



Zeehan is such a colourful place



Photo by Alan Jennison

The forecast was for a very wet day on Wednesday the fourth of October 2023.

Luckily it wasn't to be, because it would have been not only colourful but extremely messy, even more so than it was.

This was the Zeehan Neighbour-

hood Centre's Youth Week colour run.

The last event was unfortunately cancelled due to rain, but this year we had nice fine weather.

The younger children were the first to race and started out in nice clean tee shirts.

It wasn't far to the first checkpoint and

the paint powder attack started. It didn't stop there, parents and older kids were stationed all over the course, all armed with powder buckets or squirters to cover and colour the racers as they ran past. It didn't take long for those clean T shirts (and heads, legs, arms etc) to be covered

in powder in all sorts of hue.

Nobody was spared, not even this photographer who copped a little bit of the dust but luckily not too much on the camera.

It certainly was not only a colourful spectacle, but a well attended one with

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To the Editor.

West Coast Mayor Shane Pitt has argued for a return of 20-30% of mining royalties directly to the West Coast.

A columnist in The Mercury rejected the idea out of hand and argued that there are no simple solutions for a "declining and remote region, such as the West Coast municipality." His preferred solution was for locals to "build a solid business case, project by project, so as to optimise the effectiveness of government spending."

For decades regions like the West Coast have seen individuals (mostly volunteers), small organisations (with few finances, often only formed for a specific funding bid) and small towns compete against each other (often without realising until the final stages of a proposal). Their applications are dissected by remote bureaucrats and more often than not fail because of weak finances, no track record, little organisational structure (no constitution, no ABN, bank accounts not in the name of a registered body).

If the proposals make it through the initial round they lack the wording, diagrams and pressure (and close political connections) contributed by doctors, lawyers, accountants and architects who have jumped aboard schemes in larger towns and cities.

Then comes the reject letters.

Government Ministers and heads of departments wash their hands and note that the end result has been transparent, fair and even handed. Better luck next time.

Once upon a time large populations living and working on the West Coast forced politicians, and their bureaucrats, to be sensitive and responsive to funding requests for local projects. In 2023 even if every single voter on the West Coast voted for the same candidate the chosen candidate would struggle to win a seat.

Political influence has dwindled and ideas like those proposed by Mayor Pitt will not receive serious consideration. Yet economic and social justice demand that governments listen.

In the last 3 years the State Government has reaped \$190 million dollars in mining royalties (a large proportion from West Coast mines). Under Mayor Pitt's proposal the Government would have needed to return \$57 million to the West Coast and other areas where there is mining. This would leave the rest of Tasmania a windfall of \$140 million.

Imagine the services, and improvements,

that \$57 million could have achieved in the last three years. The people of the West Coast and their council could have undertaken major improvements in schools, assisted in attracting more teachers, doctors, nurses, NDIS service providers and aged care support staff and better aged care facilities on the West Coast.

Instead the Government prefers hard pressed locals to compete for handouts not only against other regional areas but between towns and small organisations on the West Coast.

What can we do? Every time a politician of any political hue greets you at an event, a community gathering or passes you on the street – politely ask 'can we have a fair share of the royalties?'

For former West Coasters living elsewhere they can ask "What are you doing for the West Coast?"

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Rick Snell
Co-owner Missing Tiger Bookshop,
Queenstown

Dear Editor.

I am hoping the mayor responds to me when he says he will prioritise the extreme water problem I have on my property.

After meeting him when he was elected, I was hopeful he would help me sort out the four old huge metal pipes that have at some time been disconnected and are extruding a waste effluent into my organic vegetable garden. They are obviously an old infrastructure that has nothing to do with my home backyard but is polluting my block.

The pipes seem to run under the neighbours houses uphill from my home and towards the mines. It extrudes a yellow mustard colour water and when raining heavily it overloads my Council drain and floods my garden. The joining back lane way which the council at some time handed over to Crown Land also floods my home block. It has broken pipes and once had a drain way linked up so this water could be taken away.

It's been three years now and all matters concerning this has had NO solutions or priority which was said to me when I first discovered this nightmare. I suggested several times to the council, to help investigated the old pipe mapping that existed with the first development here most likely over 100 years ago.

It this problem of drainage in Queen-

stown, as I have heard similar stories by the local residents that the council turns a blind eye to problems that locals can't and have no way of fixing.

This needs to be prioritised before an accident happens. For instant, is it safe to grow vegetables and eat them, give them away to others etc. This Council needs to provide a free water test as mining pollution has a big effect over the whole community here. Ground water, broken mining or old pipes need to be fixed and we need to feel safe growing vegetables.

The three basic human rights for bringing up a family or living in a town is, clean air, clean water, clean soil. How healthy is our community. Why are our hospitals overloaded. Can we walk our dogs without breathing in black smoke in 2023.

What is the asthma rating for the West Coast due to Smoke in wintertime.

Where's the incentive for change??? For help??? For a safe, healthy environment???

Oh, and where's the Senior Centre, the Community Centre and the Dog Park?

Has anyone else felt things could improve?

A concerned local citizen.

Dear Editor,

Fiona that works at Rosebery Pharmacy always has a smile and will have a chat with you. If you can't pick up your medicine she will try her hardest to get it to you. She just goes beyond a chemist and always helps you out if she can. We have had a lot of chemist staff here in the last five years I have been here. I hope she never leaves, I just want to praise her for all her hard work.

Kim Ingram

Hi my name is Alicia Goodfellow, I'd like to say thank you to Animal Welfare Centre Inc. for their kind assistance and quick response in helping to arrange medical attention for our dog over the weekend when she got injured, with special thanks to Kerrie for her assistance in coordinating all of the care for Luna. I'd also like to thank the staff of Forth veterinary clinic for their assistance with our family member. Thank you so much for all consideration and effort from everyone involved, we really appreciate it.

Love from Luna

To the Editor

Zeehan is the Central Hub of the west coast. As you enter the town of Zeehan from the west end approach you will pass through a forest of large pine trees towering over head, you will also notice that there are acres upon acres of Gorse intertwined with native bush and other types of weeds. The Gorse has been mulched track rolled and cultivated, a practice that is still going on today. Now that these Pines and Gorse have been allowed to inundate the town unabated we can only hope that we don't have a big bushfire this summer, we remember what happened on Tuesday 3/2/81.

Also what's with the shipping containers and mouldy old 48 seat buses parked up and dumped in the town? No worries about the visual impact here, this is not allowed at the Macquarie Heads camping ground but because it's in Zeehan it's ok. Zeehan is becoming the shipping container capital of the west coast. Are people investing in shipping containers because they are fire proof?

So Zeehan is the central hub of the west coast that's why W.C.C transfer all of the rubbish to Zeehan and now that we

have the biggest landfill site ever built on the west coast we can only hope that maybe one day we will see all of the accumulated rubbish in west Zeehan being transported to our new landfill site.
Grant Hodge, Zeehan

FROM the Editor!

Next month is a pretty exciting one for the Western Echo, it's our Birthday! YAY!

Yep, we have been publishing the paper for two years now and couldn't be happier with the way it is going.

