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## Bay of Fires on the big screen



Last year was a busy time on the west coast, with actors, props and animals being filmed in Queenstown, Strahan and Zeehan and all over our beloved west coast and now it all makes sense.

West Coast Heritage Limited in association with Marta Dusseldorp & Archi-

pelago Productions were very excited to present the first two episodes of the new series Bay of Fires in the very building featured in the show - the infamous and historic Gaiety Theatre, once the largest concert hall in Australia.

It was quite surreal sitting in the the-

atre watching scenes in the show that were shot in the theatre.

The Paragon theatre held a showing the night before with both Queenstown and Zeehan sold out on their respective nights.

The show is set in the town of 'Mys-

tery Bay' which is a mix of buildings and locations around the west coast.

Many locals were invited to take part in the production as extras and 'Gary' the goat will be familiar to quite a few people in Strahan.

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## What our clients are saying about us...



#### **Fabulous to Deal With!**

Rodney has to be the
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to ensure a smooth sale and
completion. Thank you so much
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#### Professional Excellence

Jenelle has such a caring nature for clients, keeping us up to date with everything and answering our endless questions. It's also great that Jenelle is a West Coaster, so the knowledge of the area is a bonus. I would recommend Jenelle and her team at Harcourts to everyone.

Michael and Lenore - May 2023



Harcourts WEST COAST

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

#### Dear Editor,

I'm gravely concerned about the proposed sale of the historic Union Steamship Company Building in Strahan, an architectural treasure dating back to 1901. It represents our vibrant maritime past and is deeply woven into our community's heritage.

Transferring this building into private hands would betray the understanding when it was sold to Strahan Council that it was to be held in perpetuity for the Strahan community. The potential for conversion into a museum, preserving our rich local history, would be lost with this sale. Alarmingly, the property hasn't been advertised on the open market. Transparency and due process seem overlooked in this hasty sale decision, fostering an environment of distrust.

I implore all residents who value our history and community spirit to take action. Contact your West Coast Councillors and voice your objection to the sale of the USSCo Building. Let's ensure our heritage remains in our hands and not relegated to the highest bidder.

Preserve the past, protect our future. Stand up for the Union Steamship Company Building, stand up for Strahan. Leigh Styles **STRAHAN** 

#### West Zeehan - an Environmental Disaster.

The open stagnant drains have been cleaned for many years but on many occasions the spoils and other forms of rubbish has been left placed on the inside built up disallowing the water to run off, it should have been trucked away. On another subject If the W.C.C are serious about removing the gorse then why have they engaged a contractor to slash mulch track roll and cultivate spread and transported by tracks everywhere. The tender called for the removal of it and so far none of the gorse has been removed instead its been

spread all about the town and floated to other areas outside the town. No control procedure put in place to manage the clean up and prevent the spread of weeds. This isn't the first time, last time they adopted this method the gorse grew back 10 fold ,so it's not hard to predict what will happen this time. Time for change.

#### Concerned local Dear Editor,

I agree with "Very concerned resident" in your last edition. Why aren't the Councils consulting with their owners/employers, the rate payers, about Council amalgamations and publishing their intentions and all the feedback they've had to date?

No-one wants unwanted restrictions or changes sprung on them at the last minute, and it's a sure way to get off-side with the public. I'm also welcoming the drink container refund scheme which has been in operation everywhere else in Australia for years, even decades. But I think the drink and fast food companies who make all this rubbish in the first place should pay for the continual clean up because then they wouldn't make so much packaging rubbish. And forestry operators should also be slugged for the continual clean up of all their discarded empty oil and poison drums left by the roadside wherever there's plantations. Leave them in your vehicles you pigs! Lastly, I think all prices and wages should be permanently fixed, which would stop this stupid chase-your-tail price increases where Governments give petty handouts to "subsidise" those doing it hard while they just get instantly swallowed up by price rises. Why are we paying more for fuel, food and energy blamed on the war in Ukraine when we import NOTHING from them, and especially in Tasmania where our energy is produced almost for free with our hydro systems? Another very concerned resident.

#### The following numbers may be useful Emergency 000

**SES** 132500 **Trees across local roads Trees across main roads** 

**TasNetworks** (West Coast Council) 6471 4700 1300 139 933



#### **MEANS COMMUNITY**

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### Union Steamship building plan

Empty since 1996, the Union Steamship Building in Strahan is set to undergo restoration, and the preferred proponents for the project have been selected by the Council.

While further details of the proposal will be released as negotiations progress, some information has been shared with the public due to their interest.

The selected proponents have a strong background in restoring and maintaining heritage buildings and have expressed their love for the West Coast and connections to the area. They are honored to have been chosen to move forward with the project and are looking forward to working with the community as it progresses.

In their proposal, the proponents outlined their plans to restore the building to its former glory and create a boutique visitor accommodation experience on the top level. They also intend to revitalize the retail shops on the lower level, enhancing the overall Strahan experience for both the local community and the visitors who support small communities in the area.

The proposal also takes into account the need for high-end accommodation offerings throughout the West Coast, and they have suggested creating luxury maritime-style accommodations that

align with the community's sustainability values.

The proponents are keen on community involvement, particularly in the first level (entry Harold St) of the building.

They recognize the emotional attachment the people of Strahan and the wider West Coast community have for this historic building and want to work with the community to protect its future.

They have proposed the idea of an art gallery or maritime museum space on the first level, celebrating the maritime history of the Union Steamship Build-

To support this, the proponents will offer a ground floor retail shop free of charge to a new maritime heritage committee (if one can be formed) to curate and catalog their collection.

The expectation is that this curated collection would move to the first level once the restoration and preservation works are complete.

Existing tenancies in the building will also be supported.

The proponents have made a commitment to preserving the building's authenticity and soul while giving it the future and care it deserves.

As negotiations progress, more details of the proposal and restoration plans will be released to the public.



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The Queenie Quoir recently took a trip deep underground to perform in Queenstown's historic Mt Lyell mine.

The choir, who have been collaborating with artist Polly Stanton on her new moving image 'Thresholds', were filmed performing an experimental voice work in Mt Lyell's main decline.

The performance is a culmination of several weeks of rehearsals facilitated by choir master Annette Van Betlehem with both Polly and Hobart based musician / conductor Maria Lurighi.

The film 'Thresholds' is a community-based project that is co-created with the Queenstown community choir and performed in the monumental underground spaces of Mt Lyell mine.

The project's outcome is an expan-

sive multi-screen moving image and surround sound installation that will be presented by The Unconformity Biennial Arts Festival in October 2023.

Mixing together 8K video, geo-sonic earth recordings and human voice, the work presents an immersive audio-visual experience through the vibrant vocalisations of the choir and the resonant spaces of the mine.

Through these connections of sound and image, 'Thresholds' serves as a potent sounding of the deep histories and possible futures of Australia's oldest mining field.

Thresholds is made possible by the generous support of Copper Mines of Tasmania (CMT), The Unconformity and The Australia Council of the Arts.



The Queenie Quoir underground in Mt Lyle's main decline

#### Well done Queenstown!

Queenstown recently took out Tassie's Top (Small) Tourism Town. Emily (WCWR) and Bella (World Heritage Cruises) were there to represent DWC and collect the award at Parliament House in Hobart.



Zeehan Library

10:30- 11:30 Ages 8+

### The mines are alive... Bay of Fires Continued from front page

Star of the show, Marta Dusseldorp (pictured below), made an appearance in Zeehan for the screening and I couldn't resist the opportunit to grab a quick photo.

It looks like there may be a second season as funding has been granted by Screen Tasmania for Season two development (scripts), but this will depend on ratings from this first series.

'Bay of Fires' goes to air on ABC TV on Sunday 16th July and is not to be missed.

Let's get behind this, and show the world that the west coast of Tasmaia is a place to be reckoned with.

