



Weddings on the right track

In an age where weddings often strive for unique and unforgettable experiences, an unexpected trend is emerging – the resurgence of old trains as charming wedding or wedding photography venues. Across the country, couples are eschewing traditional banquet halls and picturesque gardens in favor of the timeless allure of vintage locomotives.

Nestled within historic train stations or scenic countryside settings, these old trains offer a picturesque backdrop for couples seeking to infuse their special day with nostalgia and romance. From the soft glow of vintage lanterns to the rhythmic chug of the locomotive, every detail transports guests to a bygone era of elegance and grace.

Wee Georgie Wood at Tullah has been the scene for a number of weddings and photoshoots and recently became the steam filled backdrop for a portrait session with newly wedded (at Tullah Lakeside Lodge, an hour earlier) Fiona and Ed.

With stunning photos captured by Tamara Langmaid Photography (and a few by myself as well for this story), it proved just how amazing an old steam train can be as host to any sort of celebration such as this.

Indeed, for many couples, the allure of exchanging vows amidst the polished wood interiors and antique furnishings of a vintage train is irresistible. Jess and Allan Brown, who recently tied the knot aboard the West Coast Wilderness Railway train, recount their decision fondly. “West Coast Wilderness Railway will always hold a special place in my heart for embracing us with this idea and supporting us to have the day of our



*Fiona and Ed, taking a trip on Wee Georgie Wood
Photo by Alan Jennison*

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Huon Pine Gallery and Shop - Strahan - Handcrafted Huon Pine Wares



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As your eye wanders further, you may see some of the in-house craftspeople at work or talking, laughing, creating, dreaming or imagining.

There is always something happening and there are more ideas for pieces than we have time to create them!

Not all ideas become reality, but we have fun designing and dreaming.



Letters to the editor...

Here at the Western Echo we love a good debate. If you have a concern, grievance, pet hate or even wish to congratulate someone for doing the RIGHT thing, then this is the place for it. Please note though, that everyone has the right to reply to your letter and we at the Western Echo are under no obligation to publish if things look like they are getting out of hand. We do reserve the right to edit letters for reasons such as clarity and length. Other than that, feel free to have YOUR say.

These views in this newspaper, political or otherwise, are not necessarily those held by the editor or anyone professionally associated with the Western Echo.

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Dear Editor,

Thanks for including the full page feature about the Macquarie Harbour oxygenation project in the March 2024 edition; it was something I was already aware of but informative none the less.

My main thoughts however, are ones of despair.

Whilst our local councillors, state ministers and various industry representatives are probably slapping themselves on the back about how proactive they are being for the environment I'd ask my fellow West Coasters to pause for thought.

How did 'we' regardless of your politics, employment or general views get our harbour into such a state that an abundant element that creatures of the sky, land and sea need to survive, now actually needs to be pumped into the harbour to keep it alive.

What a disgrace!

West Coast Resident

To the Editor,

Just a response to the excellent letter from Aleisha Maskell in last months edition regarding '7469 Holdings Pty Ltd/Timbersea.

I too share her positive thoughts about their investment in our community in the Zeehan area and beyond particularly as amongst their projects we will see the renewal of our historic buildings. Commercial diversity in mining regions is to be encouraged so we are not just a one trick pony.

But being somewhat of a 'glass half empty' sort of person I am concerned that it may be a long period of time before any of these developments come to fruition, if indeed they actually happen at all.

There are many factors in the business

world that can hinder such projects, finance, interest rates, labour and materials etc. It feels like '7469' are putting their fingers in a lot of pies but will this region actually see these developments happen?

Don't get me wrong I am not trying to disrespect '7469' I know nothing about them and of course why on earth should I? nor have I any idea of what their financial position is, again why should I? I just feel it all looks positive but will actually be very slow going.

For the people of Strahan that are emotionally attached to The Steamship Building for example, it has been sold with conditions regarding its renovation and development. But if for whatever reason '7469' fail, the council won't be given it back and it'll be back on the market for a new owner that may not have to follow any requirements at all.

Regards, Cynical west coast resident

Dear Editor,

I was just wondering why that the West Coast Tourist Information Centre in Strahan is never open on weekends and public holidays, this seems ridiculous in the town that is considered our main tourism drawcard.

Obviously in the low season reduced hours make sense, but having just had Easter go by and it wasn't open on the Saturday, Sunday or Monday I don't think it's a good look.

Tourists still like to pick up brochures, have the opportunity to buy souvenirs (especially nice locally made ones) and most importantly talk to a local for good advice, not everything gets done on the internet.

Is it that West Coast Council have trouble recruiting enough paid or volunteer staff to maintain 7 day opening

during peak season? or are they too tight to pay award wages for weekends and public holidays?

We're happy to take the tourism dollars but do we give back the expected level of service?