We started out printing 2000 papers at \$2 per copy and now that it's free we print 3000. It was a gamble that worked!

The November edition due out on the 10th will be a bumper one with a couple of pages devoted to funny photos taken over the last two years (you will either love em or hate em).

I would love some feedback from the West Coast community on your thoughts about the Echo, how we can improve and what you would like to see in these pages.

We look forward to bringing you the Western Echo for many more years to come.

See our other exciting news at the top of page 17 - you won't want to miss this!

Alan - Ed

Union Steamship Company building

A proposal, on behalf of Strahan Community members wishing to retain ownership of the Union Steamship Company Building, was presented to West Coast Council's workshop last month.

The proposal emphasises community ownership and sustainable operation of the building which holds historical significance in Tasmania's maritime heritage. The Union Steamship Company building was gifted to the people of Strahan when the Union Steamship Company ceased operations from the Port of Strahan. The plan envisions a balanced approach between private sector infrastructure and community-owned space, aiming to contribute to a vibrant waterfront precinct supporting economic development and social well-being.

The proposal outlines a multifaceted approach to utilizing different levels of the building. The ground floor is dedicated to retail premises, supporting local entrepreneurship. The first floor focuses on a community and visitor space, integrating augmented reality technology to enhance visitor engagement and educational experiences. The top floor maintains a two-bedroom apartment for long-term residential housing, addressing the need for quality accommodation in the area.

The incorporation of augmented reality technology is highlighted as a key innovation, enhancing the visitor experience. Additionally, the proposal includes estimated costs for restoration, fundraising strategies, sustainable operations, and management plans. Collaboration with educational institutions, organisations and local tourist operators is emphasised to promote and enhance the overall visitor experience.

Overall, the proposal aims to preserve the building's historical significance, contribute to economic growth, and strengthen the sense of community in Strahan. It aligns with the initial intent of community ownership, honouring the rich heritage associated with the Union Steamship Company building.



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Strahan salmon hub visit by Premier

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Premier Jeremy Rockliff and Jo Palmer visit the salmon hub in Strahan. Photo by Alan Jennison

Premier Jeremy Rockliff and Minister for Primary Industries and Water Jo Palmer visited Macquarie Harbour on Saturday to express their strong support for the Salmon Industry and the jobs it supports on the West Coast.

The visit follows a letter sent by the Premier to the Prime Minister seeking clear assurances that the Federal Government would not take any unilateral decisions or actions that would negatively impact the jobs and livelihoods of Tasma-

nian residents.

The Premier said that he wrote to the Prime Minister seeking to work collaboratively with the Federal Government, balancing the imperative to protect the Maugean Skate and its habitat while continuing to support marine farming.

“Our strong belief is that the Maugean Skate and the Salmon industry can coexist in Macquarie Harbour,” he said

“The Salmon Industry on the West Coast is worth over \$100 million and

directly employs more than 150 people. Industry advice to me is that any disruptions to Macquarie Harbour operations would put 350-400 jobs at risk in communities right across Tasmania.

“The Tasmanian Liberal government would strongly oppose any decision that resulted in those jobs being lost as that would be detrimental to the West Coast.

“It is our expectation that no action be taken without significant engagement at Ministerial level with the Tasmanian

government and salmon industry. There is also work being done currently by the Maugean Skate Recovery team including the development of a Conservation Action Plan due in December this year. Any decisions prior to the reporting back of this group would be pre-mature.”

The Premier invited Prime Minister Albanese, and his fellow Federal Ministers for Environment and Primary Industries to visit the region imminently and to work with Tasmania as a matter of urgency.

Queenstown's Penghana turns 125

Penghana, one of the National Trust's outstanding properties, is turning 125 this year. It is the most iconic residence in the West Coast town of Queenstown (Tasmania's award winning Best Small Tourist Town in Australia).

Penghana was designed in 1898 by Launceston architects Sidney and Alfred Luttrell, and built for the Mt Lyell Mining and Railway Company (MLMRC). It was to be a residence for the company's General Manager – who, at that time, was Robert Carl Sticht.

Penghana occupies a small plateau, commanding panoramic views of Queenstown and Mount Owen. Vistas between Penghana and Queenstown are important for understanding Penghana's role in a 'company town', and it clearly illustrates the esteemed position the General Manager held in town.

The first family to reside in Penghana was Robert Sticht, his wife Marion, and their three sons. American Robert Sticht was a brilliant metallurgist employed by the mining company because he was seen as the foremost authority on pyritic smelting in the USA. He perfected the process at Mt Lyell, creating a technique that paid high dividends. In fact, in one year the Company earned more revenue than the Tasmanian Government.

Sticht remained General Manager of the company, living at Penghana, until his death in 1922.

As Penghana was a 'company' house, built for the use of the General Manag-

er, when Robert Sticht died, a new GM, Russell Murray, took up residence in the house. From its construction in 1898 until MLMRC's operations closed in 1994, 10 more successive general managers and their families resided in Penghana.

When the MLMRC ceased operation, the property was gifted to the public through the National Trust of Tasmania, to be cared for by the newly formed organisation, West Coast Heritage. In 1996, Penghana opened as a heritage accommodation business, allowing visitors to experience staying in the house and enjoying its somewhat 'Downton Abbey' style ambience.

The successful B&B model still continues, with the property's current lessees being listed in TripAdvisor's 'Best of the Best' again this year, ranking 8th of businesses of its kind in Australia, 13th in the Pacific region, and in the top 1% worldwide.

The permanent exhibition, opened in Penghana's beautiful ballroom on Thursday October 5, celebrates the influence of the people who have lived there over its 125 years. It looks at how the residents have changed the house and given it a soul. It is a building with a rich history that deserves to be told.

The exhibition features photographs and plans of the changes made to the building over its 125 years as well as a look at the position of the General Manager in a company town.

Special guests attending the opening



included three of the General Managers who resided in the house during the 1980s and 90s, as well as the children of another GM who lived there from 1967 to '73.

VENUE

Penghana, 32 Esplanade, Queenstown

ADMISSION

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Burn-offs in Zeehan and Strahan It's Shoe Box time again

Sustainable Timber Tasmania commenced its Spring Burning Program in August 2023.

The spring burn program is a part of the state-wide Fuel Reduction Program, in collaboration with the Tasmania Fire Service and Parks and Wildlife Service.

Sustainable Timber Tasmania conducts fuel reduction burning to protect people, property, and the environment from the risk of bushfires.

This is done by reducing fuel loads in Tasmania's public production forests and other areas to mitigate bushfire risk and maintain the health of fire-dependent vegetation communities.

Sustainable Timber Tasmania's spring program includes 13 fuel reduction burns

state-wide, totalling 3,000 hectares.

Eight fuel reduction burns are located in the North West – including six planned for the West Coast.

Fuel reduction burning can only occur when weather and onsite conditions are favourable.

Sustainable Timber Tasmania has approximately 200 employees and contractors available to assist with the program.



Across the world many people are preparing and filling Christmas shoeboxes to give to children who would not otherwise receive any gifts. These gifts bring incredible joy into their young lives.