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### Phil Vickers receives award

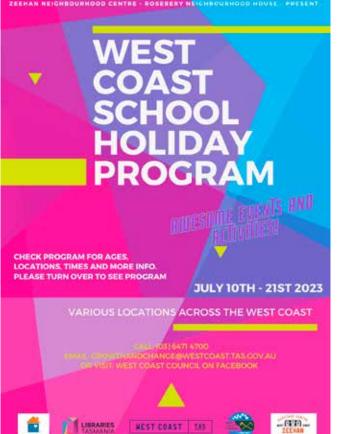
The Australian honours system celebrates the outstanding achievements and contributions of extraordinary Australians in a diverse range of fields and areas of endeavour. It recognises those people in the community whose service and contributions have had the effect of making a significant difference to Australian life or, more broadly, to humanity at large.

Phil Vickers has served the West Coast for nearly 30 years in a variety of roles and positions and has just received the Medal of the Order of Australia. Through that time, he has tirelessly worked to improve the life of those on the West Coast and ensure the West Coast is and remains a great place to live. His advocacy has directly led to improved outcomes in health, education

and safety on the West Coast and his contributions will continue to have an effect over coming decades.

Importantly he has not only supported the community in official roles, but also through efforts to support large numbers of community groups and committees where he continues to provide audit, financial, advocacy and other support.





#### West Coast School Holiday Program

Lego Building

Rosebery Library

2:00 - 4:00, Ages 6+

Monday July 10	Tuesday July 11	Wednesday July 12	Thursday July 13	Friday July 14
Zeehan Sports Fun Day Zeehan School Hall, 11:00am – 3:00pm, Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.  Virtual Reality Strahan Library, 3:30pm – 4:30pm Ages: 12+	Queenie Sports Fun Day Queenstown PCYC 10:30am – 2:30pm Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.  Rock Painting Rosebery N'hood House 11am – 1pm Ages: up to 14 Call 64731497 to book.  Dungeons & Dragons Queenie Library 2:30pm –4:30pm Ages 12+	Strahan Sports Fun Day Strahan Rec Hall 11:00am – 3:00pm Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.  Virtual Reality Queenstown Library 3:00pm – 4:30pm Ages 12+  Mr Shaggles Circus Zeehan Connection Centre 9:30am – 11:00am Cost: \$5.00, Ages up to 12	Costume Party Rosebery N'hood House Party food, games, dancing, face painting 12noon – 1:30pm 14 and under Gold coin donation Call 64731497 to book  Funday Zeehan Connection Centre 10:00am – 12:30pm Free, Ages up to 12	Rosebery Sports Fun Day Rosebery Stadium 11:00am – 3:00pm Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Balloon Cars Queenie Library 2:20pm – 3:30pm, Ages 5+
Monday July 17	Tuesday July 18	Wednesday July 19	Thursday July 20	Fri July 21
Tullah Sports Fun Day Tullah Rec Hall 11:00am – 3:00pm, Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.  Paper Plates Queenie Library	Cake Decorating Rosebery N'hood House 11:00am – 1:00pm Lunch provided. Gold coin donation Ages: up to 14 Call 64731497 to book.	Children's University @ West Coast Heritage Centre Open day for kids & families. 9:30am – 4:00pm Drones, VR, Hydro Tas "Turbonator". Free entry 114 Main St, Zeehan	Children's University @ West Coast Heritage Centre Open day for kids & families. 9:30am – 4:00 pm Drones, VR, Hydro Tas "Turbonator". Free entry 114 Main St, Zeehan	Queenie Sports Fun Day Q'town Basketball Stadium 11:00am – 3:00pm Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Scrabble Queenstown Library
10:30-11:30, Ages 8+  Paper Plates	<b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons</b> Queenstown Library 2:30-4:30 Ages 12+		Puppet Show Zeehan Connection Centre 11:30am - 12:30pm	2:00-4:00 Ages 5+  Rosebery Movie Maratho

All activities are free unless stated otherwise. For more info, please contact growthandchange@westcoast.tas.gov.au or call (03) 6471 4700.

Free Ages up to 12

Puppet Workshop

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Zeehan Connection Centre

Cost: \$5.00, Ages up to 12

Kids Movie (PG -G) & lunch

Teens Movie (PG) & dinner

Popcorn & snacks included.

4:30pm - 6:30pm

\$2 @ or \$5 per family

Call 64731497 to book.

11:00-1:00

## & skilled workforce

There has been a lot of action at the Study Hub over the past month. Our 100% focus is on students; prospective learners, existing students, learning/ education/wellbeing support and finding inventive, holistic ways to embrace education.

First off, the Boys Wellbeing and Women's Empowerment MMG Photography Competitions have been judged and the winners will be announced next month by us with the winning entries! SUPER **EXCITING!** 

This month we have seen just how much our community invests in their education, with graduations, employment outcomes, enrolments in further study and increased enrolment interest for semester 3! Recently we provided the Commonwealth government with our midyear Milestone Report and we were overjoyed to see just how much we had accomplished in a 6 month period including 6 graduations! A big congratulations to all those dedicated souls who have now completed their studies and have gained employment or enrolled in further educa-

It's also been a big month for students completing exams and assessments. Not many people understand the focus our students have in the lead up to their mid years but we do. Students burn the midnight oil, spend their weekends studying and sacrifice time with family to buckle down and smash out assignments in preparation for exams.

The Study Hub also supervises exams, acting as Invigilators and 2 weeks ago we supervised 2 exams for Murdoch University. I think it adds a layer of comfort for students doing the exam in a familiar environment, knowing their invigilator and

understanding that our team care about fully supported at this crucial time. For those of you anxiously awaiting results - our fingers are crossed for wonderful results for you all! Some students have already received them and gained high

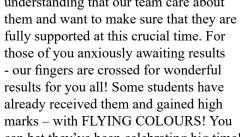
attention empowers people to thrive in the education space.

forget that we support ALL people studying through any university or vocational education and training provider in Australia. Of course, we love UTAS, but we are just as happy to support your interest, prospective enrolment and/or continued study through Deakin, Monash, CQU and UNE just to name a few.

Lastly, Study Hub West Coast in partnership with UTAS and WNW Working will be holding a "Spring into Education and Employment" Expo on September 6 at the Study Hub in Zeehan. Stay tuned for all the details in the next edition of

port of our Regional University Centre, it means the world to us. We're always happy to chat about Future YOU!

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can bet they've been celebrating big time! To better support learners across all the West Coast, the Study Hub has increased its outreach and has introduced scheduled remote support visits. This means that if you cannot come to the Study Hub, we will come to you. We have had a growth in our outreach service which is amazing and just goes to show how much our tailored study plans and personalized

Are you currently studying? Don't

Western Echo! Thank you for your continued sup-

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## Growing our own educated It's just a run in the park

parkrun is a free, community event where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. parkrun is 5k and takes place every Saturday morning.

parkrun is positive, welcoming and inclusive, there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along.

There is a proposed parkun for Zeehan, starting at the Zeehan Golf Course and accessing part of the MTB trail up to the Spray Tunnel.

Any new parkrun needs to go through a number of steps before it can commence. It also needs to secure around \$7000 in start-up funding. The community group of volunteers is progressing through those steps currently.

We are thrilled that Avebury and MMG have both come on board as Foundation Supporters, contributing monies towards this amount, including the cost of a

defibrillator! We are seeking additional support from various other grant sources.

There is also written permission required from Parks & Wildlife, which manage the land that the proposed parkrun course will run through.

You can follow the latest developments on our FB Group: https://www.facebook. com/groups/901207594434901

It will be a win-win-win for the community in terms of health and wellbeing benefits, not to mention parkrun tourism with the 'Z' factor.

You can join parkrun right now, organise your barcode and participate at any of the free events currently operating around Tassie, across the rest of Australia or the world! (parkrun.com.au)

Looking forward to a launch date for the West Coast at some point in the near future! Watch this space!



