



From fish to fireworks at Tullah



It was the last day for the Lake Rosebery and Lake Macintosh trout fishing season and, since 2015 these lakes have been the scene of a fishing competition to raise funds for MND. Saturday 27th May was the day and

over 90 fishermen, women and children gathered to try their luck pulling those elusive fish from the lake's waters. The competition (called 'The Stick'), is held in memory of Gary 'The Stig' Alexander who sadly passed away after

suffering Motor Nuerone Disease. It started with a few mates and has grown every year with more and more people joining in and helping. The weigh in for the comp is held in the afternoon at the Tullah Lakeside Lodge

and this year was won by Brett Tobin from Ulverstone (pictured above left) with his 1.68 kilogram rainbow trout. The youngest person competing was

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Harcourts West Coast An Award Winning Team!



Jenelle



Tracey



Penelope



Katherine



Vicki



Tyla



Jen



Rodney



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

Dear Editor,

My wife and I recently had the good fortune to once again have a lunch at the Cecil Hotel in Zeehan. We have eaten there on quite a few occasions as the quality of the asian focused meals is outstanding.

We think the food of chef Jenelle Bourke is some of the best, if not the best, in Tasmania. Even though our home is in Bridport we always go to the Cecil because of the food.

We hope that Jenelle can keep operating at the Cecil because it would be a great loss if this came to an end, not only for Zeehan but also the west coast.

As you will notice when you visit the Cecil renovation and maintenance costs would be such a burden on any owner and hospitality is a tough occupation on the west coast during winter.

I write this letter in good faith to see what support might be possible from local and state government and the west coast community. The heritage of the Cecil is also worth keeping. Maybe the West Coast Council may know of heritage funding.

If you have ideas maybe you and your contacts and friends could visit the Cecil as a group. Do yourself a favour and order some food and pass on your ideas to Jenelle at the Cecil Hotel and also Alan Jennison at the Western Echo.

Best Regards

**Willy and Sharon Richards
Bridport'**

DEAR EDITOR

If its right as printed in the advocate, that all councils are shrinking, then WHY hasn't the WCC sent out a letter to rate payers explaining their plans for said amalgamation and WHO are we amalgamating with?

Council is voted in by the rate payers so why don't the RATE PAYERS have the right to be informed?

Very concerned resident

Dear Editor,

as a resident of Strahan I will be protesting the sale of our iconic Union Steamship Company building.

I ask all west coasters and historians to be outside the union steam ship building on the esplanade Strahan if you wish to retain this amazing building.

If we dont stand up and save this piece of history from a private sale we stand no chance of keeping our history alive and well in other towns.

Please be there if you can at 1pm on the esplanade or send emails and replies to the West Coast Council General Manager.

Consultation time is running out.

Save our heritage building from privatisation...

Written and authorised by me, Liz Hamer as a resident of Strahan.

**I am not representing any organisation
I act as a resident of my community**

This from the West Coast Council on social media 6/6/23

The recent Expression of Interest period for the Union Steamship Building generated two submissions. Both submissions proposed restoration and development to support commercial, part public, and residential use. Council assessed both expressions of interest and met with both proponents. Following a Council Meeting, Council determined a preferred proponent and will now commence negotiations with that proponent. The proposal involves the sale of the Union Steamship Building to the proponent and development of the building with a partial public space. Following negotiations, the final proposal will be provided publicly and Council will consider terms and conditions of the arrangement.



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The West Coast Council is seeking feedback on converting Harold Street, Strahan into a one-way street.

Due to the current road design, which is narrow and steep, and the increase in use by heavy trucks, Council is looking to improve public safety.

Feedback and questions should be submitted to: communityconsultation@westcoast.tas.gov.au or sent via mail to West Coast Council, PO Box 63 Queenstown Tas 7467 and marked "Harold Street, Strahan". This community consultation period will be open from Monday 5 June 2023 and will close 5pm Friday 14 July 2023.

Proposed changes can be viewed on Councils website;
<https://www.westcoast.tas.gov.au/.../harold-street...>

'Bay of Fires' screening a sellout

Tickets sold out in just a few days but how exciting is this?! West Coast Heritage Limited in association with Marta Dusseldorp & Archipelago Productions are ecstatic 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. The screening event will include a complimentary drink, light supper, and of course the opportunity to see the first two episodes of Bay of Fires pre-release!

Sorry but tickets are sold out for this screening



BAY OF FIRES

Come to celebrate our Bay of Fires screening this July 8th!

Filmed in Zeehan, the Gaiety Theatre itself, and the wider West Coast!

Bay of Fires, tells the story of Stella (Marta Dusseldorp), who is unexpectedly dropped into a small community with her children. It is the kind of place that's rife with simmering feuds, crime and sometimes, murder.

Starring: Marta Dusseldorp, Stephen Curry, Pamela Rabe, Roz Hammond, Matt Nable, Yael Stone.

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West Coast NOT Waste Coast



There has been a lot of talk around the towns and on social media recently about the amount of rubbish to be seen on roads around the west coast and something needs to be done. One only has to take a drive to the outskirts of any town and see bottles, cans, take-away wrappers, and boxes as well as all kinds of larger materials along the roadsides.

This simply isn't good enough. We live in an amazing place, and whether the problem is caused by tourists, workers or locals it must be addressed.

But how? Organising volunteers to pick the rubbish up once in a while is great in the short term but it is only a drop in the ocean and does no good in the longer term.

Fines are a good deterrent but the persons throwing their litter out of the car window or dumping rubbish in the bush are hard to spot and even harder to catch in the act, let alone prosecute for the offence. Take a drive around Tasmania to some of the well known camping and rest stops and see for yourself just how much rubbish is out there.

Disposable nappies and toilet paper litter the bush and often find their way into our rivers and waterways.

Plastic containers of all shapes, size and description abound throughout our supposedly pristine environments. Wander down pretty much any stretch of river throughout the west coast and see the debris stuck in log jams.

Pulltop cans and plastic rings from the

necks of bottles are killing our wildlife.

Factors like wind, rain, and water systems allow waste to travel and reach great distances.

Is this what we want?

What are we doing to the Tasmania that we love and share with the world? Have we no pride or are we just too apathetic to care?

Is this how we, as a race wish to be remembered?

A recent study found a glass bottle takes about a million years to breakdown, plastic shopping bags can take up to 20 years, and a single cigarette butt can be around for five years. The Australian government spends about \$300-350 million every year to solve the littering problem in the country. That huge sum of money goes to waste on a problem that would have never existed if people threw their rubbish away properly.

Littered rubbish affects the people, animals, and the environment outside of your vehicle.

Think twice before you mindlessly throw that foam takeout container or drink can outside your car.

How hard is it to keep a rubbish bag in the car and place your trash in there for proper disposal?

The sooner a bottle, can and drink container refund system is implement-



Just a small sample picked up on the road out of Zeehan recently in just a short space of time.

ed in this state, the better the roads, rivers and bush will look and survive. Tasmania's new container refund scheme will be known as Recycle Rewards when it launches later in 2023.

When the scheme starts, people will receive a 10-cent refund for returning eligible drink containers to designated refund points around the state, with opportunities to donate their refund to the charity or community group of their choice. The other important step is education, I know the schools are playing their part and that helps, but there are a lot of adults out there that are just too lazy to bin their rubbish and this must be

remedied. Maybe this would be a good slogan and sign to use around the West Coast? Let me know what you think.
Alan - Ed



The West Coast winter is here

Winter has hit the west coast and it's time to rethink the way we drive.

Icy roads and snow will soon be a regular occurrence on our roads and this means you must slow down and be aware of the road surface. Hit a patch of black ice at virtually any speed and you risk losing control of the vehicle completely, often with disastrous results.

The roads can stay icy for quite some

time in the mornings, especially where the road sides are overgrown and in the shade.

The other problem is water on the road, the saying 'If it's flooded, forget it' is a good one to remember and do not drive through unless you know it is safe, even if you have to walk through it to check. Stay safe everyone, we have no wish to lose any readers.



The Strahan to Zeehan road was partially blocked by water recently, photo with permission from Wayne Bradford

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UTAS reaching out to the West Coast

There has been a lot happening in the education and learning space across the West Coast these last few months!

WEST COAST MINING ROADSHOW

A large group heard from University of Tasmania (UTAS) PhD research students who are working on leading research into the abundance of mineral deposits on the West Coast of Tasmania. These research projects are a collaboration with industry partners on the West Coast and will contribute towards a sustainable and renewable energy future for Tasmanians. Local mining experts and on-ground specialists also gave a talk about geology and the future of mining.

UTAS, in conjunction with West Coast Heritage and the Study Hub West Coast ran the event at the Gaiety Theatre, Zeehan on 7th June. Students were keen to showcase not only their research into the amazing critical elements which are highly sought on the West Coast but also to share their passion for geology with West Coast industry, business, students, interested residents and those with a passion for geology and the history of the West Coast.