Poverty often means that children may not even have enough to eat, let alone have the special enjoyment of toys, educational supplies, clothes, as well as hygiene items such as soap, toothbrushes and hair accessories.

It is wonderful to see this outpouring of love – its not just a project – but an opportunity to share love through giving.

Filling Christmas Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse has become a yearly activity for many people here on the West Coast.

As we seek to take care of children and families within our own communities it is also good to look beyond to other communities who experience hopelessness and isolation.

It takes the commitment of a big team to get the boxes to the kids.

Here in Zeehan as in many places, folk are buying items and getting them packed to be transported to the depot by the end of October/early November.

In November a transport company helps us by transporting the boxes to the warehouse in Launceston where they are shipped to

Sydney to be packed into containers ready to be shipped to their final destinations. Boxes from Australia are usually sent to the Pacific regions and Asia.

One of our helpers Peter Resvanis says, "it makes for happy faces at Christmas time".

There were 15,811 boxes packed in Tasmania. And as a state Tasmania does an exceptional job.

Australia and New Zealand collectively packed 228,104 shoe boxes and worldwide there were 10,599,907 boxes packed.

If we have had childhood experiences of poverty, it is a delight to be able to give and to bring some happiness to the young ones and less fortunate.

There are many stories that come back to us of God's hand in this and how he answers prayers of the humblest of hearts which can be shared in following editions.

We are also starting a trade table at the town hall for items not suitable to send and this money will go towards the cost of sending each box which is \$11 per box and this covers the box from leaving Zeehan until its final destination.

An update and where we are at will be in the next edition of the western echo.

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Celebrations at the Study Hub

Our Spring into Education and Employment Expo, being Pilot Expo in September, was a great success! With 25 exhibitors and great participation from Rosebery District and Mountain Heights High Schools, there were a lot of fantastic interactive activities. Study Hub West Coast, partnering with UTAS and WNW Working would like to thank the exhibitors, participants, and the community for making our expo a success. Stay tuned for details of next year's Expo!



Nicky, the Regional Manager recently had the opportunity to finally present the photography awards to the next generation of budding photographers at the Term 3 Sharing Assembly at Rosebery District School. Congratulations to everyone as there were 2 themes resulting in high-quality photos that were printed on canvas not to mention cameras and digital photography books presented. A big thank you to MMG for sponsoring the events.



Tasmanian Training Awards 2023 were held on September 9 in Hobart at Wrest Point Casino, celebrating excellence in vocational education and training in Tasmania and recognising individuals, employers, trainers, and training providers who have achieved incredible successes in the past year. Big congratulations to Naomi Cox from ZEEHAN who won the 2023 Vocational Student of the Year. We are so proud of her achievements and commitment to study. Naomi will now represent Tasmania at the Australian Training Awards in Hobart in November this year.



Last but not least, the excitement cannot be contained as the long-awaited staircase is now a reality and will soon be completed with the finishing touches. This means that we have extra space for students to study in, training and classes.



More from that colourful day in Zeehan

from front page - Photos by Alan Jennison

50 or 60 people turning up, from children to adults, and all racing around the cross-country course at the Golf Club. Council helped out with funding for the event and a sausage sizzle was soon cooking up a feast.

There were prizes at the end of the day but I think the smiles on the faces (through the colours) was prize enough for most.



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Image: part of the conveyor belt being replaced

Significant conveyor belt structure replaced

Rosebery mine has completed a significant and highly technical project to replace part of its conveyor belt, for the first time in 40 years.

The 150-metre-long conveyor belt is critical to the mine's operations because it transports the ore to the mill for processing into concentrate.

The project has been a huge team effort, with planning starting in 2020, and the project being delivered with precision by all those involved.

It involved the use of five cranes and 44 people to replace 60 metres of the conveyor belt and took 8 days and 8 nights or 192 hours to complete.

Shining a light on mining

Representatives from Rosebery mine met with local students to help get them excited about STEM education.

Our metallurgy and geology teams created interactive science experiences linked to processing of Rosebery ore, at a careers expo in Zeehan.

We are proud to play a part in supporting local employment across the west coast region by inspiring our next generation of miners.



Image: Rosebery employees at Zeehan

Rosebery hosts neighbourhood state conference

Rosebery Mine was proud to be a sponsor of the Neighbourhood House Tasmania 2023 state conference.

More than 100 people from Neighbourhood houses across Tasmania attended the 3-day event, bringing a boost to the local economy.

It was a great privilege for Rosebery to host the event and welcome attendees into our community.



Image: Jill Richardson - MMG, Tania Blake - Rosebery Neighbourhood House and Simone Zell - incoming CEO of Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania.

Empowering women to chase their career goals in mining

A Rosebery local is on a mission to inspire other women to chase their career dreams after taking on a cadetship in her 30s.

Stephanie Whittle joined MMG's Rosebery mine as a cadet process operator in February, after seeing the positive impact the mine had on the town of Rosebery.

"I have embraced every opportunity, whether its hands-on experience or starting my mine rescue qualifications, I wanted to give everything a go and make this career change a success."



Image: Stephanie Whittle

Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

TALES FROM THE ZEEHAN GENERAL (PIONEER) CEMETERY. EXPLOSION AT THE SMELTERS - MAN BADLY INJURED AND LATER DIES

Inevitably some of the burials in the Pioneer Cemetery are mining fatalities. There are 39 men interred there who were killed mining in and around Zeehan, and another who was killed at Mt. Lyell. Additionally, seven more men were killed at or around Zeehan but buried elsewhere. One of those buried locally was

Tasman Robert Beard, a native of New Zealand, aged 35, who was badly injured in an explosion at the Smelters on the morning of 17 March 1912, and later died.

He, with three other men – James New, Leonard Brown, and William Morris – was working at the slag-dump, and was engaged in charging a hole, preparing to blow out the solidified slag for fluxing purposes, when an explosion occurred prematurely, and he was grievously wounded in the face, chest, right hand and legs, as well as some internal injuries.

Dr. G.H. Butler and James Harrison, Inspector of Mines, were both in attendance within about 15 minutes. Tasman

was taken to the hospital, where after rallying a little he passed away six days later.

An inquest was held the following week, where the main question was who was responsible for Tasman working in the location where he was hurt, as the slag there was considered too warm by



some witnesses. By being too hot it had set the gelignite off while being inserted into the hole. In a statement given to James Harrison while in the hospital, Tasman himself

declared: "I was charging a hole in the slag dump yesterday morning, when it went off. Had not put the cap in the charge. Think the ground was too hot, or the charge would not have went off. I was requested to break that particular slag by (Chief Metallurgist), Mr Reid. If I had got my own way I would not have worked there. I spoke about working there two or three times, as I considered it was too hot. It's not my fault that I am here."

Tasman was the Foreman of a group of workers employed by William Pearton.

Pearton stated that it was necessary to break up the slag by means of explosives, as it was too hard to pick. He gave deceased no instructions, as he considered Tasman knew more about the job than he did. About a week before the accident deceased had told him that the slag was rather warm where he was then working and he had told him if it was too warm to move to a cooler place. When he (witness) told Mr Reid he had replied, "If it's too hot, don't work on it."