#### **History being restored in Rosebery**

You may have noticed a few things missing around Rosebery recently and here is why.

The waterwheel that has been sitting out front of the school was in a bad state of repair with much of the timebr components rotting and the metal very rusty. The boggers and machinery on Propstring Street were also in a bad way and becoming dangerous. These have now all been removed and are being restored. This restoration could take twelve months or more but one hopes that they

will be back in place in the future as they showcase the rich mining heritage of the Rosebery township. More on this story to come in a future edition.



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## CAREER, EDUCATION SUPPORT SESSIONS

**EVERY MONDAY QUEENSTOWN: 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM** Please contact Amelia to book an appointment

**ALTERNATING TUESDAYS ZEEHAN: Study Hub - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM** STRAHAN: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**EVERY WEDNESDAY** ROSEBERY/TULLAH: Available 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Community House/Rosebery Library)

## TasPorts' grants help keep Tasmanians safe



Three volunteer marine rescue organisations - Tamar Sea Rescue, Volunteer received funding from TasPorts to pur-Marine Rescue Kingborough and Dodges Ferry Marine Rescue - have received TasPorts' grants to upgrade critical safety

marine rescue services in Tasmania have very limited access to funding outside of the basic necessities.

Tamar Sea Rescue in the states' north, desperately needed to replace the seating retrieval of a person from the water. This on its larger vessel if it was going to continue undertaking longer rescue missions.

The grant from TasPorts enabled the organisation to purchase two new Shark mitment to the marine rescue around the Flex Ultra Plus Seats.

"The timing was absolutely perfect," Tamar Sea Rescue operations manager people safe out on the water." Matthew O'Neil said.

"We had identified after a large rescue in January that we really needed to do local manufacturer Stormy. something about our seating if we were going to continue at this level.

"Our existing seats were on a solid alloy pedestal with one inch of soft material meaning our volunteers were taking every hit the boat was receiving.

fatigue and injury for those on the board, making the job of our volunteers so much safer."

couldn't be more grateful to TasPorts.

supporters of Tamar Sea Rescue and the wider boating community," he said.

"All you have to do is contact TasPorts, and it will do everything it can to help – the skippers from TasPorts are a part of the boating family."

Volunteer Marine Rescue Kingborough chase a rescue dummy.

"Ensuring our volunteers are adequately trained is key to our success, so to receive funding from TasPorts to purchase Operated solely by volunteers, these a 40kg water rescue dummy is really great," Volunteer Marine Rescue Kingborough Secretary Andrew Fogarty said.

> "The dummy replicates a human and can be used to allow us to simulate the allows training to be done safely and reduces risk to our members.

> "TasPorts has shown a fantastic comstate, and we are very grateful and excited to work hand-in-hand to help keep

Dodges Ferry Marine Rescue used the grant to purchase new life jackets from

"To receive a TasPorts' grant to purchase top-of-the-line life jackets for our volunteers is incredible," Dodges Ferry Volunteer Marine Rescue secretary Michael Verrier said.

Mr Verrier said the funds would also al-"The new hi-tech seat design reduces low the organisation to update its training

"Our training room is used for educational purposes and by the general public Mr O'Neil said the not-for-profit completing their boat licence," he said.

"The funds from TasPorts will allow us "TasPorts have always been massive to provide better participant facilities for enhanced learning."

> Applications for the next funding round open on 1 August 2023 and close on 21 August with \$50,000 of funding available. Please visit the TasPorts website for more information.



## Search for Celine called off

Following a comprehensive review regarding Celine Cremer, the police have suspended the significant search effort for Celine in the Waratah area.

The search involved various resources such as police and SES ground crews, swift water rescue personnel, ATVs, drones, and the Westpac Rescue Helicop-

Despite the extensive search conducted since 27 June, when Celine's vehicle was found unattended in the carpark, she has not been located.

According to Commander Stuart Wilkinson, expert medical advice suggests that considering the poor weather conditions and cool temperatures, Celine could not have survived the conditions she has been exposed to since she was reported missing.

Throughout the search period, Tasmania Police have maintained constant contact

with Celine's family, who are understand-

ably devastated by the situation.

Although the formal search has been suspended, the missing person investigations in relation to Celine remain active. Com-



mander Wilkinson expressed gratitude to everyone involved in the extensive search, particularly the SES volunteers who covered challenging terrain on foot and with

The police will continue to thoroughly follow up on any further information relevant to Celine, with the hope of bringing closure to her family and loved ones.

#### Artist commission for Raymond



The Unconformity is pleased to announce the 2023 recipient of the West Coast Artist Commission is Raymond Arnold. Raymond has lived and worked in Queenstown on the West Coast of lutruwita/Tasmania for 18 years. He has continued to work in the mediums of printmaking and painting with solo exhibitions both interstate and in lutruwita/Tasmania, including the Australian National Galleries and Bett Gallery, Hobart.

In 2022, Raymond completed a major work for permanent installation at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in Launceston. Additionally, the National Gallery of Australia has recently acquired a major work for its collection.

The \$5000 acquisitive commission is supported through Arts Tasmania by the Minister for the Arts.

More information is available here: theunconformity.com.au/west-coast-artist-commission

PUBLIC INFORMATION

#### **Three-Year Wood Production Plan**

Sustainable Timber Tasmania's annual update of its Three Year Wood Production Plan is now available. The plan informs stakeholders of potential planned operations on Permanent Timber Production Zone land from 2023/24 to 2025/26.

Specifically, the Plan identifies coupes on Permanent Timber Production Zone land from which a schedule of harvesting, roading, and regeneration operations will be developed across the next three years.

The Three Year Wood Production Plan is a key part of our commitment to engaging with stakeholders to gather feedback and to manage Tasmania's public production forests responsibly

#### Access Map

To make it easy for stakeholders to identify the locations of coupes of interest to them, an Access Map is available on Sustainable Timber Tasmania's website at sttas.com.au

#### Stakeholder input

We welcome stakeholder input to inform our detailed operational planning and decision making. We would like to:

Identify if stakeholders have specific interest or concerns in relation to potential operations at any particular coupes and want to be informed about future operations; and

Identify any issues we may need to consider during our operational planning.

#### Talk to us

Stakeholders seeking more information or who would like to register their interest in any particular coupes are encouraged to contact our Engagement Team at the earliest opportunity:

Phone (03) 6169 2800 during business hours

Email stakeholder@sttas.com.au

Mail Engagement Team, Sustainable Timber Tasmania, GPO Box 207, Hobart, Tasmania, 7000



Please visit sttas.com.au for more information.





Photo credit: Raymond Arnold

The Unconformity is pleased to announce the successful recipients of the 2023 West Coast Artist Commission and Seed Funding programs.

The \$5000 annual acquisitive West Coast Artist Commission has been awarded to Queenstown-based artist Raymond Arnold. He will create an artwork which will join a collection of pieces by West Coast artists including Grace Garton, David Fitzpatrick, Annette van Betlehem, Joh Osborne and Chris Wilson. Raymond will develop his commissioned piece by painting it outdoors within the landscape (the plein-air technique) and will finish the work at his home studio in Queenstown.

The Unconformity congratulates Raymond and thanks all West Coast artists who submitted an application. The West Coast Artist Commission is supported through Arts Tasmania by the Minister for the Arts.

The 2023 West Coast Seed Funding Program recipients are:

- The Galley Museum: \$2500 to support new equipment and material towards hosting exhibitions in the museum
- Linda Cafe: \$2500 to develop a new artist event series, Linda Light

- Penghana Bed & Breakfast: \$2500 to support Penghana's 125th anniversary
- Nick Maher: \$2359 for the purchase of equipment to support the film and screen industry on the West Coast
- Grace Garton: \$2141 to deliver an exhibition of visual artwork in Queenstown and a painting workshop in Rosebery
- Yvania Bartholomeusz: \$2000 for the purchase of jewellery-making equipment
- FFACZ & The M+Opera: \$1000 to establish an online presence for the FFACZ & The M+Opera in Zeehan

In 2023, the total seed funding pool was \$15,000 through a partnership between West Coast Council and The Unconformity with funding support provided through Arts Tasmania by the Minister for the Arts.