West Coast Resident

Dear Editor

Sorry if this sounds like a soap box dump but I can't believe the difficulties we are experiencing in getting fuel and receiving a s standard of service we deserve. I can't believe the lack of services from our local servo's- if the card only system isn't down it's the empty tanks and lack of fuel to contend with!!

I could not believe that the Servo in Queenstown has been sold- One might ask So? What's the problem? Businesses get sold and purchased each day! Well, the sting in the tail is that the last remaining petrol station in Queenstown will now only offer an unmanned service from May 2024! Seriously!

With so few services on offer on the West Coast; the closure or reduction of services in our towns where communities are trying to maintain base line services that other Tasmanians enjoy is a bitter pill to swallow.

What happens when the card swipe fails? What about our community who must deal with system failures, black outs, and failed internet access? Does this mean that when the systems down the fuel availability is inaccessible? How will Queenstown residents be assured that they will have a reliable fuel provision?

West Coast resident.

Dear Editor

It's been simply months for the Strahan community and our visitors waiting patiently for a fully operational service station to be made available again! While we thankfully do not have the awful, unmanned system becoming a permanent feature for the Strahan community and our visitor; It's hard to understand why it has taken so long to make the modification and improvements being promoted by BP and Lowes Petroleum Tasmania- it's not as if some complex remodelling and expansion of servo shop front and its offering has been undertaken?

I just can't believe for more than 12 months of disruption and closed servo that we are still experiencing such a long delay in getting the pumps at the bowser flowing and the doors reopened! - While we were very grateful to have an interim arrangement in place to be able to get fuel from our local airport, at times this has run dry!

Research suggests that the average timeframe for the construction of a petrol station is typically around six to twelve months, depending on the size and complexity of the build. I'd like to know what has been so complex in the works for the Strahan Servo that is taking so long for what is really an extremely modest remodelling of the servo! With our wet weather setting in- the servo still looks like a muddy mess and some weeks if not months off being service ready! I question what has been so complex and time intensive to experience such a long period of clo-

sure? Have there been delays in approvals working work with the West Coast Council and relevant authorities to install what really seems to be a relatively basic remodelling program which was to include new dispensing technology and above-ground fuel tanks or has there been another unforeseen factor which really needed to be communicated to our community? We have been told that "The only manned petrol station in the West Coast town of Strahan is set get back up and running in early 2024. The town has been without a manned petrol station since April 2023 when BP shut up shop for redevelopment, leaving just a single pump at the airport as only option for fuel. There had been an expectation that works would have been concluded by the time our tourism season commenced however, disappointedly this did not happen. Lowes Petroleum Tasmania, in partnership with BP, have said that they will reopen the service station to meet the growing tourism numbers in the area. With our high season ending this year I can't understand what's taken so long and why they could not have acted more quickly given that they even agree that "service stations are important for tourism. I do thank them though that they have recognised the importance of committing to manning the servo when it does finally open, and planning includes to continual offer of our fabulous mechanical workshop. While disappointed the shop front area has not been refurbished; it will be good to see the return of the fishing tackle and other retail goods alongside fuel sometime- hopefully- in 2024.

To BP and Lowes Petroleum I ask on behalf of our community- please get on with the job and get our servo reopened! I really hope that we don't get a minimal manned service. Strahan and our visitor community deserve more.

Anzac Day Services

ANZAC DAY Services - Queenstown
Dawn Service 6:00 am at the Queenstown Cenotaph.

Queenstown Cemetery Service at 8:00 am.
Gormanston Service at 9:00 am.

Main Service at 11:00 am at the Queenstown Cenotaph.

Zeehan ANZAC Day Sevice as follows:

Dawn Service Meet at Central Hotel 5:45am, march to Cenotaph for a 6:00am service followed by breakfast (Gold Coin Donation)

Main Service Meet at Cecil Hotel at 10:30am, stepping off at 10:50am march to cenotaph for a 11:00am service, A light lunch to follow.

If anyone wishes to lay a wreath, please contact Zeehan RSL at zeehanrsl7469@yahoo.com We encourage everyone to participate and recognise all those who fought for our country.



Monday 25th April

Dawn Service 6am at RSL

Main Service 11am

March Leaves School to RSL via main street.

Lest we forget

Free Breakfast and Lunch provided at the pub.

The following numbers may be useful

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Emergency 000

SES 132500 TasNetworks 132004

Trees across local roads (West Coast Council) 6471 4700

Trees across main roads 1300 139 933

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dreams” said Jess. “Heather, Katie and everyone that works at West Coast Wilderness Railway are beyond beautiful and we will forever be grateful. From coordinating the day with me to making us a 'Just married' sign and wrapping the diesel train in ribbons we had the most beautiful time”.