Leonard Oswald Brown deposed he was working with deceased and had seen him making a hole to put the gelignite in, and then heard an explosion. He was only 7 or 8 feet away and was struck on the wrist by a piece of slag. He helped carry Tasman to the office. On being picked up Tasman said "Say good-bye to my wife, and ask for James Farr to see to Lodge matters." Brown also stated that whilst shovelling the slag, he had noticed it was warm, and that he had seen deceased taking orders from Mr Reid, when the latter said he wanted deceased to work on the left of the slag dump as much as possible. This was about a week before the accident, and about the time he had seen slag dumped where they had been working.

Where he was working the slag was pretty hot, but it was hotter where the accident occurred. He had heard deceased complain about the slag being too hot, but not on that morning.

James Harrison, Inspector of Mines, deposed that on the day of the death he attended the site and made a hole where the shot went off, but the slag was much too hot. Thought it was a very foolish thing for a man to put gelignite into a hole as hot as that. Mr Reid was sent for, and witness asked him if it was usual for men to use explosives where it was so hot, and he replied, "No; they could have gone further away..."

James Frederick New and William H. Morris

both testified that they had never heard deceased complain about the slag being too hot. Morris said they had often remarked amongst themselves that it was hot, but he never thought it was too hot to work there.

After hearing all the evidence, the jury retired, and after a short absence, returned a finding that no blame was attachable to anyone.

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



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KordaMentha were appointed as Receivers and Managers to Avebury Mine in early September this year. Our appointment was a result of the mine being placed into Voluntary Administration a few days earlier.

In these situations, communication is always key, so we want to make ourselves as available as possible to employees, creditors and the broader community.

Through *Nickel News*, we will let the community know how the receivership is progressing and what it means for the community.

What does a receivership of the mining operations mean? The directors are no longer in control of the business and decision making transfers to KordaMentha. However, day-to-day operations are not affected and there are no practical changes to the mine, operations are continuing on a business-as-usual basis.

John Lamb remains the General Manager of the operations, the management team remains in place and functionally, there is no change. We have been very impressed by the efforts of the whole team to 'keep on keeping on' and we are focusing on making the mine operate as best as possible. This is really important as we will have interested parties reviewing the operational and financial performance of Avebury, in addition to making site visits over the coming months.

'Plus very importantly, it is very impressive the way the whole team prioritises safety and proactively looks out for each other – it is very inspiring and admirable'

The Receivers have appointed an international financial advisor to sell the mine on the global stage. Houlihan Lokey, who are incredibly well credentialed, will work with us to market the mining operations. We are working to a tight timeframe and it is our expectation that we will have the mine sold before Christmas. So come the new year, new owners and everyone can move forward with absolute certainty.

To ensure the receivership process is as smooth and seamless as possible for all stakeholders, our team will be full time on site; to support management and employees, and run the sale process. Our team on site is led by Antony Munro, Natalie Chin and Wilbur Stephenson, who travel from Melbourne.

We are always available to discuss the receivership process with you, please reach out to the mining office and we will coordinate.

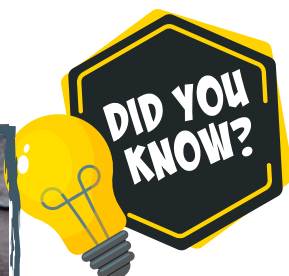
Look forward to providing a further update in the near future.

Stay safe and look after each other.

KordaMentha, Receivers and Managers



KordaMentha Team



Avebury Henge Monument England



It has become apparent that our roadsides of the West Coast have become inundated with litter.

Avebury take pride in the community and its environment and recently we engaged with a traffic management contractor to undertake a clean-up of the Trial Harbour Road.

We want to keep our roads and surrounding areas beautiful and pristine for all of us.

We encourage everyone do the right thing and dispose of litter appropriately.



The Emergency Response Team have been busy with intense training the past few months brushing up on their skills and preparing for the upcoming Tasmanian Minerals Emergency Response Competition (TMERC) in October which will be hosted by Grange Resources at Savage River.

The training consisted of road crash rescue, ropes, medical treatment, confined space and fire drills.

We wish the team all the very best in this year's competition.

Zeehan Golf Club were a recipient of one of Avebury's Community Sponsorship and Donations Program which was used for the purchase of new windows and a till.



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 made it's way overseas for export and is first of many exports to come!



Penguin Arrow Vessel

It is led to believe that the mine site is named after the Neolithic henge monument which is consisted of three stone circles around the village of Avebury in Wiltshire southwest England.

It is known as one of the best prehistoric sites in Britain and contains the largest megalithic stone in the world. Reference - www.english-heritage.org.au

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Bitlink, drones, learning and a huge expo

As preparation for exams and completion of final assignments gears up, so too can feelings of anxiousness and stress. We've got some great tips below for acing those exams and final assignments, as well as the latest news in learning and education on the West Coast!

Regional Pathways Program bringing drone technology education to the West Coast

The West Coast Learning Pathways Project is running a series of West Coast Workshops to build skills and knowledge in drone operations on the West Coast on 31 October 2023 in Queenstown and 2 November 2023 in Zeehan.

The courses aim to provide an online learning component as well as a hands-on learning component with experienced instructors. Existing remote pilots and drone enthusiasts as well as those with a drone hobby or passion can be part of these courses.

The courses can also be tailored in part towards specific requirements for different industries. Current information about regulations and best practice for flying drones safely is also a prime focus. Bring your own drone or learn to fly using our drones. What a fantastic way to combine a passion with a fun activity that is becoming an emerging work opportunity for many.

Please note that registration is essential.

To find out more about these courses contact Christine.gray@utas.edu.au

Children's University graduations are fast approaching

It will not be long until children from West Coast schools will be donning graduation gowns and caps to celebrate their graduation from the Children's University program. The program is facilitated by the Peter Underwood Centre which is part of the University of Tasmania.

The program sees the students undertaking a range of extra-curricular experiences that encourage learning and aspiration and ultimately lead to improved lifelong learning. The Children's University West Coast graduations will take place at a formal ceremony in Burnie on Tuesday 21 November 2023.

Young Tassie Scientists and Bitlink - West Coast School Visits

A diverse crew of Young Tassie Scientists who are University of Tasmania postgraduate students visited all six schools on the West Coast in late August as part of National Science Week. These fabulous events included show-



ing Tassie school students exactly what scientists really do! In addition, this amazing group of young scientists saw around an incredible 7000 students face to face across Tasmania, which averages out to approximately 750 students for each young scientist over a four-day period. The aim was to showcase the range of amazing opportunities available to all Tasmanian students, even those with the challenge of living remotely. Topics covered neuroscience, entomology, astrophysics, IT, logistics, genetics, statistics and geophysics, to name a few. Activities included glow-stick chemistry, portable plant nurseries, genetic codes for secret messages and many more fun learning challenges. Thank you to our Young Tassie Scientists – what a brilliant effort for our West Coast Schools!