WEST COAST HERITAGE OPEN DAYS – 19TH AND 20TH JULY - SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

West Coast Heritage Museum is opening its doors for FREE entry on 19th and 20th July for adults, children, and families to come along and enjoy the wonderful history of the West Coast and learn about its amazing geological history.

Museum guided tours will have you fascinated and keen to know more. Learn about how a blacksmith forges metal and be part of fun activities such as a scavenger

hunt around the museum. The University of Tasmania is partnering with West Coast Heritage to provide additional learning and educational activities over the two days. Children's University members can receive 3 hours in their learning passports towards graduation later this year.

Further details will be released across the State via Facebook and other media in the coming weeks – STAY TUNED!

REGIONAL PATHWAYS PROGRAM HITTING THE MARK!

The West Coast STEPs program continues to provide positive outcomes for West Coasters seeking to discover more about work and learning opportunities across industries in the region.

The Regional Learning Pathways West Coast program hosted an Effective Communication Skills Workshop in Queenstown on 30th May 2023. The workshop was open to anyone wishing to complete the Effective Communications Skills Short Course (10 hours) offered by the University of Tasmania (FREE for Regional Learning Pathways Participants!). A group of 10 fabulous people from across the region spent the day involved in activities and learning about communication, whilst discovering new techniques and strategies for understanding the diverse types of communication and building confidence along the way. Melissa Finnen, Teaching Fellow, and Academic Coach from the University of Tasmania, imparted her wonderful wealth of knowledge for this keen group of participants. Our thanks go to Melissa for her enthusiasm and passion in delivering this workshop!

It's not too late to be involved in the FREE Regional Learning program – for

further information email: christine.gray@utas.edu.au

Sessions on work and learning opportunities across the West Coast will be held throughout the year, including at the Study Hub West Coast in Zeehan on Thursday 8th June 2023 (drop in between 9.30am and 11am). Come in and meet University of Tasmania Project Officer Christine Gray and find out more about the program.

Further session details are yet to be finalised but are proposed for the following dates:

Wednesday 14 June, Wednesday 21st June, Tuesday 27 June and Wednesday 28th June.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS ON THE WEST COAST

UTAS continues its work supporting students on the West Coast. Earlier this year, as part of this program, UTAS held a student support workshop in Zeehan focussing on

student services provided by the university. These include university counselling, study tools to help students achieve success, finessing academic integrity skills and improving library research skills to ace those assignments.

A subsequent support day for interested UTAS students is proposed for the West Park Campus in Burnie on Monday 24 July. Students can meet like-minded peers, senior and/or PhD students working in their discipline areas and University academics to help build understanding of the opportunities provided by their degrees and how learning can assist in the context of various backgrounds and circumstances. This will be an interactive day and provides a great student networking opportunity with UTAS student ambassadors.

For further information contact belinda.martin@utas.edu.au



Students, lecturers and guests at the recent West Coast Mining Roadshow

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Penghana named among the 'Best of the Best' by TripAdvisor



Penghana Bed and Breakfast, located in Queenstown in Tasmania's western wilds, has been named among the 'best of the best' tourism experiences by global travel site TripAdvisor.

Penghana was listed eighth in a list of the 25 best of the best Bed and Breakfasts and Inns in Australia.

The historic mansion, built as a residence for the managers of the Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company in 1898, is owned by Tasmania's National Trust and leased for the purpose of running an accommodation business to proprietors Karen Nixon and Steven Berndt.

The couple, who have been operating Penghana Bed and Breakfast since moving to Tasmania eight years ago, are understandably delighted by the announcement.

"We have worked to position Penghana Bed & Breakfast to offer much more than just staying in a hosted B&B, but the unique opportunity to stay in a National Trust home with a great story to impart," said Ms Nixon.

"We've converted the Penghana Bed & Breakfast to be suitable for family/friends privately hosted getaways, a

venue ideal for small conferences, launches, AGM's, workshops, weddings, high teas and more."

Tripadvisor award Travellers' Choice Best of the Best status to hotels with a high volume of above-and-beyond reviews and opinions from guests over a 12-month period. Each winner has passed rigorous trust and safety standards. Fewer than 1% of TripAdvisor's 8 million listings are awarded Best of the Best, signifying the highest level of excellence in hospitality.

Karen and Steve continue work closely with National Trust Tasmania to ensure that Penghana is not only preserved for future generations but restored in a way that offers guests a unique experience of the elegance and style of her past.

"Penghana is a grand old lady of 125 years, and we never get sick of sharing her story and sending our guests home with memories far exceeding their expectations."

Judging by the reviews on TripAdvisor and other platforms, and by the latest accolade, those efforts are paying dividends.

Free parking around the towns

From June 1 to August 31, 2023 Council will turn off the two voucher parking machines located in Queenstown (Miners Siding) and Strahan Carpark (Esplanade, adjacent to the slipway). Free parking will be offered for this three-month period.

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Volunteers supporting volunteers

On Tuesday the 23rd of May 2023, Colin Angel, President of the Lion's Club of Rosebery presented a donation to Ashley Scherger the Unit Manager of the Rosebery State Emergency Service (SES). This will allow the SES to purchase the unit's yearly subscription to the Broadcast, Alert, Respond and Turnout (BART) system.

The system is used daily by the SES to inform members of news and more importantly, manage alerts so members can respond to calls when emergency calls come in.

President Colin Angel said that the Lion's Club respected the work that the SES conducted on behalf of the com-

munity in a volunteer capacity and was more than happy to help the unit with its communications requirements.

Unit Manager Ashley Scherger (pictured on left below), thanked the Lions for being an integral part of the volunteer network in Rosebery and in particular his three years as Rosebery's Unit Manager. The relationship between the two volunteer organisations has never been stronger as they plan future events for the community of Rosebery.

On a side note: Ashley Scherger has recently just received recognition for fifteen years in service as a SES member and should be congratulated on his milestone.



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BUILDING A BETTER BRADDON

Opinion piece by Senator Anne Urquhart

I am proud to be part of a Federal Labor Government that is supporting Tasmanians with cost-of-living relief - while also laying the right foundations for our economy and country.

The Albanese Labor Government is delivering on the commitments that were made when we were elected just over a year ago.

Federal Labor is cutting the cost of health care and medicines, helping with power bills, making childcare cheaper and increasing income support payments.

We have strengthened Medicare so doctors will be able to provide free consultations to kids under 16, pensioners and concession card holders.

In Braddon, around 60 000 people will have better access to a doctor, with no out-of-pocket costs.

From September this year, patients will be able to get more of the medicine they need for less money and less hassle.

Instead of going to the chemist every month, many people with common, chronic illnesses will be able to get 2 months' worth of treatment, saving people up to \$180 a year.

The Albanese Government's Energy Price Relief Plan means thousands of households in Braddon will have up to \$500 deducted from their power bills in the next financial year.

Labor's Cheaper Child Care means that 96% of families with kids in childcare will be better off from 1 July this year.

And income support is being extended so that help is there for Australians when they need it.

The base rate of JobSeeker, Austudy, Youth Allowance and other working-age income support payments will be increased by \$40 per fortnight.

We are also spending responsibly. After years of growing debt and deficits the Budget is projected to record a \$4bn surplus this financial year, which would be the first surplus in 15 years.

It's clear that inflation remains the primary economic challenge because it drives interest rate rises, increases prices, and erodes real wages.

That's why the Budget is laying the foundations for growth by investing in industry, skills, technology, and people.

Australia's biggest opportunity for growth and prosperity is the global shift to clean energy.

The Budget allocates \$4 billion to deliver Australia's future as a renewable energy superpower, bringing the Federal Government's total investment to more than \$40 billion.

More Federal investment in clean energy means good, well-paid jobs for Tasmanians and a long-term boost to our economy.

To support these jobs and opportunities, \$3.7 billion is being invested in skills agreements with the states and territories. And 300,000 fee free TAFE places have been created to train Australians in critical and emerging sectors.

Anthony Albanese promised to roll up his sleeves and get things done. You have his commitment, and mine - we will work hard every day to Build a Better Braddon.

The future of local government forums

The West Coast Council will be holding a series of community forums around the West Coast to discuss with members of the public the scenarios and potential amalgamation that have been identified for the West Coast as part of The Future of Local Government Review.

These sessions have been provided to the West Coast community so that discussion on matters relating to The Future of Local Government Review can be raised directly with your Councillors.

The Local Government Board believes Tasmania needs to make some big changes to how our local councils work so that they can support what our communities need in the future. The Review is to recommend a new design for local government in Tasmania, that allows all councils to develop and maintain the capability that communities need, while delivering services locally, keeping jobs in local communities, and ensuring that all Tasmanians have a strong voice in decisions being made on their behalf.