Beyond the aesthetic appeal, old trains offer practical benefits as well. With ample seating and onboard amenities, they can accommodate both intimate gatherings and larger celebrations with ease. Additionally, the unique setting often eliminates the need for extravagant décor, allowing couples to focus on creating a personalised experience for their guests.

As the popularity of old trains as wedding venues continues to rise, enthusiasts like myself are optimistic about the future of railway preservation. These trains hold a special place in our collective memory and by incorporating them into modern celebrations, we ensure that their legacy lives on for generations to come.”

With each wedding ceremony held amidst the timeless charm of a vintage locomotive, a new chapter is written in the history of railway romance. As couples embark on this nostalgic journey together, they forge memories that will last a lifetime, proving that true love knows no bounds – not even those of time and space.



Jess and Allan chat with the loco driver on their wedding day
Photo by Jon Gazzignato



Jess and Allan, married at Lower Landing, Teepookana
Photo by Jon Gazzignato



Fiona and Ed, taking a trip on Wee Georgie Wood
Photo by Alan Jennison

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Next time
salmon is on
the menu at
your place,
why not
give these
delicious
recipes a try?

OUR RECIPES

METHOD:

STEP 1

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Spread the potatoes out evenly, drizzle with olive oil and bake for 30 minutes.

STEP 2

Meanwhile, make the herb salsa in a small bowl and set aside. Remove the tray with potatoes, spread out the salmon fillets, green beans, cherry tomatoes and olives and bake for 15-20 minutes.

STEP 3

Remove the tray from the oven, drizzle the salmon with herb salsa and serve with fresh lemon.

INGREDIENTS:

2 x 300g Tassie Fresh Salmon, skin on
500g baby potatoes, halved
2 bunches vine tomatoes
1 cup green beans, trimmed
1/4 cup Kalamata olives
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
Sprinkle salt and pepper
Fresh lemon to serve (optional)

Herb Salsa:

1/4 cup parsley, finely chopped
1/4 cup basil, finely chopped
1/2 red onion, finely diced
4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoon white wine vinegar
Sprinkle salt and pepper



SALMON TRAY BAKE WITH HERB SALSA AND VEGGIES

COOKS IN 30 MINS ≡

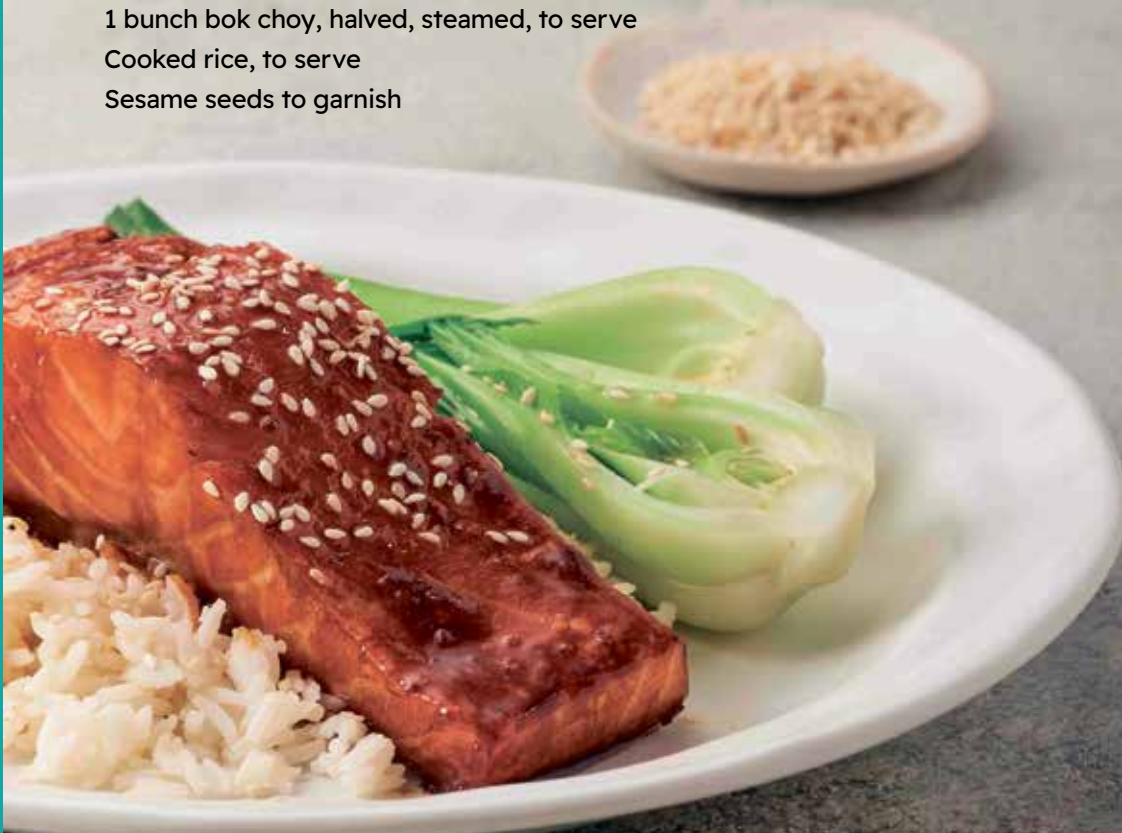
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SERVES 4 🍴