In September 2023, James and Troy, members of the Bitlink Team, a technology education company based in Laun-

cester, visited West Coast Schools. This was a pilot visit organised by the University and from the response received from our schools, it was evident that young

Careers and Study Expo Pilot to take flight again next year

What a buzz. The air was full of an-

icipation, energy and excitement at the recent Careers Expo at Study Hub West Coast. One of the highlights of the day was the electric vibe in the room with so many fantastic exhibitors who we cannot thank enough for making this such a wonderful day. There were more than 50 school children from the two West Coast high schools, making this a vibrant and energetic event. In addition, there was



good participation from the community in the afternoon, with information on learning and education as well as the challenge of upskilling or career changes.

Thanks to everyone who participated in making this event wonderful. Next year we hope to make it even bigger and better.

Why be stressed at exam time, seek support!

The University of Tasmania's West Coast Regional Learning Officer, Belinda Martin, says the University is providing on-the-ground support to new and existing students who are not always able to access their student campus because of where they live. This additional resource ensures that those students

are supported to not only enhance their academic, personal and critical thinking skills but to understand the importance of research in developing academic writing and language skills when living or working in regionally remote locations.

Our aim is to help all students develop their academic writing and study skills through teaching supported with learning resources. A few examples include Study Toolkit, delivery of live webinar series and access to recordings of past workshops, weekly study and assessment planners, checklists for different stages of the year, student consultations such as Peer Assistance Study Sessions. These resources really help students to understand content, evaluate information, apply referencing styles and even just how to take good notes, which are some of the key milestones along the learning and education pathway. Many of these are listed in the Student Portal under Study Support: Learning and Academic Skills. For advice with research or referencing or to discover the world beyond Google, the Learning and Research Librarian team are available for online appointments and can also be contacted by phone and email.

So how can you maximise your learning during stressful exam and assignment preparation times?

A recent article on The Conversation web site, featured some key points:

- Create the conditions for your attention – loss of attention and mind wandering results in poor learning
- Minimise shallow study – focus is on surface learning and not learning about meaning
- Take breaks – 5-minute rest breaks to

support your attention

- Don't cram – spaced learning can achieve more than block learning
- Don't skip sleep – sleep and rest is key
- Maximise 'deep' study – practice using previous exam questions and really know how to explain concepts you are studying to others
- Give yourself enough time – time is key!

There is also some interesting content around how memory works and by understanding this you can prioritise effective study habits. See the link to the Conversation article below:

<https://theconversation.com/avoid-cramming-and-dont-just-highlight-bits-of-text-how-to-help-your-memory-when-preparing-for-exams-213996>



We are anticipating an increase in participation by West Coast schools this year, which means more amazing graduates for the West Coast!

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THE VETERANS POST – Real Stories of Yesteryear

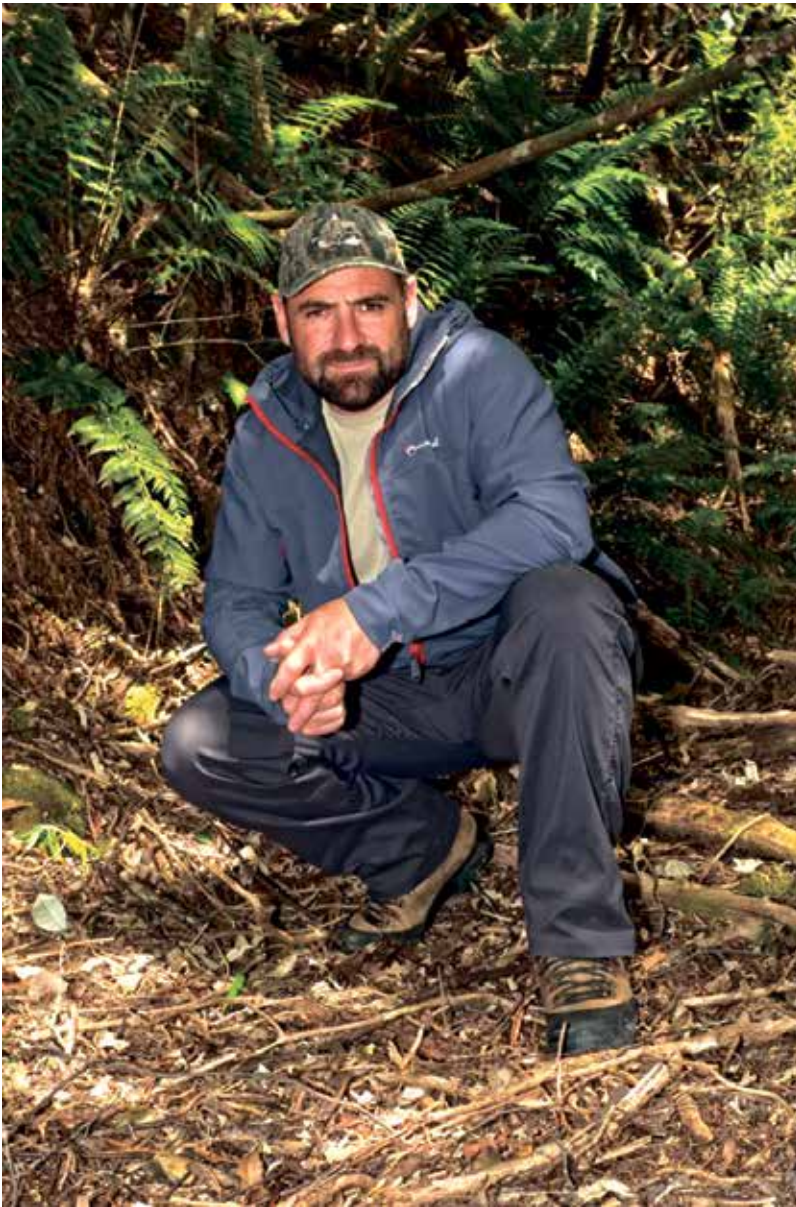
By Linton 'Harry' Harris

Every month we feature profiles of veterans from our community, & beyond, honouring & respecting those men & women that have heeded the call of conflicts past, so that we as a nation can live as freely as we do today. If you have a story you'd like told, or an ancestor who contributed to wartime efforts, please email presidentslqueenstown@outlook.com.

While Sergeant (retired) Mark Direen (pictured at right), of the famed SASR, isn't a full-time local of the West Coast, the beauty of the terrain in these parts is a drawcard for this veteran, now-a-days the owner & director of Point Assist, a company born from Mark's security consultation roots, post service, that has since morphed into the adventure tourism space, predominately working in Tasmania. It may not come as a surprise though, that Mark travels the world, with treks logged across Asia, and as far flung as Israel!! A common theme, of any trekker of course, is photography, capturing those shots, that no one else is going to see, unless they step outside of their comfort zone. No matter how good the photo, it doesn't ever, compare to being there.

Mark's side hustle is a photography exhibition, that will be on display at the Queenstown RSL, for the uncon-

formity art trail, this month. The 'Point & Shoot' photography exhibition, isn't just Marks collection though, sure a



few of his pics are there, however the majority of the contributions are from Veterans, with pics taken on operations, from Vietnam, through to the most modern of conflicts that the ADF have been involved in.