Your voice is valued, and the views of communities will be important to the directions and findings of the Review, for the future West Coast community.

WE WANT YOU TO HAVE YOUR SAY.

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- TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2023**
STRAHAN GOLF CLUB
HEREDITH STREET, STRAHAN
- WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2023**
STUDY HUB WEST COAST
FREDRICK STREET, ZEEHAN
- THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2023**
TULLAH HALL (MEETING ROOM)
FARRELL STREET, TULLAH
- MONDAY 19 JUNE 2023**
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Keep in touch with the latest news and information.



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Frosty reception at Zeehan Primary School

On Wednesday the 24th of May Zeehan Primary School held the Big Freeze to help raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease.

Back in term one our Student Representative Council raised that they would like to hold the Big Freeze in support of MND.

We quickly gathered all the information and sent out an email to everyone we could possibly think of asking if they would like to participate in our event. Soon enough we had emails from all of our staff along with representative from Bluestone Mine, Avebury Nickle Mine and our Deputy Mayor.

We began organising our event and set up our online page. Once we shared that page, we made our goal in under 24 hours of being live, it was just mind blowing seeing the support straight away. This then led us to deciding to include 4 mystery people to continue to raise more funds.

We held a cake stall at school selling cupcakes, community members held raffles and pop-up shops. The support we received from our wider community was just so heart-warming.

The day came and it was better than we could expect.

We were lucky enough to receive donations of ice from the Heemskirk, Zeehan IGA and Rosebery Bakery. The atmosphere around the school and the community was like no other feeling.

The students were so excited and eager to see what everyone was dressing up as and who the mystery participants were. It was a spectacular day, with great community support. We would like to thank everyone who came along to our event and supported us, the business owners who closed their businesses and people taking time off work to come along and show their support.

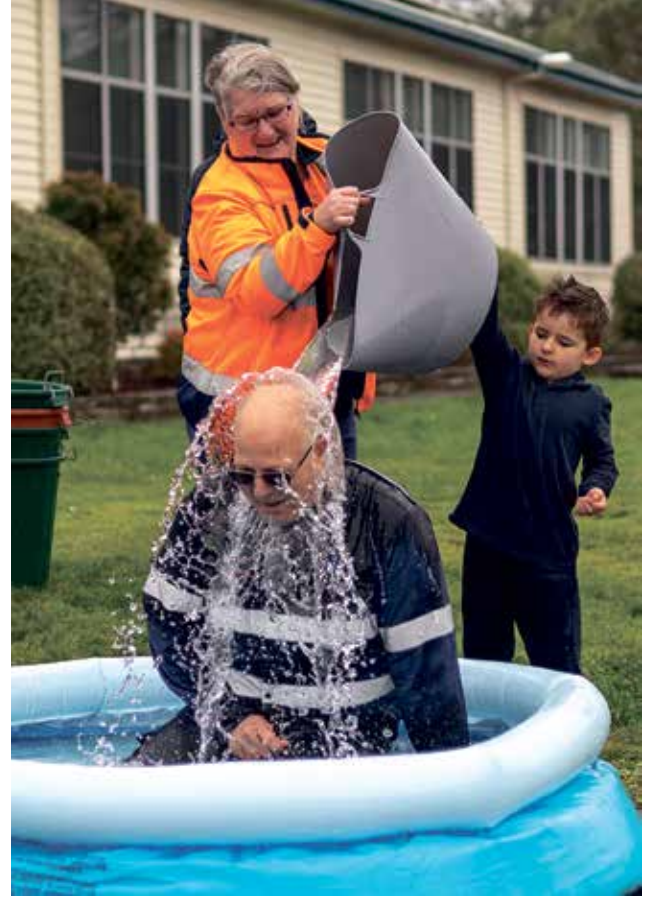
Thank you to Tannah, Zena, Teagan, Danny and Shane for coming along and providing our school with a BBQ lunch and to Mark and Matt from Bluestone for participating.

It is just remarkable having so much support from our mines within our community and their willingness to lend a hand. Having them involved within our school community opens up opportunity and sparks conversation for our students to see other members of the community from other workforces and providing them with opportunity to start conversations on what they do for work.

Thank you to Liz Youd (Avebury), Mitchell Fisher, Kayla Ling, Taneka Parker (GBE), Cameron Skirving, Lindsay Newman, Matt and Mark (Bluestone) and Robert Butterfield, without your willingness to brave the ice our event would not have been as successful as it was.

To all of our staff at Zeehan Primary who participated thank you. We truly appreciate every single one of you for putting your hand up, dressing up and braving the cold.

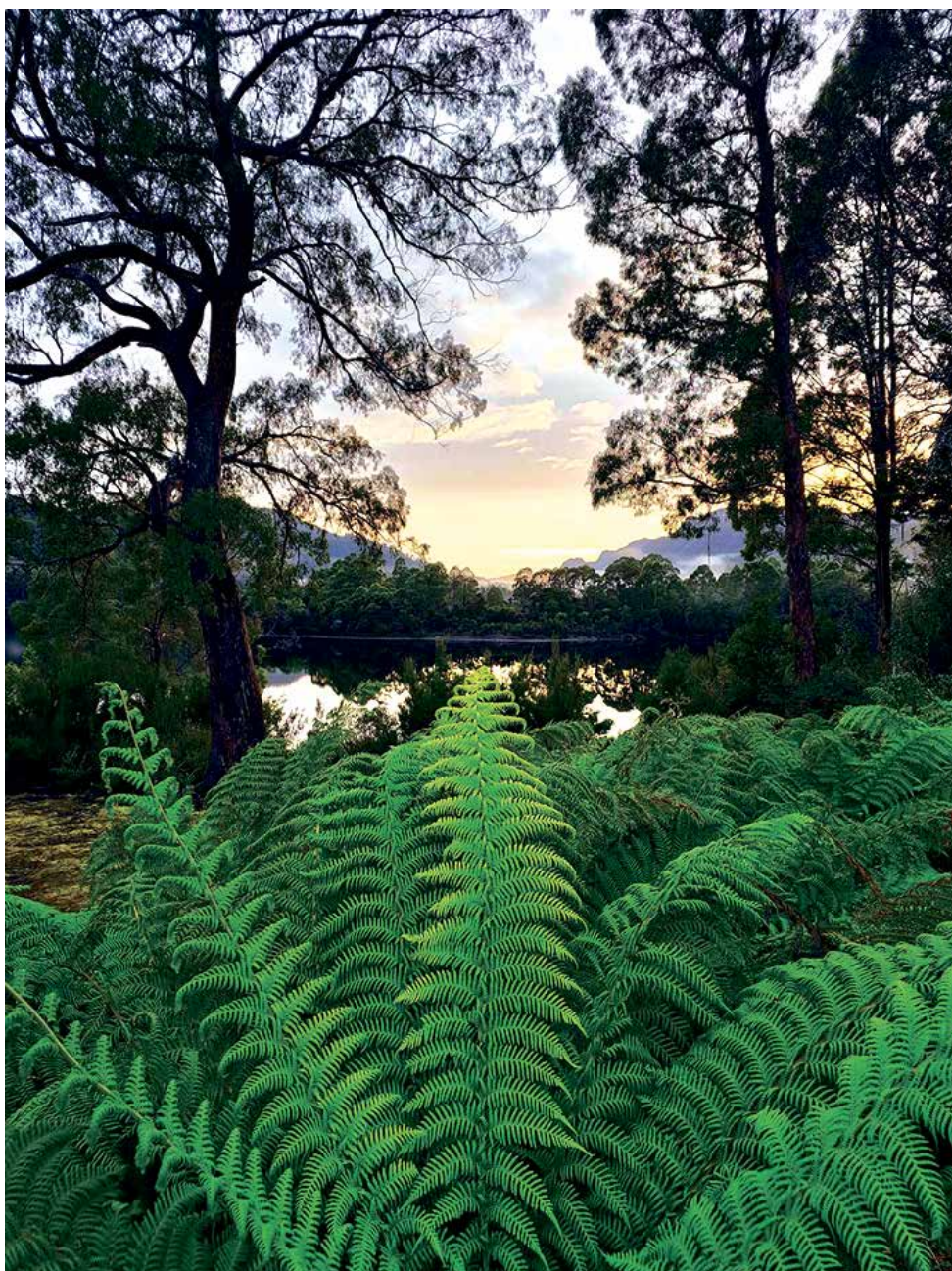
Lastly the biggest thank you is to all who donated. Seeing that final number come through was an overwhelming but joyful feeling. Our final tally was \$3,086.65 and we thank you all so much



From fish to fireworks at Tullah Continued from front page

Kacie Merrieman from Launceston, pictured below with her fish. The main fundraiser, a raffle is held straight after the weigh-in and there were dozens of prizes ranging from lures and fridges to a brand new Mercury outboard motor. Over \$14,000 was raised for MND and the organisers and competitors are to be congratulated on a job very well done. The evening traditionally sees the Tullah Lakeside Lodge putting on a great fireworks display as this is also cracker night, and this was no exception. It was a bit wet and some of the fireworks may have been a bit damp but it just meant the show went on for longer and was enjoyed all that much more. The night culminated in a show by musical artist Zac Weeks who soon had everyone up on the dance floor partying their hearts out. A great weekend and one to put in the diary for next year.