GLAZED SALMON WITH BOK CHOY AND RICE

INGREDIENTS:

300g (2 portions) Tassie Salmon, skin off
1/4 cup light soy sauce
1/4 cup mirin
1 tsp sesame oil
1 bunch bok choy, halved, steamed, to serve
Cooked rice, to serve
Sesame seeds to garnish



METHOD:

STEP 1

Preheat oven to 200°C oven fan grill. Place oven rack on top shelf of oven.

STEP 2

Place salmon in a shallow bowl, add soy and mirin and allow the fish to marinate.

STEP 3

Remove salmon from bowl and place on oven tray lined with foil or baking paper. Place on top shelf of oven and cook for 5 minutes, then turn fish over and cook on the other side for a few minutes until the salmon is cooked through.

STEP 4

Serve with steamed bok choy and rice, drizzle over sesame oil and garnish with sesame seeds.

COOKS IN 25 MINS ≡

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SERVES 2 🍴

Friends of the Henty - Gorse is the enemy

Have you noticed the gorse along the Henty Road north of the Henty River?

Gorse is a declared noxious weed from Europe that is highly invasive on the West Coast. It grows very dense and is full of flammable oil, making it a serious fire hazard. It also prevents recreational access to areas, like it has at the Little Henty River. It also smothers native vegetation, which threatens the habitat of wildlife.

For the last 3 years, Strahan-based volunteer group Friends of the Henty has been working to stop gorse from spreading south of the Henty River. This work has mostly been at the mouth of the Henty River, amongst the sand dunes and expansive coastal scrub. With the help of Parks and Wildlife, Landcare Tasmania, and the UTas Landcare Society, most of the large gorse bushes in this area have been removed, and the remaining work is to follow up on the regrowing gorse each year.

The seed of gorse can last up to 50 years in the soil! Luckily, the native vegetation is quickly growing back where the gorse used to be, which will soon shade out the gorse and stop it from regrowing.

On the sunny first weekend of April, Friends of the Henty held their first

working bee of the year. It was a full day of pulling out gorse seedlings at the Henty River mouth and a morning of removing invasive broom plants on the Ocean Beach Trail. The UTas Landcare Society brought over 10 volunteers from Hobart, and with the combination of PWS staff, passionate locals, and committed volunteers that made the drive from as far as Elliott, there were 25 people on the ground! An estimated 3000 gorse plants were pulled out, and by the end of Saturday volunteers were struggling to find gorse plants to remove!

The Sunday morning on the Ocean Beach Trail was successful too. With over 1000 invasive Montpellier broom plants removed from the coastal grassland, the popular walking trail is slowly but surely becoming weed-free. If action wasn't taken, the broom could have easily consumed the native vegetation along the trail, creating a big fire risk, and reducing the diversity of native plant and animal species

in the area.

Volunteers were well fed, with lunch donated by Gordon River Cruises, and a BBQ dinner provided by Friends of the Henty. If you would like to join us at the next one in August, send us an email at friendsofthehenty@gmail.com

Thanks to the UTas Landcare Soci-

ety for coming over to help, to Gordon River Cruises for donating lunch for the volunteers, PWS for assisting with logistics, and to everyone who came to help on the day. This project is supported by Landcare Tasmania with generous donations from the Elsie Cameron Foundation.



Lion's eye health program heading west

The Lions Eye Health Program is a free screening program designed to identify common vision problems. It is an Australian Lions program created by Lions in consultation with its technical partner, the Centre for Eye Health in Sydney. The program is delivered by trained Lions volunteers through their Lions Clubs.

Eye disorders are one of the most common, long-term health conditions suffered by children. 1 in 5 children have an undetected eye problem and as 80% of learning comes from the eyes the impact of poor vision can have a profound effect on social and educational development.

In 2021 the Lions Club of Rocky Cape introduced LEHP into both Independent and State primary schools who agreed to run the program. A Facilitator with a team of 6-8 accredited screeners administers the program which involves four areas for screening: Visual Acuity, Colour Perception, Depth Perception and the specialist Welch-Alleyn camera to photograph the eyes, which may determine a number of additional visual problems such as near (Myopia) and far sightedness (Hyperopia) and blurred vision (Astigmatism) amongst other conditions that may be present.

There are a number of teams operating in Tasmania-1 North West, 1 Central Coast, 2 Launceston, 2 Hobart.