The West Coast Seed Funding Program provides funding support for arts and cultural practitioners connected to lutruwita/Tasmania's remote West Coast. Since its inception in 2018, the program has supported 38 projects, with an investment of \$70,000 into outcomes across the region. The Unconformity is proud to continue supporting a diverse range of creative projects which contribute to the thriving cultural community of the West Coast.

#### Work at The Unconformity 2023 festival

It takes many hands to deliver a festival on the West Coast and The Unconformity is looking to fill a range of paid and volunteer roles. West Coast people are encouraged to register their interest online via an Expression of Interest form here: theunconformity.com.au/work-with-us

Working and volunteering at the festival provides an opportunity to learn new skills, gain experience in events and the arts, meet new people and contribute to a major event in regional lutruwita/Tasmania.

If you require assistance with the form or have any questions about the process, please email The Unconformity General Manager Kate Harrison at kate@theunconformity.com.au



#### Thresholds: underground recording at Mount Lyell Mine

Filmmaker Polly Stanton recently spent time on the West Coast to develop her project, Thresholds, a film installation work to be premiered during the festival in October.

Polly collaborated with members of the community choir, Queenie Quoir, to record a performance underground in the Mount Lyell Mine for the project.

Thank you to the Queenie Quoir and staff at Copper Mines of Tasmania for facilitating the underground site visit and recording.



#### Shift Change: re-sounding the siren

Years ago, a siren would sound through the streets of Queenstown to signal the change of shifts at the Mount Lyell Mine.

Queenstown-raised composer Andrew Callaghan is working on a festival project to 're-sound' the siren and recently spent time in Queenstown to speak with residents and hear their memories of the siren.

Thank you to everyone who contributed memories and recollections of the siren to Andrew for this project.



Photo credit: Carl Ross

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## West Coast paddle club adventures



Pack Raft Henty River - Photo Roger Parkyn

The winter rains have arrived and the rivers are flowing. Last weekend saw a recognition of 40 years since the High Court Franklin Dam decision and west coast canoeists and others from further afield converged on Queenstown.

After the heavy rain during the week the weekend looked pretty good with rain easing off on Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday the King River was high and paddlers enjoyed surfing near the power station. This feature provides a fast high energy ride on several waves. The first is a smooth glassy wave where the paddler can see the riverbed through the clear but tannin-stained water. The next and subsequent waves feature collapsing haystacks giving a more dynamic and exciting ride. Skilled paddlers can spend hours here attempting more and more aggressive moves and tricks. With the regular Hydro flow of high-volume water, the surrounding rainforest, easy access and a fast-exciting ride this has to be the best play wave in Tasmania and most likely Australia. Spectator access is easy and a great way to spend a warm summer evening with a beer and friends.

On Saturday afternoon 6 paddlers including three in pack rafts paddled the Collingwood River from near Bills Creek to the Lyell Highway Bridge. An easy and scenic 10 km stretch of river to grade three this section is initially continuous whitewater. Flowing through a mixed wet forest there are occasional King Billy Pine trees. This is a great stretch of river for those just starting out in their whitewater career and for those who just love being on the river.

Sunday saw a meeting of the West

Coast Paddle Club at Tracks Café before moving on to the more serious business at hand. Three pack rafters took on the Henty River between the Lyell Highway and the Strahan-Zeehan Road, a distance of about 30 km. The headwaters of the Henty River have been diverted into the Henty Anthony power scheme but there remains the rest of the river, albeit smaller than the original. A beautiful intermediate trip to grade three it is rarely visited, partly due to the slow-moving flat finish that can be hard work at lower levels. On Sunday however, Lake Margaret was spilling and the extra water down the Yolande River helped a lot.

Ben and a more adventurous crew pioneered a small tributary of the Queen River with steep tricky drops and waterfalls. A short trip this one is suited to the skilled creek paddler with an eye on adventure. Good to find a new creek close to home.

A third group paddled the Lower Henty River from the Strahan-Zeehan Road down to Ocean Beach. With glassy flatwater and late afternoon winter sunshine this was a little gem. Paul & Ollie took the big club double sea kayak and made for a powerful combination but Chris & Gray were not far behind in their river boats.

Another great weekend on the west coast rivers.

The West Coast Paddle Club is always on the lookout for new members. We have a collection of gear to help out newbies and training sessions are regularly held. Interested? Find us on Facebook and get in touch.

By Paul Steane

#### Update from the West Coast Paddle Club by Ben Webb

Three different groups set out paddling on July 2nd, a huge day of paddling on the west coast! One crew went down the Henty River, another paddled out to the Henty Heads while another completed the first whitewater kayak descent of the West Queen River.

#### West Queen:

Eoin, Esta and Ben settoff knowing the water level would be low, but low water is always best when exploring an unknown creek!

Three kilometres was the furthest we ever were from Queenstown, so it doesn't get much more local than that.

We came across several small canyons and waterfalls that were runnable, and a few waterfalls which needed a bit more water before it would be possible to kayak them.

Beautiful surrounds were made even more unique by the rusty historical water works which are threatening to drop into the creek. There were plenty of logs that needed to be avoided too.

Overall a great little Sunday outing. Only in Queenstown do we have such great waterfalls and canyons so close to home!

Club News:

The WCPC has purchased 3 sea kayaks which are available for members to use on our local lakes and harbours.

Get in touch if you would like to build the skills to take these out.

River Rescue course will be running August 5-6

Flatwater Skills December 9-10. Pool sessions will resume on Friday evenings once the Pool opens in December.

An AGM will be held for the West Coast Paddle Club on Tuesday 26th September, 7pm at the Queenstown RSL. All members invited to attend, along with those interested in joining up and participating in the club.

Contact westcoastpaddleclub@gmail. com or on Facebook for more information







Mary is a carer for her husband, Bruce, who has Huntington's disease.

With Carer Gateway's support, Mary gained some time for a break to recharge her batteries and unwind, and to connect with other carers just like her.

Care2Serve is the local, Tassie team providing Carer Gateway services.

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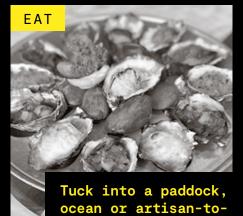




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- → Take the kids to meet some kids at <u>Hideaway Farmlet</u>

  <u>Miniature Goats</u>.
- → Bring the Gordon River and its rich history to life with World Heritage Cruises.
- → Get up close with the locals at the <u>Devils@Cradle</u> Tasmanian devil sanctuary.
- → Glide through the UNESCO
  Tasmanian Wilderness World
  Heritage Area with Gordon
  River Cruises.













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TASMANIA

COME DOWN FOR AIR

Being the 50th anniversary since the end of Australia's Involvement in the Vietnam War, this month's article continues honouring our local Vietnam veterans as have the bulk of articles this year.

If any readers have served or can regale their relatives service in Vietnam, please contact presidentrslqueenstown@outlook.com Nothing would

be more worthy than filling the entire year storytelling personal recollections of this conflict.

Our post this month is about Bob Cartledge, the Vietnam veteran who so graciously donated his time recently, to help the Mountain Heights kids

with their Anzac Day School Awards entry!

Given Bob's 13yrs service in defence and the rest of his working life in the health field, his incredible dedication to country and community his story is being told in 3 parts.

These days, Bob is the curator and artist in residence at Q-West Gallery opposite the railway station. It's quite likely you've spotted him in downtown Queenstown with his crooked walking stick and proudly wearing his 55-year-

old service slouch hat from his defence force days. If you come across him, stop and have a yarn – the man is a born storyteller!