As a former Australian Special Forces Team Leader and high-risk environment consultant, Mark has worked and led teams in some of the world's most hostile and unforgiving environments. Most of the time on operations for Mark was in Afghanistan, during that misadventure better known as the War on Terror.

For those lucky enough to be there, Mark regaled the Queenstown RSL recently, with a few of his stories of that war, in a travelling show called 'Yarns around the Bar' as well as letting a few of the local veterans, now residing in the west, tell the odd story or two, of their own adventures of service.

Marks 30-year career in the military, security and adventure travel fields has given him a unique skill set and the experience to provide practical solutions to even the most complex and challenging situations. Mark is committed to doing what he can for the veteran community, along with his travelling photography exhibition, and hosting 'Yarns around the Bar' in RSL's all over, this guy is also working in conjunction with the Tasmanian Government, on a program called V.A.R.P, Veterans Active Recreation Program. This program is designed to give the modern contemporary veterans, of recent conflicts, an insight into

the options available in the adventure tourism sphere.

Mark is passionate about improving people's lives – the way they think and live. Through experience, Mark helps people and organisations find direction, set and reach goals, build high performing teams, operate effectively in challenging environments and develop the resilience necessary to succeed. Mark is also a highly sort after keynote speaker, from corporate gigs, through to guest spots in organisations as diverse as the Afghan Australian society. Mark also partners with other veterans, in the high-end game of bespoke Whiskey Distillers, a craft that is most certainly gaining traction in our beautiful State. Keep an eye-out for 'Dog Tag' whiskey.... Is there anything this guy can't do?

Mark is a sterling example of what veterans can achieve and should well be proud of what he's achieved so far, both in service for his country, and what he continues to do for the betterment of veterans everywhere, hat off to you Mark....

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Zeehan Golf Course progress

It's been a busy month on the course with weather conditions still being unfavourable, but the mechanic has been busy getting some machinery going, which has made it possible to tame the vegetation.

Some of the tee beds have been found again after removing over four

years of gorse off them. Reeds have been cut out of the greens and filled with topsoil and grass seed. They're not really good to look yet at but will improve.

Our liquor licence has been renewed after it was cancelled with no notice by a previous member.

The darts presentation went well, even after the police had been called to investigate our liquor licence, which was cancelled that morning.

The Mini League presentations went well even though the weather situation made it an inside event only and a big thanks to all that helped out.

Tyro is still being difficult but we're doing our best to sort it.

Lesson for this month is don't let a

mechanic get in your ceiling. PS is there a plasterer in town who could fix a large hole in the clubhouse?

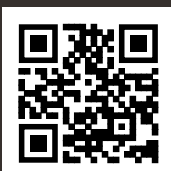
A huge thanks to Dale Youd who bought his own tractor and slasher up to help us.

Our first game of the season will be on grand final day.

Stay tuned and keep it on the fairway.
Shane Douglas

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Charles Woodley Memorial Fishing Competition 2023

CHARLES WOODLEY 1954 – 2019 was an enthusiast for Tasmania’s wilderness and first fell in love with Tullah in the early 1990s. He was lured by the mountains and lakes but where others saw an abandoned hydro village, he saw a thriving wilderness tourism hub, showcasing Tasmania’s natural wonders to the world.

Charles redeveloped old hydro buildings into the Tullah Lakeside Chalet and helped reimagine Tullah by sharing his creative vision, supporting others, discussing ideas, and working on many community events including the Tullah Challenge, and an annual fishing competition. He was a fierce advocate for Tullah and a great team player.

Charles believed that people achieved more and were better versions of themselves when they worked together, he was a member of the Tullah Progress Association and served as President for a while during the early 2000s.

By 2018 he had sold the Chalet (now known as the Lodge) and retired. He requested that the Progress Association introduce a new fishing competition and was willing to coordinate that event; He had started planning the competition when he suddenly passed away.

After lengthy negotiations with the executors of his estate, the Tullah Progress Association started the “Charles Woodley Memorial Fishing Competition” in 2021. This month was the third year of “The Woodley” and it has grown in number from 46 entrants in its inaugural year, 63 in 2022 to 80 this year.

A total of 184 fish were weighed in over the weekend, with the largest trout weighing in at 2970gm. The giant raffle and meat raffle were a great success and all monies raised will be used by Progress to further enhance its objectives to improve Tullah for its community and visitors.

Many thanks are extended to the major sponsors MMG, Hydro Tas, Swick, Bluestone, Henty, Venture Minerals, Harcourts WC, 7XS, WCC, Shaws, and to the many small businesses without whom this event would not be possible, a big congratulations goes to Kirby Ling and her team of volunteers for a great weekend.

Please see the Charles Woodley Fishing Competition 2023 on facebook for further info on sponsors and some great photos of the event.



Barbara’s Tullah legacy

Tullah’s legacy for Barbara Frances Turnbull 25/4/1944 – 29/9/2022

Last week close friends and family spread the ashes of Barbara and her husband Ian in Lake Rosebery. While she had only lived in Tullah for eleven years, she had become an integral part of the community, joining Tullah Progress Association (TPA), Tullah Online Centre, Wee Georgie Wood Steam Railway and Rosebery Men’s Shed.

Barb (pictured below right), a retired Federal Government security officer, lived over the road from the children’s playground in the park and noted on many occasions that some inappropriate behaviour was taking place, and that unknown single adults were observed watching unaccompanied minors.

She was also aware that in the past some single community members had died or been incapacitated in their homes with the community unaware. Barb was tasked by the TPA to investigate the idea of Safe Houses and Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania (NHWT) in June 2022.

Unfortunately, Barb went missing the next month (trapped in her car on a side road after following the GPS quickest route home from shopping in Devonport). She was found 8 days later by a member of the public, but had suffered a stroke; was unable to recover and passed away in September.

This was a shock to the Tullah community, as it was not identified for five days, that she was even missing. Attending Police Officers did some checks when this was reported but the TPA believe a closer relationship with them may have provided a larger more intense search at that time.

TPA decided to continue with Barb’s ideas as her legacy for Tullah, and joined NHWT earlier this year. Signs will be erected by West Coast Council around the town soon, monthly newsletters are available, alerts are being posted social media and an information forum for “Get Online Week will be held on the 18th for community members.



Neighbourhood Watch back in Tullah



Sonya Gerwin, Constable Glen Martin and Meygan Barstow with the new, soon to be erected signs

I was nominated by Tullah Progress Association to take over and investigate how Tullah could join Neighbourhood Watch.

We had the Inspector of Police for the North West and the President of Neighbourhood Watch Tas come to one of our Tullah Progress Meetings to discuss how we can be a member of Neighbourhood Watch.

