 3pm.

Students had time to settle in at camp and explore the grounds before heading off for dinner at the Foreshore Hotel in Lauderdale. Here we were treated to a wide range of choices; from beef or chicken schnitzels available in six different ways, to burgers, lamb shanks, pork belly, salads, stir fries and steaks. Students enjoyed fine dining as a finisher to their first day of camp.

portrait gallery as well as the 'Ice Map' in the Islands to Ice exhibit.

After the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, we made our way to Bounce Inc., where we enjoyed flipping out in the trampoline park. Students performed back flips, front flips, side flips and silly salmons into the safety of a giant air cushion, then enjoyed trampoline dodgeball and braved the indoor rock-climbing features.

For lunch we stopped at Kingston Park before making our way to what was regarded by many as the highlight of the trip. Hyperdrive in Kingston is an electric go-karting facility where our school group managed to book the entire racetrack for a one-hour session. Students enjoyed hitting the track multiple times to push their driving skills to the limit.

Day two concluded with a seafood spread at Mures Lower Deck on Victoria Dock in the heart of Hobart. Eve Mure, granddaughter of Mures founders Jill and George, attended and spoke to us about the Mures establishment, their business and their ambitions around sustainability. S

tudents topped off their meal with an ice cream from Mures, however making a choice from the 32 different flavours

tatives however, we were greeted by the enthusiastic and inspiring Minister for Education and Disability Services, The Honourable Jo Palmer. Our students beamed, as Jo shared with our parliamentary guide the details of her visit to ZPS and how impressed she was that our students had studied her government's 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future.

After viewing the House of Representatives and the Legislative Assembly, we were paid a visit by Speaker of the House Michelle O'Byrne, Premier Jeremy Rockliff, Opposition Leader Anita Dow and Clerk of the House Laura Ross. Students had the chance to draw attention to the matters that affect them locally in Zeehan and were proud to share their opinions. It was an occasion of great significance, and the students of ZPS embraced it in great spirit.

We scampered onto the bus and quickly made our way over to Government House where we enjoyed an exquisite luncheon in the elegance of the Ball Room. Students met with Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers AO and their dogs, Oskar and Nala. Her Excellency told us about her role as Governor and fielded questions before we

Scouts and trains

The local scout troop dropped in to the display shop 'Western Echoes' in Zeehan recently and were amazed, thrilled and enthralled by the newest addition to the shop, the fictitious town of 'Echoville'. With four trains, racecars, trucks and even Santa riding around on a bicycle this lot did not know where to look next. Just the way I had planned it!

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| Thursday 20th March 2025 (Session 1) Thursday 27th March 2025 (Session 2) | QASC Championships | 6:00pm W/U - 6:30pm Start | Entry fee will be \$2 per entry (a maximum \$14 per child) Money due on 13th March 2025 |
| T.B.A | QASC Presentation | T.B.A | T.B.A |

To be eligible for Championships you must participate in Club Swimathon & Compete in 50% of Club Nights, in which you have to enter & attempt to complete 3 events of different strokes, 2 of which must be in your age group.

QASC Club Nights are for all members. Coaches will have our younger swimmers in the middle pool to have some extra time in the pool learning. While our 25m swimmers continue with their normal time trials.

2024 Christmas Mass times

Tuesday 24th Dec 2024: Christmas Eve
St. Joseph's, Rosebery at 5 pm
St. Joseph's, Queenstown at 8 pm

Wednesday 25th Dec 2024: Christmas day
St. Fursaeus' Zeehan at 9 am
Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Strahan at 11 am

Special Mass at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Strahan at 11 am on the 2nd Sunday and 4th Sunday's of the Month from January to March 2025. All are welcome.