Bob's journey into service for his country, like so many others began at birth, given that his father was a veteran of WWII. Two of Bob's uncles also served in WWII - all three of them serving with distinction on the battle-

fields of New Guinea & Borneo with his older brother also joining the army, and subsequently serving in Vietnam also.

In my personal opinion, service to country is in the blood, giving rise to the next generation of warriors.

Traditionally, generations of veterans returning from conflict have suffered in silence and sought peace that they quite often cannot find. This history of patriotism and the call to duty is often replicated within family generations, yet the horrors witnessed within these wars mostly remain unspoken in the home. It's unsurprising to consider that PTSD, back then known as 'shell shock' or 'battle fatigue' was a feature of Bob's life, shaping the man he became, because of his father's service in WWII.

Bob's upbringing as a youth was tough and seeking a way out, he followed in his brothers' footsteps and enlisted at 17yrs of age, in 1968 to go to Vietnam. Bob, was challenged by the structure and style, that is synonymous with the ADF way of doing things and he struggled, as most recruits do, with the system designed to break down the recruits and rebuilt them in the style needed to make an effective soldier. Despite this tumultuous journey, Bob was not yet out of recruit training when he got the news that his brother had been wounded in action in Vietnam.

It takes a mighty effort to support troops on operations, so there was no guarantee that joining the army meant you were going to be joining the fight in Vietnam. Still in Recruit School, Bob, full of rage demanded to be sent to Vietnam, to avenge what had happened to his brother.

The following couple of years were a flurry of courses and quick elevation of rank, as Bob was trained up to be a combat medic. During this period, he met and married a military nurse, at the tender age of 18! An eight-week training course in Jungle Warfare, which Bob credits as "the most challenging and comprehensive lead-up to deployment in a war zone one could wish for".

preceded an eventual deployment to Vietnam.

The battle school at Canungra, in Queensland was a non-negotiable course, required for all soldiers deploying to Vietnam and was operated by battle hardened veterans of Malaya and earlier tours of duty to Vietnam. These men, who had learnt the lessons the hard way ensured that every Australian soldier had the skills required to survive combat No doubt this gruelling training helped countless soldiers deal with the experience of combat and taught them survival skills that prepared them for life and death situations; without a doubt the reason that Australian soldiers were revered and feared by the enemy of that war.

In June of 1970, Corporal Robert Cartledge headed to Vietnam as a highly trained combat medic; about to get his first shot at being schooled by the realities of war. On arrival, a battlefield promotion to Sergeant quickly followed, and in this moment the lives and deaths of two recent subjects of the Veterans Post intersected...more on that next month.

## UTAS activities across the coast

It's a busy time of year for anyone involved in education as the end of Term 2 for schools across Tasmania approaches and the commencement of second semester for university students will soon be upon us. Locally the school students are looking forward to a well-deserved break and some fun activities on the West Coast!

#### WINTER FUN ON THE WEST COAST – WEST COAST HERITAGE MUSEUM – Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th July 2023.

West Coast Heritage Museum Open days on 19th and 20th July 2023 will provide FREE ENTRY for families and children across the State to learn more about the wonderful history of the West Coast, its amazing geology and so much more! Note registration is essential and any children who have a Children's University membership will also receive 3 hours in their CU passport for attending.

### WINTER HOLIDAY FUN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA,

BURNIE – Tuesday 18th July 2023 – 9.15am to 12pm.

Children's University members can attend an on-campus day at the University of Tasmania, Cradle Coast Campus in Burnie with lots of fun activities. Get 3 hours in your Children's University Passport for attending. Note limited places are available and registration is essential.

### UPCOMING EVENTS WEST COAST

#### August 2023

The University is excited to announce that Young Tassie Scientists will be coming to West Coast schools the week commencing 21st August 2023 and with

these events there will also be a possibility of additional activities for Children's University members to earn additional hours in their passports towards graduation. What a great way to learn about what scientists do and the fun careers they work in! Stay tuned for further details in the August edition of Western Echo newspaper.

#### September 2023

The University year is really ticking along and there are lots of great opportunities on the West Coast to engage in learning and education.

In conjunction with Study Hub West Coast, we will be hosting a Spring into Education – Careers Expo on 6 September 2023. The event will host West Coast schools in the morning session and adult learners and interested members of the community from mid-afternoon. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with local employers, industry, and talk to university staff about educational pathways towards a new career or simply just find your passion.

There will be lots of fun activities for the school children attending in the morning with the UTAS MILE Truck on board with drones, robotics, fun sustainability activities and interactive learning opportunities.

#### October 2023

Excitement will be building in October towards the Children's University Graduations in November.

This will be the time to start counting those hours towards graduation, which is a special celebration of the children's achievements throughout the year. We are hoping for more West Coast graduates in 2023!





## Avebury Nickel Mine

## NICKEL NEWS

use in the very near future.

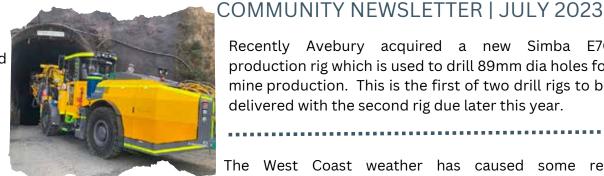
Gellibrand Street.



After several small shipments, our first bulk shipment was shipped from Burnie Port in early June.

This was a key milestone for our project.

The Penguin Arrow Vessel is making it's way overseas for export and is first of many exports to come!



Simba E7C **Production Drill Rig** 

Recently Avebury acquired a new Simba E7C production rig which is used to drill 89mm dia holes for mine production. This is the first of two drill rigs to be delivered with the second rig due later this year.

The West Coast weather has caused some real challenges in the construction of the new camp with our contractors doing a fantastic job working in all conditions to deliver accommodation facilities for our employees.

We now have approval to occupy 30 of our 40 rooms

with the remaining 10 due to be inspected and ready for

Currently our onsite contractor is demobilising, which

includes pulling down the perimeter fence around Main

and Gellibrand Street. We have also arranged a street

sweeper organised to help with the clean-up of

Lights, camera, action!!! In mid June, Avebury had the privilege of hosting a German filming crew (ARD) to do a story on the green mining boom in Australia.

The crew spent the day on-site filming and interviewing some of our superstars and what green mining and the industry means to them.

The crew also spent time in the community and the premier Zeehan Bulldogs Mini League team were more than happy to participate.

Mitchell Fisher is one of Avebury's Core Technicians and also the Coach of the Bulldogs team. It was great to see the children enjoy themselves in front of the camera whilst training.

The story is set to go live in August!

Last week ten students from the AusIMM Tasmanian Student Chapter in Hobart visited the West Coast and several mines including Avebury.

The students are currently studying either civil engineering, geology or mechanical engineering.

The tour consisted of both underground and surface led by staff members Craig Holt, Josh Denholm & Mat Bourke.

We wish the students all the very best with their study and future careers.





Works in the new carpark are continuing over the next couple of weeks which will include kerbing landscaping works.

Avebury would like to thank all of our contractors for their efforts, working mostly in rain to get the accommodation to the stage it is presently, it definitely has been a challenge with incorporating old infrastructure with new.

We have engaged local community groups including the Zeehan Men's Shed and the First Queenstown Scout group to assist us with the planting of 1500 plants which will take place in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you to the public for their patience, it has been a long drawn-out process which we are bringing to an end this year. Asphalting and perimeter kerbing works around the property still need to occur, when the weather improves.

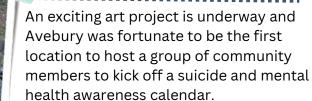




AusIMM Tasmanian Student

Chapter Visit

Zeehan Bulldogs Mini League & German TV Crew



This project is organised by the West Coast Suicide Prevention Network and the project's focus is 'community connection' as those who are more connected to their community are less likely to take their own lives.

The aim of the project is to paint local community members into different background locations across the region.

Images will be showcased at the Mental Health Awareness exhibit in October with the calendar being released in early December to support self care and mental health.