Teams concentrate on screening children from kinder to Year 6 and screening results are advised to the parent/guardian so children may be referred to an optometrist or ophthalmologist if required. It is NOT a substitute for a

comprehensive eye examination.

Participating schools and parents of students have recognised the program's worth and have shown great support for it over the past 3 years and we are grateful for their commitment. We believe it is important to deliver this program into schools in more remote areas too, not just into the more accessible main centres.

Due to cost and logistics we have not been able to present the program into schools on the West Coast. However, thanks to support from Bluestone Mines, Petuna and the LEHP National body, for the first time, in May 2024 we are introducing the program to four out of the six west coast schools who agreed to participate in the program. Two LEHP teams, from Rocky Cape & Clarence Lions Clubs, will deliver the program to Strahan Primary School on May 6, St Joseph's Catholic School, Queenstown on May 7, Zeehan Primary May 13 and St Josephs Catholic School, Rosebery on May 14.

Thanks to those schools for their participation and to our sponsors for their support.

Anne Fagg
LEHP FACILITATOR/INSTRUCTOR



L-R Archie, Oscar, Claire and Quinn

The Lions Club of Rocky Cape conducted their third annual vision screening session at St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School in March 2023. During the screening session, a member of the teaching staff approached the Lions group. With great delight, and expressing sincere thanks, the staff member informed the screening team that out of nine children referred to an Optometrist for follow up, after screenings in 2022, five were now wearing glasses! The teacher continued explaining that, picking up the eye concerns has also made a very significant difference to these children in the classroom.

In the words of Archie's mother, "If it hadn't been for the screening, we would never have picked up that Archie had a problem with his vision".

Community Newsletter

April 2024



Image: Diesel electric underground loader

New hybrid loaders join the fleet

MMG Rosebery has taken delivery of two new underground diesel-electric loaders, taking the total number onsite to 3.

The vehicles have led to a significant reduction in emissions, 56 per cent less fuel and generates 15 per cent less heat.

This is a great step forward as we strive to meet MMG's vision of net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

We will continue to look at new and innovative ways to meet our net zero emissions target.

Celebrating International Women's Day

Members of the MMG Rosebery team celebrated International Women's Day last month by attending a community event in Zeehan.

Our attendees heard from a panel of inspiring women including guest speaker West Coast Identity Chris Wilson as well as metallurgist Harjot Kaur, Dr Brooke Stevens and Christa-Lee Johnstone.

MMG was proud to be a sponsor of the event.



Image: MMG's Molly Krushka and Zoe Faulkner

Students meet industry at AusIMM event

Members of our MMG Rosebery team participated in the Tasmanian AusIMM student chapter in Hobart, to inspire the next generation of STEM students to work in the mining industry.

Senior Manager of Development Kevin Robinson provided the keynote speech, speaking about the opportunities at Rosebery Mine, the value chain and MMG's climate commitments.

MMG Rosebery provides employment opportunities for students through our Graduate and Vacation programs.



Image: MMG's Kevin Robinson speaking to students

Community sponsorships

A reminder that applications for round 1 of Rosebery Mine's community sponsorships close on 15 April 2024.

Organisations are encouraged to contact Jill Richardson at roscommunity@mmg.com to apply.

Easter Egg hunt

MMG Rosebery teamed up with Rosebery Neighbourhood House to spread some Easter spirit.

Local kids took part in a community Easter egg hunt at the Rosebery Football Oval.



Image: Easter egg hunt

Women's Day at the Gaiety

Zeehan, TAS - On Friday, March 8th, the WIMnet Tasmania Branch, in collaboration with the West Coast Heritage Centre and the Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre, came together to host a special International Women's Day event against the picturesque backdrop of the mining town of Zeehan. The event attracted 120 eager attendees.

Themed "Inspire Inclusion," the event welcomed a diverse array of participants, embodying the spirit of unity and empowerment. Liz Sayster of Rural Health skilfully guided the proceedings as the Master of Ceremonies.

One touching moment came from Makenzie Royle of Zeehan Primary School, who delivered a heartfelt Acknowledgement of Country, paying tribute to the traditional custodians of the land.

Highlighting the remarkable contributions of local women, guest speaker Chris Wilson, artist, adventurer and the first female to work in an underground mine on Tasmania's West Coast shared her story and insights. Chris (pictured

at right), recounted her journey in the male-dominated mining industry, shedding light on the challenges she faced. Chris' story, one of inspiration and resilience was reflective of the times, engaged the audience and drew much admiration.

Mrs. Mandy Leedham, Chair of West Coast Heritage Centre, convened a panel featuring local female figures: Harjort Kaur, Metallurgist at Catalyst Metals; Brooke Stevens, Doctor at North West Regional and Mersey Community Hospital; and Christa-Lee Johnstone, serving as an Area Maintenance Assistant at Hydro Tasmania. Each offered glimpses into their respective fields and their views on progress towards gender equality.