12.01.2025 2nd Sunday at 11 am
26.01.2025 4th Sunday at 11 am
09.02.2025 2nd Sunday at 11 am
23.02.2025 4th Sunday at 11 am
09.03.2025 2nd Sunday at 11 am
23.03.2025 4th Sunday at 11 am

SANTA LOLLY RUN

A huge thank you to MMG Rosebery for their kind sponsorship to the Rosebery-Tullah Fire Brigade to once again put on such a magical event for the families of Rosebery and Tullah.

ROSEBERY-TULLAH FIRE BRIGADE SANTA LOLLY RUN

TULLAH - 17TH DECEMBER AT 5PM
ROSEBERY - 18TH DECEMBER AT 5PM



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TULLAH FIRE BRIGADE**
CHRISTMAS SHOWBAGS FOR KIDS AGED 12 AND UNDER

CAPTURE THE CATCHMENTS!

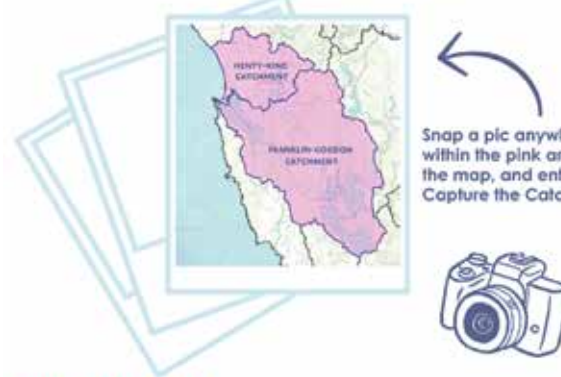
Healthy Harbour Photo Competition

ENTER BY MONDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2024

Are you ready to showcase your photography skills and capture your experiences exploring the Macquarie Harbour catchments?

Prizes awarded for the following categories:

- Junior (under 16)
- Landscapes
- Wildlife
- Water
- Plants and fungi
- People's choice



Snap a pic anywhere within the pink areas on the map, and enter Capture the Catchments!



HOW TO ENTER



Scan the QR code or visit: www.cradlecoast.com/the-healthy-harbour-projects-capture-the-catchments-photo-competition/ for details on submitting digital or printed entries.



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

Merry Christmas and a very happy new year to all from the committee and volunteers at the Animal Welfare Centre. We have lots of brand new Christmas gifts in our shop in Zeehan's Main Street. Drop in and have a browse

15th December 2024
**ROSEBERY COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS**

3-9pm
Christmas Parade
Market
Childrens Entertainment
Face Painting
Santa Photo Tent
Food Vans
Carols / Music
Street Lights
House Lights Competition
Winner Announced

SAVE THE DATE

Rosebery Development Association, Rosebery Top Pub, Fabulous Beauty for You, Rosebery Op-Shop & Salvage Yard
Brought to you by the Rosebery Community Christmas Working Group

**Zeehan
Christmas
Light Competition**

Please register your address with the ZNC.

Judging will take place on the 18th of December and the winner announced on the 19th.

All registered addresses will also go into the draw for the random prize.

Good luck everyone and Merry Christmas!

Please contact the ZNC for further information 64716108

WE PLAY QUEENSTOWN SWIMMING

Photos by Alan Jennison

Queenstown Amateur Swimming Club held their first club night for the 2024/25 season on 5 December which was open to all members. The sun was shining and it was fabulous to see so many swimmers enjoying the water. The event kicked off with a 25m and 50m butterfly, followed by freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. We finished with freestyle relays and Kelsi jumped in so we had enough swimmers on each team! Special thank you to the time keepers.

Meanwhile, we had sixteen learn to swim members in the middle pool who played follow the leader, rescued each other using pool noodles, showed how they could float on their front and back and competed in their own relays. They also had a chance to watch the older members swim their races and cheer them on, enjoying a free swim at the end. Special thank you to Juanita and Tia for taking the children for this session.

We had saveloys in bread and certificates were presented to our first timers in the big pool Joel, Matilda, Bay and Piper. Congratulations to Remi for winning the raffle.

We will not have time trials next week but will be back on 19 December.