Queenstown Scout Group Members

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# TALES FROM THE ZEEHAN GENERAL (PIONEER) CEMETERY TWO SISTERS DIE IN HOUSE FIRE

Close to the car park at the Pioneer cemetery at Zeehan, is one of the oldest headstones in the whole cemetery, dating from December 1894. It remembers two little girls, Ethel Annie Phelps, aged five and a half, and her younger sister, Florence Maude aged three years and eleven months. They were killed when their family home

burnt down on Sunday, December 9, 1894.

Their parents had left the two little girls together in bed and awake about quarter to eight on that Sunday evening to attend a sacred concert in the Academy of Music, taking their eldest child with them. They left no fire or light of any kind in the house, and locked the door when they left.

About three-quarters of an hour after they had gone, Thomas Kestles, who lived in the nearest house to Phelps', noticed that the house was on fire. He rushed across and burst open the back door, and immediately the flames came out of the bedroom and drove him back. He saw the two children apparently asleep in the bed, but he could not get to them on account of the fire.

A crowd gathered, and after some time Sub-Inspector Paice and Constable C. Iles managed to recover the charred remains of the poor little girls which were placed in the morgue.

An inquest was held the next day before Coroner E.L. Hall and a jury of seven with the first witness being Alfred Griffith Phelps, father of the two girls. Interestingly neither the mother nor Sub-Inspector Paice were called to give evidence.

Alfred deposed they had put out the fire in the kitchen at 7 o'clock, and there was no other fire of any kind in or about the house. Florence always slept with her parents, and Ethel had gone to bed with her to look after her. He had said "Goodnight" to the children and put the candle out and left it on the kitchen table with a box of matches in the candlestick for their return after the concert. He was the last to leave the house.

The house had only two rooms, a kitchen and a bedroom divided by a wooden partition with a doorway

but no door, and a calico lean-to. The house was his own property, and not insured. The children were never afraid of being left in the dark, and they had often been left before in the house alone. He recognised the candlestick produced as the one he left on the kitchen table. He thought if the children had got up they would not

have gone back to bed again.

The next witness,
Thomas Kestles, stated
he was awakened by
shouting and then ran
across to the Phelps'
house, and burst the
back door in. He saw
a table close to the
kitchen door and pulled
it out, but could not get
in again. The bedroom
end of the building was
alight when he first saw
it, with flames coming

out of the window. The fire appeared to have started from that part of the house. He did not hear the candlestick tumble off the table when he pulled it out.

Constable C. Iles deposed that at about twenty minutes to 10 o'clock on Sunday night he went with Sub-Inspector Paice to Phelps' house, which was burning. He assisted in recovering the bodies. He found the candlestick produced the next morning, lying about five feet from the bedstead, and about 18 inches on the bedroom side of the partition. It was close to where a bedroom table had stood.

Following a summing up by the Coroner, when he reminded jurors that the candlestick which had been left on the table in the kitchen was found after the fire in the other room, the jury retired for a few minutes, and then returned a verdict that Ethel and Florence Phelps had met their end by getting out of bed and lighting the candle, which by some means had set fire to the house. They added "that they wished to remind the public that they considered it imprudent of parents to leave young children locked up in a house where matches can be obtained."

Their funeral of the two girls was held at 5 p.m. on the following Tuesday.

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

#### **Gaiety Theatre 125th Anniversary**

This October will be the 125th Anniversary of the Gaiety Theatre in Zeehan and it needs celebrating.

I just happen to have a copy of the stageplay script from the first show performed on the stage there. It is a comedy called Doctor Bill and I am calling for interested persons that might like to re-play it on the Gaiety stage once again in October. I am also considering setting up a West Coast Theatre group that could have regular performances on the stage.

Please let me know if you would be keen on being part of either (or both) of these ventures. Alan Jennison/Editor Western Echo



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#### **ROSEBERY MINE**

## **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - JULY 2023**

#### Visioning Workshop a huge success

The future of the Rosebery operation remains very positive; however, it is important we plan for a post-mining future.

MMG Rosebery in conjunction with the University of Queensland held its inaugural Visioning Workshop, in Rosebery in June.

The workshop was designed to identify a shared vision for a post-mining future for Rosebery and understand stakeholders' preferred approaches to engagement and what they believe will support Rosebery to be an active and sustainable community beyond the life of the mine.

Community members and stakeholders from across the west coast gathered to better understand the life of the mine process, learn about the response of Queenstown to a post-mining environment and explore the assets of the community based on five pillars: Capital; Natural, Economic, Human, Social

Thank you to all our community members for providing ideas and pathways to supporting and building a more sustainable community for the future, which can be built during the life of the mine.









#### Geology and Mining Roadshow in Zeehan

Last month, MMG Rosebery's Laura Moore, Manager of Surface Operations, participated in a panel at the Geology and Mining Roadshow in Zeehan. Laura discussed the efforts being made at MMG Rosebery to continually improve our environmental impact and sustainability.

Laura also outlined how MMG Rosebery plans to improve engagement with the community and promote local employment opportunities and pathways into the mining industry through partnerships with local employment agencies, schools and education facilities.

University of Tasmania student, Vinicious da Cruz presented his PhD research paper on complex ore bodies of the southern Rosebery mine and their potential for photovoltaic critical elements. With the West Coast of Tasmania being an internationally recognised diverse mineral area, MMG Rosebery is committed to supporting research and learning to better understand the accessibility of these critical minerals which are so important to the global decarbonisation effort.

#### Sponsorship and funding

Congratulations to our round one sponsorship recipients!

The Rosebery Community Consultative Committee (RCCC) met in May to assess round one of our sponsorship applications. Assessments are made against MMG's Values and are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and their impact on our local community.

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsorship</u>
Charles Woolley Memorial Fishing Comp	Community Event – General Sponsorship Tullah Progress Association	\$5,000.00
Rosebery Toorak Football Club	General Sponsorship - Rosebery	\$20,000.00
Burnie Surf Life Saving Club	Bronze Sponsorship – Nipper Boards - Burnie	\$1,000.00
Rosebery Golf Open	General Event Sponsorship - Rosebery	\$6,000.00
Zeehan Community Pantry	General Sponsorship - Zeehan	\$3,000.00
Wynyard Tulip Festival	Festival Hero - Wynyard	\$2,500.00
Zeehan Park Run	Partial Establishment Costs - Zeehan	\$2,000.00
Rosebery Athletics Carnival	General Event Sponsorship - Rosebery	\$8,000.00
Silver Trails Mower	Purchase of Mower - Zeehan	\$4249.00
Queenstown Crows Football Club	Cover insurance costs Season 2023 - Queenstown	\$2800.00
Neighbourhood House Conference 2023	Sponsorship of Speakers and Community Tickets – held in Rosebery	\$15,000.00
	TOTAL	56,049.00

#### Better together through dialogue training

In late June, community members and the MMG Rosebery team worked together to explore and develop a framework of communication for our community.

The training provided us with a shared language and understanding to ensure we communicate more clearly and better understand how to be empowered in achieving a common and community driven voice in our decision making and within the work we undertake.

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#### Welcome to St Joseph's, Queenstown Echo!

In 2023 we are blessed to have five classes: Kindergarten, Prep, Grade 1/2, Grade 3/4, and Grade 5/6. Our intimate class sizes allow every student to learn in a supportive, inclusive way so they can successfully access many opportunities. Every moment we strive to be courteous and considerate through our acts of kindness.

#### Wearing it Yellow

As part of the Reconciliation Week, students choose something yellow for the 'Wear it Yellow' for Children's Ground fundraiser. A fundraiser to help First Nations children achieve. In addition, staff lead activities to help students reflect on the themes for



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#### Ready, Set, Go!

Radio Ga Ga!

team from 7XS!