The event coincided with the launch of the 2024 Women in Resources and Manufacturing Awards, overseen by the Tasmanian Minerals, Manufacturing, and Energy Council (TMEC). Mr. Ray Mostogl, TMEC's Chief Executive Officer, officially announced the awards, aimed at highlighting the

accomplishments of women working in resources, mining, and manufacturing, and encouraging other women to pursue careers in these industries.

Notably, the event drew a diverse audience, including many male attendees, signalling a collective commitment to gender equality and inclusivity. Minister for Women, Jo Palmer, conveyed an encouraging video message to female attendees, commending the achievements of past award winners and finalists while expressing admiration for the nominees' dedication.

Throughout the morning, attendees were treated to a display of historical dress collections belonging to local West Coast residents Margaret Coulson and Janice Dunstan, accompanied by moving narratives. A sumptuous morning tea, catered by five local businesses, fostered networking opportunities.

Reflecting on the day's success, organisers expressed gratitude to dedicated volunteers, including Lyn O'Grady, Christeena Jones, and Kayla Ling, whose efforts ensured the smooth

execution of the event. The event served as a reminder of both the progress made towards gender equality and the journey ahead, with a determination to continue championing inclusivity and empowerment.

Elizabeth Youd
Acting Chair
WIMNet Tasmania



SCOUTING STORIES - A CAMP BY THE LAKE

We had finally arrived and had picked the perfect campsite after an extensive look around the area.

This was an open area right beside Lake Mackintosh. With perfect views overlooking the Lake.

We invited the Burnie scouts to join us, and they kindly brought their kayaks with them.

We set up camp and explored further afield. Had dinner and had an early night. Prepared for our big day tomorrow.

We woke to sounds of crickets and native hens. The rain had decided to stay away.

We mended the fire and waited for the billy to boil for hot milos. Cooking toast by the coals.

A morning kayak was planned, we cleaned up and set out after breakfast along the banks of Lake Mackintosh. For some of us this would be our first kayaking experience. We learnt about water safety, different paddling strokes and how to raft up together with the

kayaks. The water was calm and the views from on the lake were beautiful. We also saw the dam.

After heading back to shore and drying off, we packed our lunches and headed into Tullah.

Our first stop was our visit to Wee Georgie Wood steam railway. We could see the steam blowing out of the boiler and smell oil by the station. We purchased our ticket and climbed aboard into a small passenger carriage. The crew told us stories about the past and how they mined galena in the early 19th century. It felt like we had stepped back in time. We even met some resident chooks.

Afterwards we headed to Tullah Lakeside Lodge for lunch. After a few competitive games of chess, we set off for a short walk around the lake. On return we had some delicious ice-creams.

Once the ice-creams had settled, we headed to the jetty for a swim. We launched the kayaks and those game enough bombed off the jetty. The water

was close to permafrost. Not deterring the bravest.

We headed back to campsite and started to prepare dinner. Spaghetti and meatballs were on the menu followed by smores. Just what we need after a big day. We stoked the fire and gathered around, telling ghost stories until bedtime.

It rained through the night, no sounds of crickets and native hens to wake to, just the wind blowing against the tents.

Cooking pancakes for breakfast. Packing up camp with all the gear wet.

It's always fun when it rains.

By the 1st Queenstown Scout Group.



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UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA UPDATE

Mawson's Hut Antarctic Classroom a hit on the West Coast!

What a fantastic event with the Mobile Antarctic Classroom touring the West Coast recently. School children had the opportunity to learn only about Antarctic and Southern Ocean Science as well as Douglas Mawson who led the first Australasian Antarctic expedition to undertake geological research. Children had fun meeting the Mawson's Hut mascot - a very large penguin called 'Dennison' - and learning about the many types of penguins living in Antarctica and around the world. Layah from the Mawson's Hut foundation was wonderful and kept the children intrigued and interested with map challenges, identifying animal sounds, learning about Antarctic Territory and Treaty as well climate science.

The University would like to thank the Mawson's Hut Foundation and Layah for such an interesting and interactive experience for West Coast children. West Coast schools and libraries hosting the Mawson's Hut Foundation were suitably impressed and we cannot wait for the return of the Mawson's Hut Mobile Antarctic Classroom to the West Coast.

Children who were part of the Children's University program also had the opportunity to complete a reflection about the event and secure some additional hours for their passports towards graduation in 2024.

West Coast Parents – the April school holidays are fast approaching!

GALLEY MUSEUM OPEN DAY – (FREE ENTRY) TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2024

Why not join Galley Museum in Queenstown on Tuesday 16th April 2024 for its Open Day. Entry to the museum on the day is free for families and children and there are some amazing things to find and challenge yourself to learn! Do you know what a rotary phone is or how to turn on an old analogue TV? Join our wonderful UTAS staff and have fun learning more about how geology rocks, challenge yourself to Jane's fun Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities as well as chat to Brendan about stone tools and ochre for ceremonies and how they are significant to Tasmanian Aboriginal history and future education. A sausage sizzle will be run by the Lions Club on the day!