I became Coordinator and we have three team members. We have received our street signs to be put up around the town and our first event is the Get Online Week which is being held at the Tullah Lakeside Lodge on Wednesday 18th October at 10am

Meygan Barstow - Tullah Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

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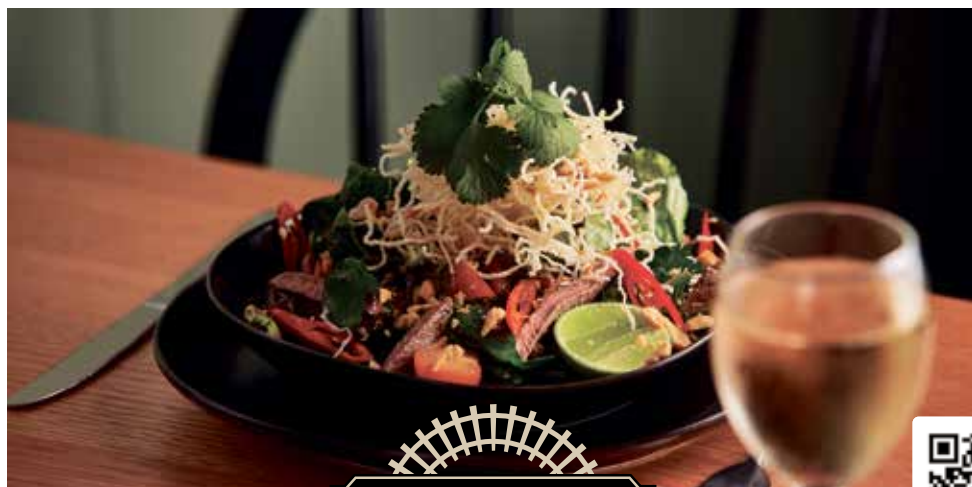
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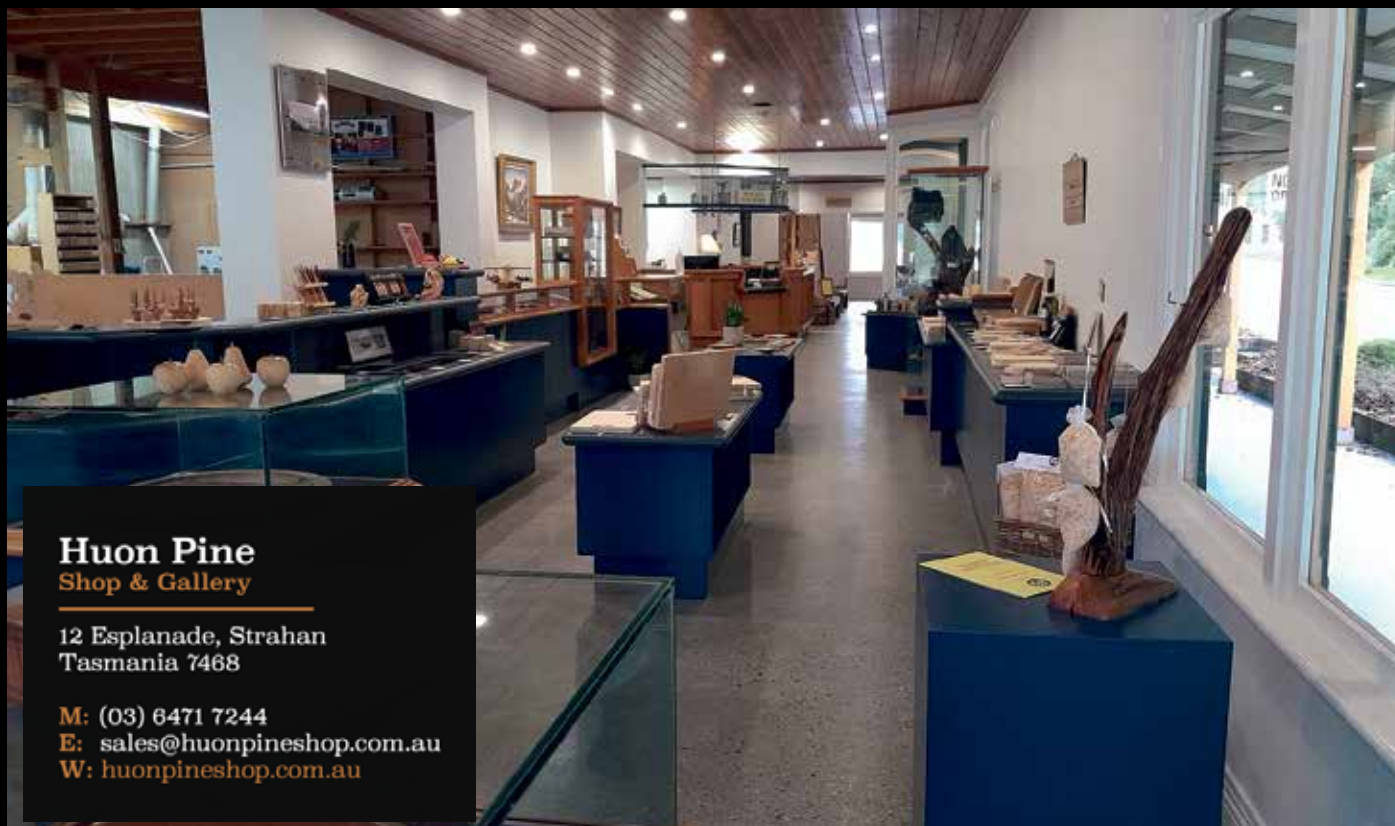


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Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns judges visit Waratah

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A glorious day welcomed the Tidy Towns judges, Geoff Marsh and Lona Turvey, to Waratah.

The day started with locals gathering at the Elma Fagan Community Sports Centre to meet Geoff and Lona where initiatives were discussed including the Waratah Woodchopping Carnival, The Mens Shed, Bowls & sports, Potluck lunches, marking of graves at the old cemetery et al.

Proud Waratah folk had a lot to showcase about the amazing historical little town which kept the judges on a busy schedule. This included visiting The Waratah Mens Shed, The Community Hub & Food Hub which was created through an initiative of the Waratah Community Board.

After lunch they visited the histor-

ical cenotaph with the beautiful soldiers' seats which were made possible through a Teddy Sheean Grant and community fundraising, the historical & recently revamped Waratah Museum as well as the wishing well and Philosophers Hut, the Kenworthy Stamper Mill, The SES & fire services, the beautiful Athenaeum Hall where the John H Robinson exhibition & the ANZAC Day exhibition is held. Here we showcased the wonderful ceramic poppies and poppy mats, as well as the Walks around Waratah brochure, & the recently installed Thylacine installations by the Waratah Wynyard Council.

The last stop was at the Post Office and information centre where groups gathered to discuss many projects happening around Waratah which includes the Book club, Monday crafts, the garden club, library et al.

The judges were quite impressed

with the days tour, and we will find out how Waratah fared in November. Keeping fingers crossed. Many thanks

go to Kelly Milikins for organising the day and to all the locals who made the day such a success.



Be aware - Not scared

Now is the time to clean up our yards, clear away rubbish piles keep lawns mowed and be aware when you grab wood from our woodpiles.

When gardening just be aware that snakes are out and about snakes are part of our Australian summer.