Photos and story by Alan Jennison



Q Bank artist in Residence

I caught up with the newest Q Bank artist in residence for a bit of a chat recently and although he had only been here a couple of days already had artwork on the gallery wall.

This is Sebastion Haquin and this is his story.

Alan: You've only been here a couple of days so where have you come from?

Sebastian: I grew up in Melbourne but my family is from Queenstown. My mum grew up here and I've still got an aunt who lives here. I have been living in Europe for the last nine years or so but it's good to be back in Tasmania. I came to Queenstown when I was 10 years old. but I have not been back since.

Alan: So it's changed a little bit?

Sebastian: There is certainly a lot more green on the hills, that's the main thing, how vivid and beautiful it looks now.

Alan: So what are your aims for the residency?

Sebastian: Right now, doing a little sketch of this place, sort of looking for bits and pieces from the surroundings that I can kind of weave into a bit of a narrative about the family story because like I said, my mom's from here. I mean, she left when she was 16 in 1976, but it's sort of played a crucial role in her life and I've been hearing stories about it since I was a little kid myself, right. I was born in the UK, and I heard stories about the cat bringing snakes and dropping them at the doorstep and you know, gold panning

in the river and all of these things that when you're growing up in England seemed pretty fantastical and wonderful.

Alan: So whereabouts in Europe, were you traveling around?

Sebastian: I'm living in the Netherlands. I've been there like I said for nine years now slowly building up sort of an art practice and meeting artists over there. A friend I went to high school with, a really good artist Josh, had a residency here, I saw him working in Queenstown and was like, hold on, that seems pretty interesting. So I sent him an email and told him a little bit about the family history and he pretty enthusiastically told me to apply so here I am.

Alan: So how long are you here for?

Sebastian: I'll be here till the end of the month, right. And presumably at some point in that time, I'll be doing a little kind of exhibition thing, open studio, hang the work up on the walls and stuff. So everyone's welcome to come down when that happens. Hopefully I'll be nice and productive and actually have something to show everybody. I hope I don't run out of materials before I before I run out of ideas because there's lots of pretty picturesque spots. The hill up there, all these nice old houses. I'm usually a pretty solitary creature when it comes to painting. So it'd be actually really good fun to go out with some other artists and do a little painting with somebody else.



History in the making for young scout

Bushwalking through the beautiful Tasmania wilderness, Cradle Mountain, Valentine Peak, Mount Murchison and Mount Dundas to Fraser creek hut are some of the destinations that Jackson Jones has experienced during his time in scouts.

Trying his hand at construction, building garden beds and designing and building a water wheel in the remote Fraser creek.

Spending many nights under canvas, camping with his unit at Trial, Granville, Lake Burbury and Macquarie Heads. During this time, actively participating, assisting and leading group activities.

He obtained his first aid certificate and participated in a leadership course sponsored by Rotary Club Tasmania.

Jackson has excelled and developed

exemplary leadership skills, admired by his scouting peers.

On Friday Jackson was rewarded the highest award in the scouting section.

The Australian Scout Medallion.

Jackson is the first recipient of this prestigious award for the West Coast District.

Through his time at the 1st Queenstown scout group, Jackson has contributed greatly. Leading by example.

He has a keen interest in the outdoors and engineering, which encourages his sense of independence.

On behalf of the 1st Queenstown scout group and the wider West Coast community, we would like to congratulate Jackson on receiving this award.

"If you believe in yourself, you can achieve anything"

1st Queenstown Scout Group



Boys wellbeing with Rosebery District School

Running for the second time through Rosebery District School, we held a successful 3 days Boys Wellbeing Program for years 7-10 that involved some amazing local male mentors.

Kicking things off was the photography competition with the wonderful Alan Jennison – photographer extraordinaire and editor of the Western Echo.

Thankyou very much to the gentleman participating in this year's program who generously donated their time and wisdom – Alan from Western Echo, Roscoe from MMG, Robyn from Jaylan Electrical, Jabben from West Coast Council, Skirvo from 7xs, Jobe

the Beatboxer and Clayton, our visiting UTAS academic.

Each year when we run this program we try to make it as well rounded as possible to incorporate a number of things – fun, interaction, wellbeing and education options with the hope that one student will learn something that they will carry through to adulthood. The boys engaged with all participating mentors really well and it warmed our hearts to see some of these fantastic interactions.

Thank you boys for joining in the program.

By Nicky Bolt - Zeehan Study Hub



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WARM YOUR HEART, STIR YOUR SOUL.

The Off Season is an open invitation to embrace the Tasmanian winter. Answer the call of the wild in the west and north west, or the call of culture in the south. Spark creativity in the north, or let loose on the east coast. Here are just a few suggestions to get you out there and into it, regardless of the temperature.

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Queenstown entrance needs spruce up

This is what greets you on the road heading into Queenstown from the North/ When was the last time this was cleaned up, how about a bit of paint and a legible sign? The idea is there (it is a mining town after all, but this is looking very ratty and uninviting.

It wouldn't take much to turn this into a more attractive entrance to the town so how about it? Is it Heritage? Main Roads? Council?



Madison's Curls fundraiser



We would like to thank all those that donated to the Madison's Curls fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House Charities Vic and Tas.

Madison had her curls cut on May 31st in Hobart.

We would like to let you know that she raised \$2506 for this wonderful charity. Thank you again to those who donated.

Veterans post

By Linton 'Harry' Harris

Sapper Peter Lawrence Penneyston

As alluded to last month, veterans residing on the West Coast have been working with the grade 10 HASS class from Mountain Heights School as they prepared an entry into the nationwide Anzac Day Schools' Awards. A big thank you goes out to Nicky from the Study Hub West Coast, the real driving force behind the entry, and Robert 'Bob' Cartledge, the resident artist at Q West Gallery in Queenstown. The theme of the competition this year is "Commemorating



Australia's Vietnam War Service. Bob is a veteran of the Vietnam War, joining as a 17yr old & deploying to Vietnam at 19yrs of age. More on Bob another time, as he has agreed to be a subject in an upcoming Veterans Post Article. As for the students at Mountain Heights High School, the visual display is now

installed at the Queenstown RSL Sub-Branch, so come on down and see it. Discover for yourself how these students have respectfully honoured those West Coast participants who either voluntarily enlisted or were conscripted for Vietnam.

As the students worked on the honour roll of 86 West Coasters, it was discovered that one man - Sapper Peter Lawrence Penneyston had several mentions including a garden dedication at the school and recognition of service within the Queenstown RSL Sub-Branch.

Peter served in Vietnam for 51 days before being killed in action on the 2nd of August 1970.

Research shows us that Sapper Peter Penneyston, was a carpenter and joiner prior to service in Vietnam.

Peter was a conscript to the Vietnam War; a highly controversial process by

which most 20 year old Australian men had to register for national service between 1965-1972. Names of potential conscripts were selected for service by a birthday ballot - numbered wooden marbles were drawn by lottery from a barrel. Each number matched a day of the year, hence the name "birthday ballot".

Once selected for service, it wasn't unusual for men with a trade or displayed skill to be sent to the Royal Corp of Engineers, as that corps was quite often charged with complex tasks requiring a skilled or problem-solving mindset.

Combat Engineers by the nature of their work, are also frontline soldiers, and did many and varied tasks often embedded within an Infantry unit. These men were, in addition to the basic tasks of an infantry private, also doing tasks such as dog handler, laying or clearing mine fields, disarmament of booby traps, use of explosives in a combat environment to name a few.

An often-venerated task, that a combat engineer may carry out, was

the clearance of enemy tunnel complexes.

Known as 'tunnel rats' this incredibly dangerous task, meant that soldiers would enter these underground enemy labyrinths with little more than a handgun and a torch, never knowing what may be around the next corner, be it a booby trap, an enemy soldier or another length of tunnel, with the same dangers potentially around the very next corner.

Sapper Peter Penneyston was one of these incredibly brave men, going in despite the dangers, dangers that had taken 33 of his engineer mates before him. Peter succumbed to a booby-trapped artillery shell, on the 2nd of August 1970, whilst in one of these tunnel complexes,

the second to last engineer to give his life, doing this task, in Vietnam going into the face of extreme danger, to do what he could for his mates.

Rest in peace, digger, your duty is done.