Children's University members can receive an additional three hours in their passports towards graduation in 2024.

QUEENSTOWN LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM – WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 10AM TO 12PM (FREE ENTRY)

School holiday activities are heating up for the West Coast with the Jet Planes challenge and science and maths related activities with Jane from UTAS. You can also learn more about the significance of stone tools and ochre in Tasmanian Aboriginal history and talk to Brendan about Aboriginal culture and history. Handle the tools and challenge yourself to learn what the tools were used for and why ochre is used in ceremonies today. What a fun way to learn!

All are welcome and those children who may be members of the Children's University program can also have the opportunity to receive additional hours in their passports towards graduation in 2024.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START LEARNING!

There are so many pathways to education to provide young people, adults

and those wishing to upskill with the confidence to develop and build knowledge. By building educated, resilient communities we can ensure the future of the West Coast is supported to succeed and thrive and there are already so many success stories on the West Coast.

If you are unsure of what you are interested in pursuing in terms of learning come in for a chat with Belinda, who is the Regional Learning Officer (West Coast) based at Study Hub West Coast in Zeehan. We can talk about the ways we match students to courses via our many pathways to University. For example, University preparatory courses, Undergraduate Certificates, Diplomas, Associate Degrees, Bachelor Degrees and higher degree study.

Improved educational pathways are available to people from all walks of life and can often lead to increased employment opportunities.

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Horses to horsepower - book review

From horses as prime movers, to stagecoach, cars and lorries, this book is a fascinating journey back in time to when life moved at a much slower pace.

Covering all of Tasmania and most major industries, this tome shows how times have changed since the early 1800's when the state was being developed and settled.

This is Les Morley's twelfth book, and it is a beauty! Full of hundreds of photographs showing the progression from horses to the modern way of transportation.

This book will transport (excuse the

pun) you back in time and show just how tough they did it back then.

Things are certainly much easier today but the new pace of life is not without its problems and accidents as you will see when you leaf through the book.

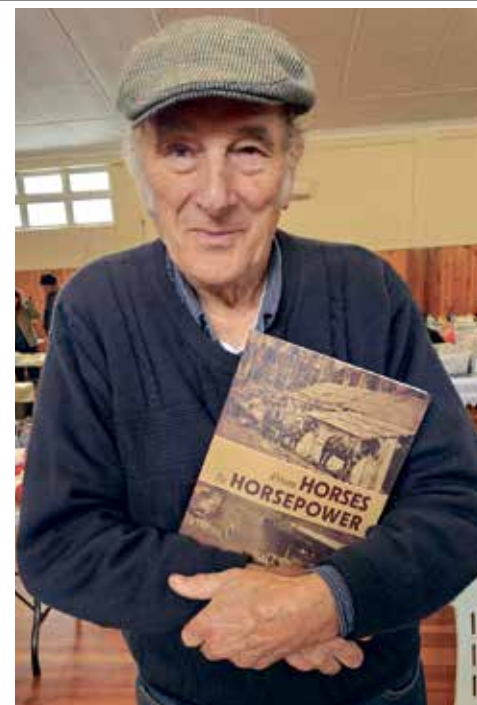
Les is a Zeehan resident, a car enthusiast and restorer and has a keen interest in Tasmania's history.

Do yourself a favour, chase up this book, as well as Les's other volumes and travel back in time. Reminisce on the 'old days' and settle into a bit of history. If I know Les, he is already working on the next part of the history

collection, and we will keep you posted when that happens too. With so much on the go you might have to 'hold your horses' while Les works out what to write about next. It will be worth it though. Les can often be found at the local markets where he not only has his books for sale (and is happy to sign them for you), but also sells toy cars, trucks and buses and a range of sturdy, timber trucks, tractors, animals and ducks that he makes himself.

Be sure to check those out as well, they are bound to put a smile on any youngsters face..

Does this guy ever rest?



Riley Sheehan, a cut above the rest

We're thrilled to share the success of underground employee and local athlete Riley Sheehan, who has once again achieved an array of podium finishes, this time competing nationally at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney.

Riley has worked at Renison since 2018 and Bluestone proudly sponsored the champion tree-feller and wood-chopper to attend the Sydney competition last week. Riley's achievements at the event include an impressive 5th place in the World Title Tree Felling Championship.

But that's not all! Riley's remarkable performance also earned him two 2nd places in the 300mm tree felling handicaps, a 1st place in an open

300mm standing block handicap event, a 3rd place in the "team of three" event alongside Josh Bakes and Eric Hoberg from the USA, and a 2nd place in the First Division 600mm butchers block event.