The sun shone brightly as our runners lined up to start our annual Cross Country between our sports houses of Flynn, Roche and Rogers. Without any doubt in sight, every student took on the track with all their might. In running and cheering, everyone gave their absolute best from start to finish.



All students, Prep to Year 6, went on an excursion to our local radio station to have a chat with Skirvo and the team about how the news and music is sent out over the airwaves. We would like to thank the

#### Mum's The Word

Last month, the special women in our lives were treated and pampered with a morning of activities organised by our school P&F and staff. We were very blessed to have so many mothers, grandmothers, aunties and big sisters take some time out to share breakfast, have their nails painted, photo taken and thoughtful gifts given. 'Thanks Mum!'



#### Keepin' The Beat

A visit from special guest musician, Jobe, shared with us his amazing musical talent of beatboxing. He taught us some cool ways to create a beat with our voices and then showed us how to mix all the sounds together using a mixer. This experience taught us that



Register now using the following QR code to receive information in the coming months regarding our upcoming Pre-Kinder program and enrolment process for 2024!





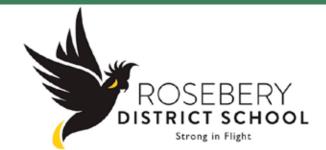




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This term some of the boys in Years 7-10 have participated in school football. We teamed up with Mountain Heights, so that we had enough boys to create a full team and we played other schools from the Northwest.

We played a total of 7 games, with three of those being home games. The rest of our games were played at the other Northwest schools. While we had long days with a lot of travel, we all had a great time and really enjoyed learning to play as a team with Mountain Heights.



On Thursday 06 July we held our Term 2 Sharing Assembly.

Students from all classes shared work that they have been doing across the term. We also gave out certificates for students who have demonstrated our values of Growth, Aspiration, Courage and Respect.

Congratulations to all students who participated and who were recognised.





On Tuesday the 4th of July we went to Zeehan for our second 3-6 Sports Day.

We got to see our friends from other West Coast schools.

We were also able to play cricket, softball, soccer and hockey. It was a lot of fun!

Written by Bailey, Year 5





On Wednesday 5th of July 5 students represented RDS in the RecLink Cricket Community series at the Devonport Recreation Centre. The team consisted of Madi Lello, Garry Reid, Anthony Reid, Chayse Hampton and Connor Doyle.

Game 1 against Devonport High School 7/8 team we won 57 to 8. The second game was 54 Parklands High School to Rosebery 16. The third game was 74 Mountain Heights Yr9/10 to Rosebery 24. We were in 4th place for our last game was against Devonport 9/10 and then finished 4th. Well done to Madi Lello who played in the boys team and was awarded runner up MVP for the day.





These are photos from when I was doing macro photography and I chose this one because the colours are really vibrant. I like the mountain photo because its a cool shot of the mountain." Riley, Year 9.















## MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS ECHO



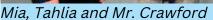
#### LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

Launching into Learning visited the Queenstown Fire Station this week. We had a look at the fire trucks and had lots of fun sitting in the fire trucks.

Launching into Learning (LiL) is a play-based learning program for children from birth to 5 years old. LiL is on every Monday morning from 9.00-10.30 am in the Kinder room at Mountain Heights School during school terms.

By Miss. Lohrey







Launching Into Learning at the Fire Station

Everyone has a story to tell; you just have to find your voice. The Writers' Guild provides a platform for young minds to express themselves. Each Friday, secondary students come together to explore storytelling through various mediums - their voice, art, and the written word.

At the heart of each meeting lies a collaborative atmosphere, where guild Yes I do! I think the students here are really down to members support and inspire each other to grow as storytellers. We embrace imperfection and encourage experimentation, recognising that each guild member brings their own unique strengths to the table.

> I am confident that the Western Echo will receive a diverse range of entries from guild members as our collective confidence in story-sharing grows. As an educator, I have been thoroughly impressed by the calibre of stories and the delightfully unpredictable, yet endlessly engrossing ideas put forth in our meetings. I hope to see more of these impressive ideas come to life on paper soon... and now that that hope is in the paper, it might just guilt some of my storytellers into make regular submissions!

If you're a MHS Secondary student and interested in joining the Writers' Yes, but mostly like references books or books to learn Guild, feel free to have a chat with Miss Smith or send her an email.

By Miss. Smith

#### **CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT: CEMENT PAWS**

This morning, Ginger strolled down the street like he did every day. But today when he reached the second corner, he noticed something strange. The path looked different, its surface looked smoother and bright orange cones were placed around it. He took one step forward and leaped onto the path. It was a horrifying result; his paws were at least an inch deep in cement. It was at least five minutes before he waddled onto the road and started to head home, and just as he got to the front door, his cement paws got stuck to the concrete path.

By Jessika White, Grade 8

#### AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. CRAWFORD

Do you like being a teacher?

Yes, I find it really rewarding and I like to meet new people and help people discover new things.

Do you like this school?

earth and friendly.

What's your favourite subject to teach? I like to teach Technologies and STEM.

What do you enjoy most about your job? Connecting with people and sharing new knowledge.

Do you have any pets if you do how many? Yes, I do. I have 2 dogs, 4 chickens, 2 ducks and I have 5 canaries.

Do you read books?

things I don't read for the enjoyment of it.

By Mia Johnston and Tahlia MacCarthy, Grade 7

#### PREFECT REPORT

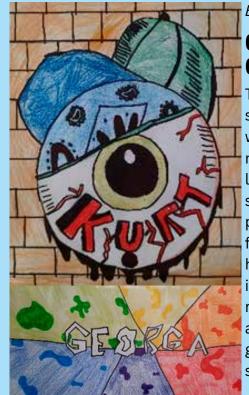
As we come to the end of the term we have been reflecting on Term 2.

In Week 9 we had a high school social planned. Due to low attendance for this event, we sadly had to postpone it.

For the end of Term 2 we have organised a Push Up Challenge to raise awareness for mental health. This event will be held on the 7th of July, this is the last day of Term

For this event we will be selling cookies in the canteen, and we also encourage all students to wear orange or black for a gold coin donation. All money raised for this day will be donated to the 'Push for Better Mental Health' organisation.

We look forward to planning and holding events next term! By Shelby Wedd, Maya Williscroft, Charlton Schultz and Aaliyah Harvey, Grade 10



Grade 4/5/5 Graffiti Art

## ZEEHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL





#### **SCHOOL OF ROCK**

We were treated to Don College's spectacular performance in Devonport, complete with backstage tour.



#### **CHESS CLUB & WCC COMPETITON**

ZPS Chess Club has been training hard for the upcoming competition in Strahan. We hope to repeat the success we had before!



#### **BRIXHIBITION**

Thanks to all students who participated in Brixhibition! Congratulations to Larson who took out top place at ZPS!



#### POTATO PANCAKES

Nurse Tom cooked up a treat the other day with potato pancakes, using produce from our own garden!



#### **WELLBEING WEEK**

Our whole-school camp at Camp Clayton was a wonderful way to celebrate our Wellbeing Week, along with a wealth of learning.



#### **WORKING BEE THANK YOU!**

Thank you to our families for supported our Working Bee! We also introduced the Zones of Regulation and enjoyed a BBQ supper!







#### **ZONES OF REGULATION**

We are implementing the Zones of Regulation as a whole-school social-emotional framework to support self-regulation of our students.



#### **BEACHCOMBING**

We found lots of treasures and interesting things on our walk along Turner's Beach in Ulverstone in Wellbeing Week.



#### **KP—SYMMETRY**

We have explored symmetry by creating symmetrical butterflies and making mirror images of objects.



#### 123—PARTS OF PLANTS

In Science, our inquiry has been around plants. We created our own plants and the lifecycles to go with them.



#### LiL & PRE-KINDER

LiL and Pre-Kinder finished Term 2 with a PJ Party & morning tea!
Miss Bonner & Mrs. Hodge will be back from Week 2 in Term 3!