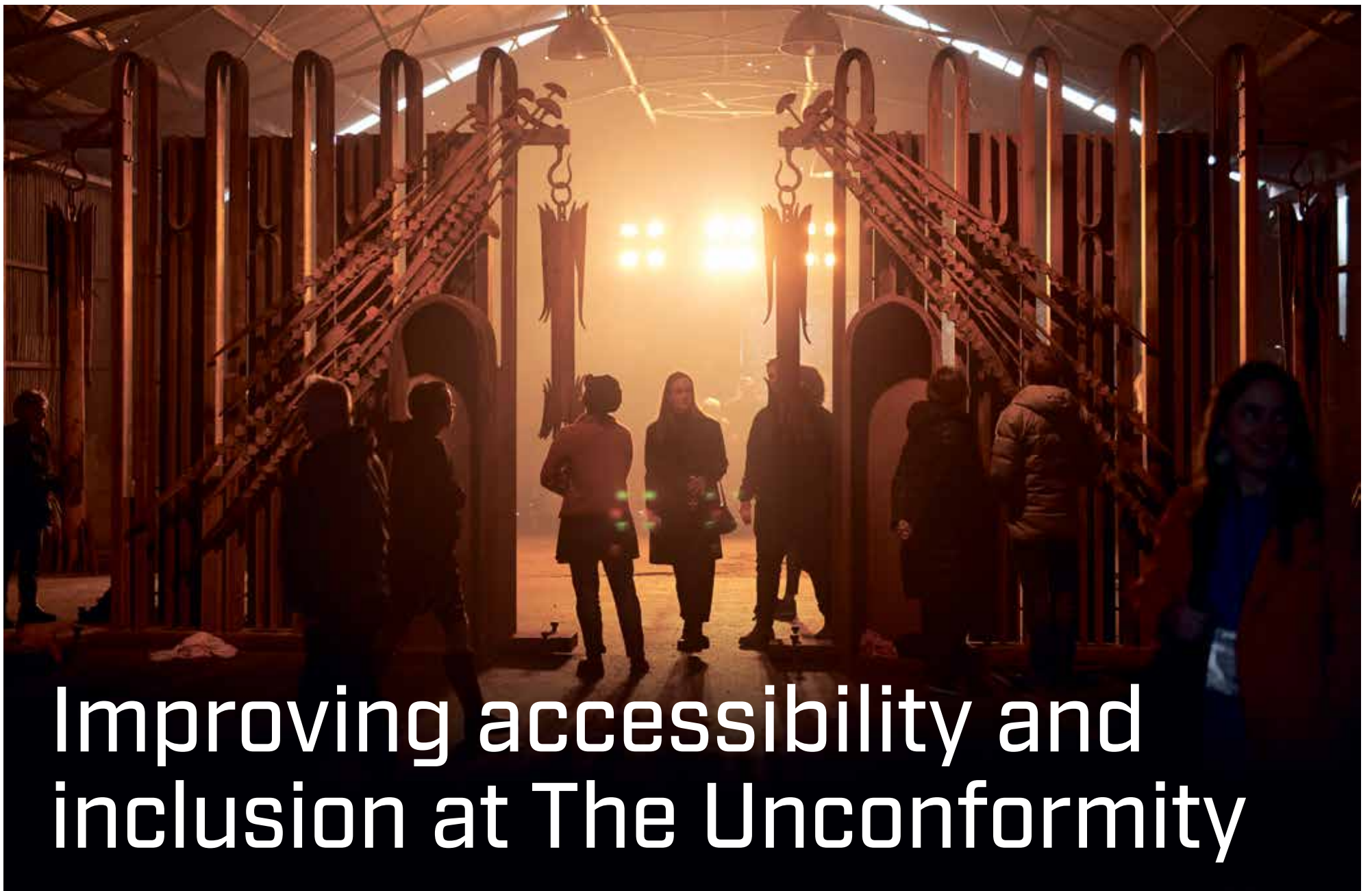


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Improving accessibility and inclusion at The Unconformity

Photo: *Collision* by Tasdance, photographed by Rémi Chauvin

The Unconformity is working with diversity, access and inclusion professional Morwenna Collett to develop an Access and Inclusion Action Plan. The plan will provide a roadmap to instilling accessibility and inclusion principles across all areas of The Unconformity with clear and measurable goals and actions.

The Unconformity strives to offer a festival which is inclusive for all members of the West Coast community, including people who identify as having disability. By undertaking a thorough review of the organisation and talking with artists, audiences, community members and staff, the organisation hopes to create a more inclusive and accessible environment for everyone who engages with The Unconformity.

Share your thoughts

To help The Unconformity understand its current strengths, areas for improvement

and further opportunities to tailor access solutions for those who engage with the organisation, input is sought from community members, audiences and artists via an online survey. Whether you have previously engaged with The Unconformity, or would like to but see barriers in doing so, your input into this process is valued.

The information collected through the survey, along with focus groups held earlier in 2023, will inform the goals, targets and outcomes of The Unconformity Access and Inclusion Action Plan.

The online survey will be open from Monday 5 June 2023 until Sunday 18 June 2023. By completing the survey, you can go in the draw for the chance to win one of two \$200 MasterCard gift vouchers.

To complete the survey, or learn more about the Access and Inclusion Action Plan, visit: theunconformity.com.au/access

If you would like to complete the survey in paper form, you can do so by visiting The Unconformity Hall at 35 Cutten Street, Queenstown, between 10am–1pm and 2pm–4pm, Tuesday to Friday. ■

West Coast Cultural Strategy update

The West Coast Cultural Strategy will soon be finalised, following an online survey and a second round of public consultation in May 2023.

West Coast people were invited to participate in a wide-ranging series of workshop sessions from 22–26 May 2023. Across the week, more than 100 attendees from around the West Coast participated in the workshops. The sessions provided an opportunity to develop strategies and actions for arts and culture to support a connected and inclusive West Coast community.

The discussions at these sessions will inform key focus areas of the strategy such as emerging artist support, film, cultural tourism and volunteerism.

The strategy will be available to the public in July 2023 via the West Coast Council website. ■

Register now for The Unconformity Art Trail

Registrations close on Monday 3 July 2023 for West Coast-based artists and venue owners interested in participating in The Unconformity Art Trail.

The Art Trail presents a wide range of artworks by local artists in unique venues throughout Queenstown. Art Trail venues will be promoted through a dedicated flyer and participating businesses see significant foot traffic through their premises.

Drop in sessions with Art Trail Coordinator Nicole Hutchins will be held at The Unconformity Hall from 11am–1pm each Thursday in June. Nicole can answer any questions that artists and venues may have about the project.

To learn more about The Unconformity Art Trail and register your interest, visit: theunconformity.com.au/art-trail ■



The Pieman River Gumboot Tree
Photo: Stu Gibson



David Fitzpatrick's 2018 exhibition in The Unconformity Art Trail.
Photo: Kim Eijdenberg

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The Great Zeehan Bake Off
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When: Thursday 22nd of June 2023

Where: Somer House- Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre.



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CHANGE IN OPENING HOURS

Strahan & Zeehan General Practices

Please be aware that due to locum shortages we have had to change the opening days of our practices in both Strahan & Zeehan.

The new opening hours for the next 8 weeks will be as follows:

STRAHAN

Tuesday 9am – 5pm
Wednesday 9am – 5pm
Friday 9am – 5pm

ZEEHAN

Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm
Thursday – 9.00am -4.30pm

We sincerely apologise to all patients these changes will affect.

Please note that this is not a permanent change, normal operating hours will be back in places from July 1st.



ROSEBERY MINE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2023

AusIMM Students Meet Industry Night and Technical Talks

MMG Rosebery is investing in the future of mining through our sponsorship of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM), the peak body for people working in the resources sector.

As part of the sponsorship, staff from Rosebery recently attended University of Tasmania chapter events which included Technical Talks and a Students Meet Industry Night in Hobart on 12 May.

Kevin Robinson, Senior Manager of Development, Don Macansh, Superintendent of Geology, Batbayar 'Baggy' Enkhbold, Project Geologist and Jill Richardson, Community Liaison Coordinator attended the event and met students and various industry representatives from across the State. Kevin provided a Technical Talk at the University and Don provided an entertaining and highly motivating 'my career in mining' keynote speech.

Students were invited to apply for MMG's graduate program and we look forward to welcoming them to site in Rosebery for both Mine Tours and our MMG Student Vacation Program.



Boys Week at Study Hub West Coast

Roscoe Sewell, Senior HR Business Advisor recently headed to Zeehan to work with the boys from the Rosebery District School, to explore careers in mining.

The Rosebery Mine has been at the heart of our community since 1936. It supports 500 employees and their families as well as boosting the economy of the West Coast.

Building a workforce of local employees is important to MMG Rosebery and we aim to continue to do so, by familiarising students with career pathways and opportunities in the industry.