It is important to educate our children on snake safety and what they can do if they come across a snake. Parents can teach their children snake safety.

This general information is for adults and children alike. If you see a snake Do not panic, stand still and slowly but very calmly back away out of harm's way. I

f you're walking along and the snake is very close to you stand perfectly still. The snake will move on or maybe even pass through your legs. Don't move. It will just keep going don't panic.

Take nice slow breaths and remain calm. They don't want to bite us. They react to movement.

As soon as you are clearly out of harm's way tell an adult or teacher straight away. Children can also call out to their caregiver parents 'SNAKE' still following the above general advice if you see a snake at home or the workplace, follow the general advice above. Get all people and pets out of harm's way. Call your local snake catcher. from a safe distance keep an eye on where the snake is until the snake catcher arrives. Never touch or provoke a snake and never touch a dead snake, venom is still in the snakes

fangs and can remain there for years. If a snake is in a room in your house or workplace, get everyone and pets out of harm's way. Close the door to that room, wrap a towel up and jam it under the gap of the door. Call your local snake catcher. Keep an eye on the door until the snake catcher gets there. And even if it is outside, from a safe distance, keep an eye on where the snake is until a snake catcher gets there. If you keep an eye on the snake until a snake catcher gets there then the snake catcher has a better chance of finding the snake and removing it. This year we have three snake catchers who are happy to serve the West Coast community with catching and relocating problems snakes. Happy to help if we can.
Amanda Norris 0459825241
Nathan Capan 0427420984
Angie Kapan 0409164394

There are others on the West Coast who have been trained and have their snake catching permits, and also may be willing to help,

If you are interested in becoming a snake catcher there are quality courses held around the state. If you suspect you have been bitten by a snake seek medical attention immediately. If you suspect your pet has been bitten by a snake call the vet immediately

*Written by Angie Capan
Supported by Amanda Norris and Nathan Capan.*

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WE PLAY ZEEHAN NETBALL Womens Grand Final

Photos by Alan Jennison

Zeehan Netball Association held their Womens Competition Grand Final on Saturday 23rd Sep 2023.

Sapphires battled it out against reigning champs Panthers in a spectacular final. Clare Hales dominated the goal circle with her amazing ability to not miss, but she was met with strong defence from Ali Collier who put a lot of pressure on.

Equally as quick, Jade Quinn smashed out goal for goal quarters for Sapphires but she was met with amazing defence and intercepts from Kirsty Mansson.

Through the centre we saw Myah Dalton run at speed, closely followed by Hayley Clark keeping up with the pace to get that ball back to their shooters.

A great game by all and a spectacular game to watch, a great win by Panthers Final score was 69-35.

The committee would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support, our little association just keeps getting better and better.

See you all next time.

Aleisha Maskell



Zeehan Primary School Association invites you to...

The Nutty Netball Fundraiser

Friday 10th November at 2pm

Teacher's vs Students
Parent vs Child

Teams are pre-selected, \$5 to play.

Players come dressed in your silliest best!

Hotdogs, snacks & drinks available to purchase

Gold coin entry fee to spectators with all proceeds toward future projects of the Zeehan Primary School Association.



Come and enjoy and

afternoon of fun and laughter supporting the players!

Your guide to The Unconformity 2023 festival

Image courtesy of Luke Jerram



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West Coast artists, businesses and community groups are preparing for the return of **The Unconformity festival from 19–22 October. Bringing in high visitor numbers and presenting diverse artistic exhibitions and performances, it's sure to be a weekend of West Coast celebration.**

This year's festival program extends across four days, presenting the work of more than 100 artists and reflecting the West Coast story throughout unique venues. Start your festival experience at **Crib Road**, the heart of the festival where you'll find live music, industry displays, food and drink, and activities for kids. More than 80% of this year's festival program is free, including all of the festivities and performances on Crib Road.

Visit the Festival Information Hub where you can purchase tickets and merchandise and pick up a map to guide you through **The Unconformity Art Trail** where you'll find the work of more than 100 talented West Coast artists.

For live music, head to **The Paragon Theatre** where local and national headline artists will perform each night of the festival. Bring along your friends and catch Medhanit, Lască Dry, Press Club, Andy Gollodge, Party Dozen and Slaughterhäus Surf Cult as they take to the stage. Finish your festival weekend at 'The Gravel' oval for **The Unconformity Cup**. Watch The West take on The Rest as locals and blow-ins compete for gravel rash and glory.

To view the full program, visit 2023.theunconformity.com.au or pick up a print program at venues around the region. ■

Volunteer opportunities

There is still time to get involved in this year's festival. Volunteering at the festival allows you to develop your skills in events, observe how a festival is run, and meet a wide range of artists and patrons. All volunteers will be given a festival tote bag and access to certain events.

If you are aged 18 years or older and would like to be a part of the team, The Unconformity would like to hear from you. Register your interest here:

2023.theunconformity.com.au/volunteer



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Image credit: Andrew 'Bomber' Shea



2023 West Coast Artist Commission: Raymond Arnold

Earlier this year, The Unconformity 2023 West Coast Artist Commission was awarded to Queenstown artist, Raymond Arnold. His completed artwork, titled *Reflecting Pool – Acid Mine Tailings* will be unveiled at an event on Wednesday 18 October.

Raymond began painting West Coast mine sites from Savage River to Mt Lyell in the 1980s and has always been interested in the technology of mining. He is also particularly interested in the flow of material in the context of human cost and the natural environment.

For the past six years, The Unconformity has commissioned a West Coast visual artist to produce an artwork reflecting a conceptual link to the region. For the first time, the full collection of six West Coast Artist Commissions will be exhibited together at The Unconformity 2023 festival. For more information, visit theunconformity.com.au/artistcommission *The West Coast Artist Commission program is supported through Arts Tasmania by the Minister for the Arts. Special thanks to CMT Mines for providing access to their facilities.* ■



Image credit: Left – Bridie Hooper by Billie Wilson Coffey
Right – Bridget Baskerville by Greta Cooper

November Artists in Residence: Bridie Hooper and Bridget Baskerville

In November, The Unconformity will host two residency artists in Queenstown. The Unconformity Artist in Residence Program provides artists with time and support to research, build relationships and focus on their practice in the provocative West Coast environment.

Bridie Hooper is an artist working primarily with circus, physical theatre and movement to challenge notions of sensuality, mortality, empowerment and euphoria through extreme distortions of the physical form. Bridie's residency will take place from 5–19 November.

Bridget Baskerville is an emerging visual artist examining regional socio-environmental issues, particularly human impact and relationships between place and community. Bridget's residency will take place from 13–30 November.

The Unconformity invites you to meet each of the artists at an informal meet and greet event at The Unconformity Hall. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP by emailing admin@theunconformity.com.au

Bridie Hooper Meet and Greet
6pm–7.30pm, Wednesday 8 November
The Unconformity Hall
35 Cutten Street, Queenstown

Bridget Baskerville Meet and Greet
6pm–7.30pm, Thursday 16 November
The Unconformity Hall
35 Cutten Street, Queenstown

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