#### 456—READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge has commenced at ZPS! Reading is also one of our School Improvement Plan priorities for 2023!













## Strahan Primary School Echo

#### Term 2: Weeks 5-11

#### Chess

The 2nd West Coast Chess Tournament was hosted on Friday the 30th of June at our school. Well done to Strahan Blue players who walked away with the win.



#### Jump Rope for Heart



class had their own little routine. The K/P/Is and 2/3/4s did the big ropes and it was really fun to watch their skills. The 5/6 had their own little routines in groups with long and short ropes. Our school helped raise funds for the Heart Foundation.





#### Maths Olympiad

Students in Grades 4-6 Compete in Maths Olympiad. Can you solve one of the latest problems?

Jimmy's pencil is  $\frac{3}{7}$  of the length of a new pencil. A new pencil is 8cm longer than Jimmy's pencil.

How long is Jimmy's pencil, in centimetres?

Hint: You could draw a diagram showing both pencils. How long would Jimmy's pencil be, compared to the new pencil?

#### Miss McDermott

On Tuesday 25th of June in the 5/6 class one of the students decided they would like to be a teacher, so with their class money they paid \$3 and did a lot of planning and did an art project with the class.









#### **North West Cross Country**

Recently 5 students from Strahan Primary represented the West Coast at the North West Cross County held in Ulverstone. The longest run one of them did



was 2.5 km. All of them ran a different race and they all enjoyed it. There were at least 100 people in each race!

The whole school is proud of the students for their aspiration.

#### 5/6 Camp

From Monday 29th of May to Friday 2nd of June the 5/6 class of Strahan ventured to Hobart for their camp. They visited Nelson Falls, Bounce; Hobart, Government House, Putters Adventure Golf, Parliament House, Hobart Aquatic Centre, Port Arthur, Tasman Arch, Devils Kitchen, Tasman Blowhole, Richmond Gaol, Old Hobart Town, Amaze, Sweets 'n' Treats and Zoodoo. Every student enjoyed the camp and can't wait for the next one.











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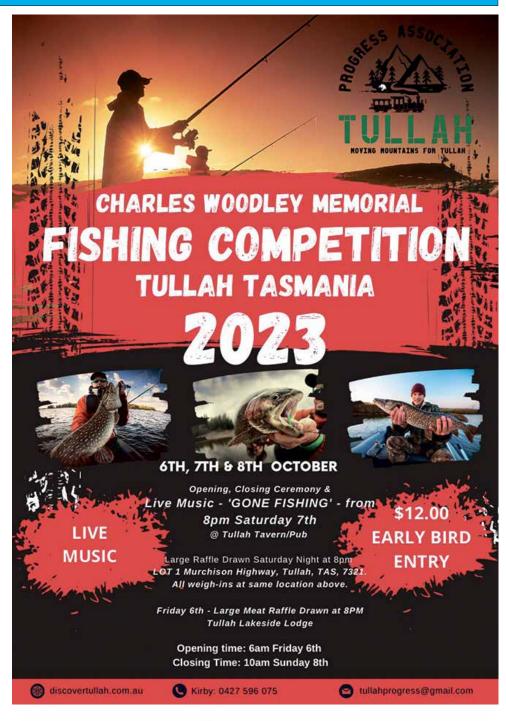














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You can still enrol for this year.





### Rosebery Eternal Life Church

I moved to Rosebery from Victoria, Australia last September. When I got here I immediately started looking for a church to attend, but the only church I knew of in town was the Catholic church and I am not Catholic.

So I decided to start my own meetings and put up some advertising in a few places in town, as well as doing a letterbox drop.

I ended up being contacted by a few people and I also met Pastor Noreen, who was running a small home group. I began attending her home group that she ran, and the people from that group, along with ones who had contacted me from my ads, started attending the group that I run on Fridays at 9:30 at the neighborhood

I also made contact with other Pastors in Tasmania and I have just recently officially become an ordained Pastor.

Rosebery Eternal Life Church is non-denominational because Jesus formed "the church" and not denominations. We are Bible based and Spirit filled, and that creates the framework for everything we

believe and do.

We welcome anyone who would like to come and learn more about Jesus and strengthen their relationship with Him and other believers. Relationship is what it's all about!

Pastor Noreen's meetings are Sunday at 2pm and the meetings I run are on Fridays at 9:30am at the Neighborhood House. As we grow we are hoping to find a church building to operate and bless our community from.

It is my hope that we can help people in our town and surrounding towns to have a place where they can come and people to talk to about issues and needs in their lives. We want to eventually have recreation days for kids to give them more options of things to do in town, and have social events, games nights, community outreach and just show love and support to the community.

For more information, people can contact me on 0466 011 913

God Bless!

Pastor Buck Buchanan



L-R (front) Pastor Buck Buchanan, Ralph. L-R (rear) Pastor Noreen, Shona, Simba and Rejoice who have recently moved to the area.



Are you an informal kinship carer providing care to a person under the age of 18 because their parent/s are unable to? We want to hear from you so we can understand your service and support needs.

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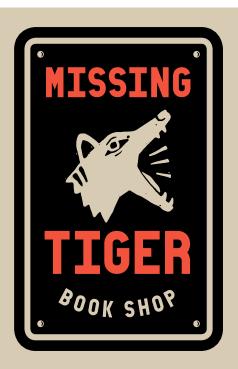
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Despite missing a majority of their team, the Sapphires played off against Panthers in a spectacular round last Wednesday.

A head to head, goal for goal first quarter, showing brilliant netball skills from shooters Claire Hales, Faith Coulson and Jessica Bonner - they were all met with strong defence, some angles and pretzel moves by Liz Youd & Heidi Armstrong making the game a quick play, back and forth up the court

The two teams battled it out but reining champs Panthers took out the win with magnificent efforts from their shooters, and their foot work - both teams leaving the crowd in awe at times because of shots played and sunk looking effortless.

A great game to watch, and exciting to umpire

Final score was Panthers defeating Sapphires 69-29

Aleisha Maskell





















### Crows flying high ahead of finals

The Queenstown Crows are flying in season 2023, with the latest results locking in both sides for finals. In the round twelve match up against Cuprona on the Gravel, the Crows proved to be way too strong for the Dogs, winning the Seniors by 187 points and the Reserves by 71 points. These results guarantee finals berths for both teams with the Seniors in first place and Reserves in fourth with four games to go.

In the Senior game it was the awesome efforts of Sam Newson who had a day out kicking 8 goals, Jack Bradshaw and Jackson O'Shea who both bagged 5 goals, Jack Nankivell and Darcy Crane who both ran rampant in the midfield, and the ruck work of Nathan Bellchambers who was dominant for all four quarters and shocked supporters in the can bar but kicking a late goal, his first in a long time.

In the Reserves game the midfield efforts of Aaron Brusch and Brady Ludbey who ensured the forwards got plenty of chances to put the score on the board, Xavier Coulson and Brandon Newson did their roles off half back and the form of youngster Jackson Crocker continued with him bagging a goal from outside 40. The Reserves are looking for a big finish to the season to try get that elusive top three spot which gives them a second chance.

The final four games of the season are Somerset (Away), Yolla (Home), Natone (Away) and Ridgley (Home) so get along and support the club as they strive to make grand finals for the third consecutive season.























## MEST COAST JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The future of footy on the West Coast is looking bright!

The West Coast Juniors competition has been a huge success in 2023, with passionate young footballers representing the Strahan Seals, Queenstown Crows, Rosebery Hawks and Zeehan Bulldogs.

The four clubs went online with registrations this year, with 109 players getting involved.





#### **Queenstown Crows Football Club congratulations**

Congratulations are in order for Xander Fruin, who made his senior debut at just fifteen years of age on the weekend in our win against Yeoman.

Xander has shown improvement throughout his first year of football for the Crows and was rewarded with a senior game! Well done Xander and we look forward to seeing you in the red, gold and blue colours for many years to come



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