Youth Week Bikes and BBQ Event

On Friday 12 May, the Neighbourhood House held a Youth Week Event at the Rosebery Skatepark. The event was supported by the Mt Black Men Shed with a BBQ for those in attendance.

It was a pleasure to work with these community groups and support them to ensure the children of Rosebery have access to amazing experiences. When our community pull together, everyone benefits.

Rosebery Community Consultative Committee First Meeting

Monday 8 May saw the first meeting of the Rosebery Community Consultative Committee (RCCC) at the MMG Rosebery Community Office.

12 community representatives came together to discuss the role of the group, nominate a Chairperson and evaluate the April sponsorship submissions. The RSL Ladies Auxiliary supplied a beautiful afternoon tea and there was enthusiasm in the group for how we can work together moving forward. Rosebery looks forward to our next meeting on 14 August 2023.

Please call Jill Richardson on 1800 767 664 if you would like more information or to be involved.



Visioning Workshop

On 19 June 2023, MMG Rosebery in conjunction with the University of Queensland will be holding a Visioning Workshop.

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

The workshop is designed to identify a shared vision for a post-mining future for Rosebery and understand stakeholders' preferred approaches to engagement.

If you are interested in participating and supporting Rosebery's transition to a post-mining future, please contact Chris Winskill, Community Relations Advisor – Projects on 03 6473 9372 or via email chris.winskill@mmg.com



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Amazing west coast paddle

Seasoned fishers and sailors have an intimate knowledge of the shoals and natural harbours of the West Coast between Port Davey and Macquarie Heads, however the inland plains and mountains of this area are rarely visited, because the country is trackless, the scrub incredibly dense, and because the full traverse of the coast requires carrying at least 3 weeks of supplies.

Nearly twenty years ago, John and I first visited the expanse of country that lies between Port Davey and Macquarie Harbour. After being dropped off near Bond Bay we visited the 1914 wreck of the *Svenor* [Photo] that has since succumbed to the surf, then Mt Hean and the DeWitt Range before turning inland to cross the Giblin and Davey Rivers to arrive at Lake Pedder. [Photo Gaffney & Low Rocky from DeWitt]

The coast, the plains and the light on that trip were just magic and it's always been on our list of places to visit again. Last December we paddled up the Gordon River and camped atop the Charles Range [Photo],

looking into the valleys of the Wanderer River and the plains around Moore's Lookout; another remote adventure that sounds simple but involved complex planning and hard work. [Photo Tent, Wanderer and Lawson Ra from Charles OR Moores LO]

Explorer TB Moore had cut his track from Macquarie Harbour to Port Davey in 1879, heading south and east toward the Lawson Range and then through a pass to the Giblin valley. The higher plains east of Moore's Lookout allowed him to avoid the deeper gorges of the Spero, Wanderer and Lewis River closer to the coast.

We knew The Wanderer and Spe-

size and we started planning.

We are experienced in paddling Tasmania's remote rivers and knew we'd need higher water levels for the upper reaches and to get over the inevitable log jams further down. Joined by my son David, we started in April for a three-week expedition starting from Melaleuca, paddling north up Port Davey then over Castle Hill into the

ary by the opposing outflowing river current and the fresh westerly wind will stay with me forever.

After visiting Low Rocky point, over the next 12 days we made our way north, over beaches, coastal lawns, boulders, and dangerous difficult gulches, passing High Rocky point to reach the Wanderer River, which we paddled upstream before crossing a remarkable



David looking out to sea from the Mouth of the Lewis River

ro had been paddled but what of the Lewis? Surely no one had paddled that from its source – it would take at least a week to even get there. In Moore's day it had been called Rocky Point River for its exit just north of Low Rocky Point. It looked a reasonable

Giblin River before traversing the Lawson Range to the upper Lewis.

After good weather for the initial paddle, we endured squall after squall with sideways rain for the first week until we finally stood in the headwaters of the Lewis. The river began with a mix of pretty gorges and cold shaded rainforest. As it descended and widened

scalloped plateau [photo] to the Spero which we followed back to the coast. Finally after 23 days we arrived at Cape Sorell Lighthouse, before paddling across Hell's Gates to conclude our planned route, tired, thinner but amazed by one of the most amazing wild areas on the planet.



Near Cypress Creek



John Near the Giblins Mouth into Nye Bay

it gave way to drier forests and plains.

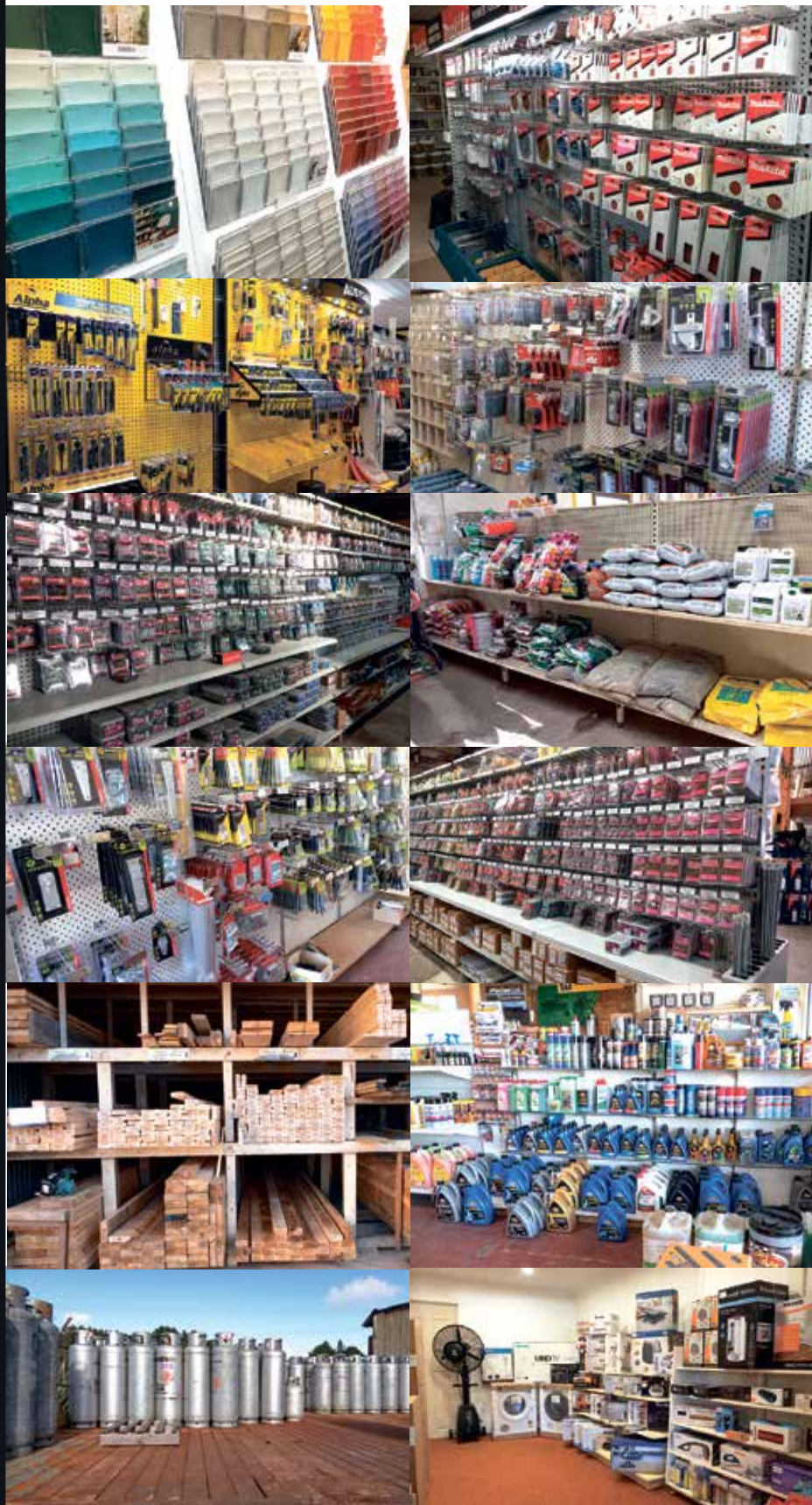
After 2 days we paddled under the skeleton of a rusted iron bridge where the old bulldozer track to Low Rocky Point crosses the river. We had thought the river simply meandered to the coast from here in a widening tidal zone but in fact it a series of fun fast rapids that run nearly all the way to the sea before entering a bay protected by offshore rocks. The memory of bobbing around just inside the breaking surf in the colour of the late day sun, held station-



In blue is the April route: 396.13km (includes paddling and walking sections)

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Brace yourself, winter has arrived at the Study Hub

The days are shorter and it's getting dark much earlier but the Study Hub is full steam ahead!

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We are blessed to have a UTAS Regional Learning Officer onsite at the Study Hub to take care of UTAS student needs and our Regional University Centre staff are on-hand to provide academic and student wellbeing support for all post-secondary learners studying tertiary and VET qualifications through any education provider Australia wide.

What's news this month?

Well, this week students from Mountain Heights Year 10 HASS class completed their entry into the nationwide Anzac Day Schools' Awards competition. The theme for 2023 is Commemorating Australia's Vietnam War service which aligns with the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. It was a pretty good effort collectively and their completed submission "A Vietnam memorial" can now be viewed at the Queenstown RSL Sub Branch. The entry was composed of a number of things:

1. An interview with a wonderful Vietnam veteran from Queenstown
2. A PowerPoint presentation
3. A memorial dedicated to Vietnam Veterans

We met a wonderful Vietnam Vet from Queenstown called "Bob" who graciously agreed to speak with the students and give an interview that is focal to their submission. Harry, the Queenstown RSL President came the school and helped keep the students interested and on track with ideas. The

woodworking teacher and his class made a replica Long Tan Cross which is amazing and now stands pride of place at the Queenstown RSL.

Though we faced a number of challenges submitting this entry, I hope the students feel proud of their individual and group participation. We have got fingers and toes crossed that the Judges will appreciate the work that went into the submission! Good luck Year 10 HASS and thank you for joining in.

On a dark, gloomy night about two weeks ago, 11 dedicated teachers made their way to Zeehan Primary School for the Qwestacon "Engineering is Elementary" Professional Development STEM workshop. It was actually



Qwestacon Educators Alyce and Cam

really fun and the Qwestacon educators were engaging, interesting and very knowledgeable. Thanks so much to all the teachers that participated, you'll be happy to know that the West Coast had THE largest participation of teachers from workshops held all over Tasmania! Thanks also to Josh, ZPS Principal for hosting the event at the school – ahhhhh Power outages!

As always, thank you to our wider community for your continued support of the Study Hub. It's great to see such diversity of study here and to be alongside you to celebrate your achievements, graduations and employment outcomes. *By Nicky Bolt*



Year 10 HASS students with Mr Linton "Harry" Harris Queenstown RSL President and Mr Bob Cartledge, Vietnam Veteran

TASMANIAN ATHLETIC ENDURANCE RECORD SET AT THE GAIETY



In June 1919 Martin Dobrilla, a well-known Australian club swinger, set a new Tasmanian Club swinging record by swinging his clubs for 77 hours 10 minutes without rest of any kind inside the Gaiety Theatre. The previous record for Tasmania belonged to Tom Burrows, who at the Hobart Town Hall in February, 1911, established a record of 76 hours 2 minutes. It was Dobrilla's 122nd attempt to set an endurance record by swinging clubs. His greatest club-swinging feat was 144 hours in Cobar, N.S.W., in September, 1913, which was a world record.

Club swinging (also known as Indian or Iranian Club swinging) was a popular form of exercise used to develop strength, involving a person swinging clubs around themselves in certain patterns. Dobrilla's clubs in this occasion weighed three pounds (1.36 kg) each.

At 5pm on Wednesday the fourth of June, Dobrilla commenced his attempt when Warden William Fisher gave the "go" signal. It is not known why the attempt was made on the West Coast of Tasmania in winter. The record attempt was set to end at 10:10pm on the next Saturday night. While Dobrilla was swinging the clubs various other activities such as roller skating, singing, and music from the Zeehan Band took place as a distraction. There were also numerous spectators at all times of the day and night.

During the whole period of the attempt various members of the community volunteered to remain with Dobrilla as witnesses and as company, while the Gaiety Theatre remained open continuously and admission to anyone wishing to see the performance was free.

Throughout the first night the cold began to cramp Dobrilla's feet, and artificial means were sought to alleviate the problem. Someone hit upon the idea of placing hot bricks under his feet to keep them warm. The night was bitterly cold, but Dobrilla soon found it was more comfortable off the bricks than on them. Another person suggested placing a bag filled with hot sand on the floor, and standing on that. This idea was more successful. A metal

foot-warmer filled with hot water was secured for the last night.

To help warm the air around the athlete, a large lamp was procured, and later on a large tin was secured, and holes were made in it so as to form it into a firepot, but when it was lit up its benefit was cancelled out by the smoke it made, and it too went the way of the hot bricks.

On the second night Dobrilla's hands began to feel the effects of the extreme cold prevailing, and he had much difficulty in keeping hold of his clubs, but he managed to keep going without mishap.

At 9:30pm on the Friday night Mr J. Duff actually shaved Dobrilla while he kept the clubs continually in motion without once drawing blood. Next he treated Dobrilla with a hot towel and brushed his hair.

When asked what nourishment he was taking, Dobrilla said he was being fed an ordinary diet, with the addition of a very liberal supply of chocolate, but drinking very little.

From midnight on Friday some members of the Silver City Minstrels, a local singing group, went along and enlivened proceedings with a concert consisting of both vocal and instrumental items, which was kept up till daylight on Saturday morning.

During the final afternoon free style roller skating was participated in by many people and later on The Minstrels again rendered several of their best items.

On the final evening Warden Fisher was again present on the Gaiety stage to witness the club swinger conclude his great feat. The athlete was still swinging the clubs beautifully, and performed a number of graceful and vigorous moves which were by no means common.

At 10.05 p.m. Warden Fisher called "Five minutes to go," and there was a rallying cheer for Dobrilla. At 10.09, the Warden said "Only another minute," and again there was a burst of cheering. Dobrilla went on till Mr Percy Marshall blew the whistle on time, and then there was a huge demonstration of enthusiasm. Dobrilla was cheered to the echo, and many men crowded round and shook him by the hand and congratulated him.

Warden Fisher stepped to the front of the stage and offered his congratulations. It was 77 hours and 10 minutes since he had started Dobrilla, and he had never stopped. He would swear to that, and besides there was the fact that members of the committee had remained with Dobrilla all the time. He then called for three cheers for Dobrilla, which were heartily given.

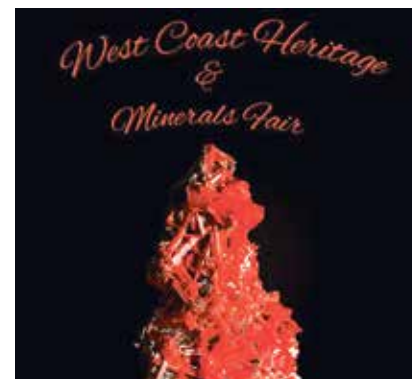
After the conclusion of his marathon performance, Dobrilla said he felt well other than a certain weakness about the ankles. Surely he must have been tired as well!

West Coast Heritage and Minerals Fair

After much consideration, West Coast Heritage Limited is excited to announce that we are renaming the "Zeehan Gem & Mineral Fair" to the "West Coast Heritage & Minerals Fair" to reflect the growth of the event and to include the entire West Coast Community.

The decision to change the name of the Zeehan Gem & Mineral Fair to the West Coast Heritage & Minerals Fair is a strategic move that reflects the growth and expansion of the event. The new name provides a more inclusive and accurate description of the fair's focus, which is not limited to Zeehan and its fantastic array of gem and mineral specimens but also encompasses the entire West Coast community's rich history and heritage. As a visitor to the West Coast Heritage & Minerals Fair, you can expect to learn about the area's mining industry and the people who lived and worked in the region.

In addition to the gem and mineral



specimens on display, visitors can enjoy a wide range of activities and attractions, including live music, amusement for children, and food and drink vendors. The West Coast Heritage & Minerals Fair is an excellent way to experience the culture and heritage of the West Coast Community while admiring the beauty of the region's natural resources and we are excited to see the fair continue to grow and reflect what an amazing region the West Coast is.

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

No Dams Exhibition free event

History that divided us...We understand there are two sides to a story and acknowledge not everyone was against the construction of the Gordon below Franklin dam.

The NO DAMS ruling handed down by the High Court of Australia on July 1, 1983 ended construction of the Franklin dam making the save the Franklin campaign one of the most significant and successful environmental campaigns in Australian history.

The ruling produced a positive outcome for the Wilderness Society's NO DAMS campaign, the ruling however, is to this day still the subject of controversy.

40 years on, the mighty Franklin still runs free. In commemoration, The Paragon Theatre in hand with the Wilderness Society and other local contributors, have curated an exhibition based on the timeline of the Franklin controversy.

You're invited to relive some of these moments and share in the emotion, perseverance and natural wonder of world heritage wilderness that could have been lost forever.

Exhibition dates and times: 26 Jun to 30 Jun inclusive | 9am to 3pm

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Strahan Primary School Echo

Term 2: Weeks 1-5

ANZAC Day



Mel McVee Mural



Freestyle Skate



Chess



Strahan and West Coast Cross Country



Walk Safely to School Day



Crazy Hair Day



Jobe Beatboxing



Luke Kennedy-Inspirational Speaker



National Simultaneous Storytime



ZEEHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mining for Knowledge



BIG FREEZE SUCCESS!

Thank you to Jess Bonner, SRC and all of our community and contributors for an amazing MND fund-raising event! Wow!



CHESS PROWESS!

ZPS were 2nd overall with Avalon taking out top female player for the tournament!



SRC—TERM 2

Olive, Leah, Harper, Amarlii and Jasmine are our SRC Representatives for Term 2! They have led assemblies and fund-raising!



SPORT LEADERS—TERM 2

Phoenix, Noah (Heemskirk), Kobe and Kaden (Dundas) are our Sport Leaders for Term 2. They help with Daily PE and carnivals.



WCC CROSS COUNTRY

ZPS came 2nd overall for our WCC Cross Country at Hogarth Falls. Darbby and Makayla were grade champions! Well done to all!



FACES OF 123

Some innovative artwork with students drawing one half of their face and then a peer draws the other half! Very impressive!



FACES OF 456

The faces of 456 are on display in their classroom window! We have some talented artists in our midst!



EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS

Every day is important for learning. Make every day count! Well done to those who have 100% or have improved their attendance!



SCHOOL VALUES

Aspiration, Respect, Courage & Growth are our ZPS school values! Each class issue awards for these at our assemblies.



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Well done to Raymond for receiving this award this month, for being kind, generous and thinking of others.



KP CLASS—BIRD INQUIRY

KP have been exploring all things birds! How big they are, ones that can't fly and ones that are extinct are all questions that they asked.



PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?

Big thanks to Evelyn, a native French-speaking West Coast resident who has kindly volunteered at ZPS, helping us with our French!



RDS ECHO



For Boys' Week, Rosebery District School participated in: photography; listening to someone from MMG talk about work you can do there and someone from Jaylan Electrical talked about how Maths is involved with tradie jobs. We also did radio announcing with Skirvo from 7XS. The best thing about it was the person from MMG coming to give the job presentation. By Chayse, Year 9.

For Boys' Week Rosebery District School participated in multiple activities in career building. The best thing about it was Roscoe coming in to talk. He was really honest and down to earth, and was inspiring as someone you can relate to and look up to. By Gunure, Year 10.

The boys from Rosebery District High spent time at the Study Hub in Zeehan for Boys' Week. Something I liked to learn about was the information from MMG, when Roscoe came in and talked to us. I liked learning about the mine. By Riley, Year 9.



On 12 April, Rosebery District School Chess Club members took part in the first round of West Coast school competitions. Primary school students played against peers from Zeehan and hosts Strahan and managed to place 3rd amongst 6 teams.

As the only high school represented, our older students played for the title of school champ, a title won by Madison Lello. Everyone played well and had fun.



Jobe, who's a great beatboxer, came to visit our school. He could make a water drop noise with his mouth. It was awesome. He made noises with our names and made it into a song. It was really cool!

We all enjoyed it, was fun and funny and we had a Beatbox Battle and everybody won and everybody was good. They loved it.

By Taite, Year 4 and Bailey, Year 5.

The K-2 class hosted a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in May to celebrate our mothers and grandmothers. We enjoyed showing our appreciation for these special people by spending some quality time sharing our learning, chatting and playing, decorating ceramic mugs and plates, as well as snacking on some delicious treats.



PREFECT REPORT

The second half of Term 2 has been very busy organising events for the end of Term 2 and the first half of Term 3.

So far, we have come up with plans for our secondary social. The social will be held on the 22nd of June. The social will begin at 6pm and finish at 8pm. The social theme for this term is 80s. We hope to see everybody dressed up in their best 80s costume!

At the social there will be snacks and drinks available for purchase also.

We are hoping to hold another fundraiser in the meantime, stay tuned for more details to follow!

By Shelby Wedd, Cobi Williscroft, Charlton Shultz and Aaliyah Harvey



Denzel enjoying new school equipment

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY UPDATE

Thank you to those who supported our Autism Awareness Day on Thursday 30th March.

We raised \$573.95 which we have used to purchase a calming canoe, sensory mat and several other items.

As you can see, our students are enjoying this new equipment! *By Miss. Emmerich*

DELECTABLE DOUGHNUT DRIVE

Year 11/12 students, guided by Mr. Styles in his 'Enterprise at Work' class, are keenly preparing for a tasty fundraising initiative. Through the QKR! by Mastercard app, they'll be taking orders and peddling doughnuts, with the aim of bolstering funds for their school community.

The profits from this doughnut drive will be pumped back into the school, marking a delightful win-win for all involved. Each doughnut sold not only provides a moment of sweet indulgence but also contributes to the enrichment of the school

community and its students.

Doughnuts will cost \$20 for a six-pack of vanilla glaze, and \$23 for an assorted variety pack. They are baked by Burnie-based entrepreneur Sunny Beatson.

Orders can be placed using the QKR! by Mastercard app, with doughnuts to be delivered to the school and distributed to the families of its students. Keep your eyes on the Mountain Heights School Facebook page for the announcement of when orders are open. Don't miss out on this chance to support the school community with each delicious bite! *By Mr. Styles*

OUTDOOR ED TRIP

In lutruwita we are blessed with some of the best hiking and outdoor opportunities in the world, and MHS students are starting to dream big about taking on these challenges. A group of MHS students are choosing to build up the skills needed to tackle 3 days walking around the Freycinet Peninsula, and 4 days hiking into the Stunning Walls of Jerusalem. These are two of Tassie's classic hiking routes. Students will work on planning, fitness, teamwork, camp cooking and camp cook skills to be able to be able to enjoy these hikes. Regardless of the weather we get for these trips, the memories made will be unforgettable.

By Mr. Webb



Outdoor Ed Class

OUTDOOR ED ASPIRATION

OVERNIGHT HIKING TRIPS IN TERM 3 & 4

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11 - 13 SEPTEMBER

FREYCINET - 3 DAYS HIKING

.....

5-8 DECEMBER

WALLS OF JERUSALEM

4 DAYS HIKING

.....

SMALL GROUP OF

GRADE

7-10

MHS STUDENTS

FREYCINET
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WALLS OF
JERUSALEM
NATIONAL PARK

- Challenge yourself!
- Learn new skills
- Hike to beautiful places
- Camp in tents
- Cook on camp stoves
- Carry all your food & gear
- Probably walk in the rain

If you are interested:

1. **Meeting:** Library Friday 3rd June at lunchtime
2. and **Email** Mr. Webb to let him know why you would like to come

ben.webb@decyp.tas.gov.au

WE PLAY JUNIOR BASKETBALL GRAND FINALS

Photos by Alan Jennison

What a great afternoon/evening of basketball this was.

The recent Grand Finals between the pictured teams showed the skill and game-manship these youngsters bring to the court.

I will let the pictures do the talking for me but rest assured these kids gave their all, and each and every one are to be congratulated.

U11 GIRLS OPALS VS DIAMONDS



U11 BOYS PUMAS VS JAZZ



WE PLAY

JUNIOR BASKETBALL GRAND FINALS

Photos by Alan Jennison

U15'S CELTICS VS HAWKS



U15'S BOYS LIBERTY VS MYSTICS



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WE PLAY

WEST COAST JUNIOR FOOTBALL GRAND FINAL ZEEHAN V QUEENSTOWN

Photos by Alan Jennison

Zeehan 7.4.46 defeated
Queenstown 4.2.26

Goalkickers

Zeehan

Jontii Moyle 3, Noah Dean 2, Phoenix Kube 1, Zac Smith 1

Queenstown

Tarrant Elkin 1, Sierra Stubbs 1, Nash Latham 1, Jack Williams 1

Best Players

Zeehan

Jontii Moyle, Darby Bennett, Koby Nicholson, Zac Smith, Phoenix Kube

Queenstown

Nash Latham, Corban Smith Callow, Sierra Stubbs, Tarrant Elkin, Jayden Schwoch-Clarke

Award Winners 2023

Encouragement Awards

Chloe Lee, Emily Maine, Adele Snell Macy Kube, A-Don Welsh, Jaydah Kingston, Michael Powell, Indianna Weekes

Most Improved

Zachary Smith, Peter Scott Keating Sophie McDermott, Edward Reeves, Corban Smith Callow, Jayden Latham, Tyson Rubens, Ruby Richards

Leading Goalkicker

Jontii Moyle

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Nash Latham

Best & Fairest

Jontii Moyle

I would personally like to thank the West Coast Junior Football Committee for their support this year, in particular Marrassa, Sandy and Steve.

Also a big Thankyou to Kristy for taking over the reins at Zeehan.

Congratulations to all the kids who participated on another fantastic season.

Also to all the parents that came along and supported their kids and helped out the coaches.

To the coaches and umpires who volunteered their time, Thank you.

To Sandy and Tara for the amazing photos that they take, I am sure all parents and friends get much joy out of them.