We are honoured to support Riley in competing at both state and national levels. It has been incredibly rewarding to witness the local talent's achievements in the fiercely competitive sport over the years.

Bluestone Mines Tasmania Joint Venture



Study Hub expands in 2024

March was a big month! Imagine our happy dance of excitement as our application to create a mini hub on King Island was successful - Study King Island is born! To make it easier for students to study closer to home, Study King Island will support locals studying University & VET through any tertiary institution or registered training organisation (RTO), Australia-wide. This will allow the island community to study locally and remain connected to their support networks.

At the Study Hub, we dusted off our thinking caps (Again!) and March was filled with planning for upcoming events, expos and training. We finalised our Future You Schools Expo date and collaborate with West Coast Council and UTAS to create a healthy ageing expo for October. Stay tuned for further details in coming months.

We really enjoyed hosting our Rosebery District School Boys Wellbeing and Women's Empowerment sessions this week. Our favourite part is always the photography competition sponsored by MMG and wonderfully supported by the Western Echo. Thank you Alan!

This competition is about all things trains. We'll publish the winning photos next month!

It was great to welcome back the lovely Cathy Hartigan, UTAS Resource Librarian in mid-March. Cathy ran student support sessions for West Coast UTAS learners and we even registered some new students. It's great to have on the ground UTAS support and Cathy is so helpful navigating university processes.

Planning to study this year? Interested, but need help? There are unlimited and diverse study options available to you and we understand it can be overwhelming. Contact the Study Hub for assistance and support – we can help you narrow down options, source funding and provide practical advice. UTAS also has a Regional Learning Officer based at the Study Hub for any UTAS questions or support.

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Friends of the Tramway

Friends of Tracks and Tramways have been busy. The time team have just completed the construction of a bridge over the Federation creek. The original bridge was built 1921 and has long gone, but the formations of the tramway have been cut through solid granite in most places and will be there for ever, they are a master piece. This bridge will be named Crown's bridge named after the late Crown Cornish one of Trial Harbours early days prospectors. He worked the area for many years 1920- 1960 mining for tin .The man was a legend and well known by most west coasters.



These things are huge!

Giant mushrooms have been found growing along the Granville Tramway. This is one of the mushrooms recently found on the old Granville Tramway, the cap measured 45 centimetres in diameter and after some research we have identified it as a possible Rozites Australiensis. They are apparently only growing in ACT, NSW, SA.and Victoria but definitely NOT to be eaten.



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parkrun Zeehan is off and running

Zeehan Golf Club parkrun has been operating for 8 weeks and Saturday, April 6 was Event # 9. We have had more than 250 people participate, including 45 volunteers. Many people have come from all over the world just to complete this particular parkrun – it is only 1 of 2 in Australia and less than 20 globally that start with the letter ‘Z’.

The world is small and even smaller at parkrun. We have had two separate groups of participants from Yorkshire in the UK, never met before and yet here they were in Zeehan to complete the parkrun. There are other participants from Canada and Ireland, as well as states and territories from around

Australia, as well as New Zealand. We are keeping a record of visitors and asking them to sign our Visitor book. We are on every Saturday at 9am at the Zeehan Golf Club. Run, jog, walk or volunteer! Meet new people, start a healthy habit. Children’s University members can include parkrun for their volunteer hours and get a stamp in their CU Passport.



The Antarctic Classroom came down to Rosebery District School to teach us about Antarctica and its inhabitants. We all loved learning about it, especially the K-2s. Something I learnt and found interesting was that baby penguins are fluffy and brown.
Ava (Grade 3)

We went to Queenstown to compete in races against other grade 3-6 students on the west coast. We all competed in lots of different races. Bailey said his favourite was the kickboard race. At the swimming carnival, we did great and we all tried our best.
Cody (Grade 4)



On Friday 8th of March, 5 SLC members went to the GRIP leadership conference in Launceston with high schools from all around the north of Tasmania. While we were there we participated in different activities all about leadership. These activities ranged from meeting to improving our leadership roles and abilities. Our first activity was about “being a student leadership team that takes steps forward.” This involves Stepping Up, Stepping In, Stepping Out and Stepping Together to improve school culture and events. After recess we had the choice between two electives: “how to make our events really matter” and “how to lead when it feels like nobody wants to follow.” Our SLC members split up to attend both sessions and then share with the entire Rosebery SLC. Being able to choose the sessions we wanted to attend was really valuable as we could choose what areas we thought were important or wanted to work on.



Q Bank artist in residence

The delightful Lauren Fahey is the latest artist in residence at Q Bank studio in Queenstown and I caught up with her for a bit of a chat.

Alan: “So you have only been here a few days, what do you think of Queenstown?”

Lauren: “I grew up in a rural environment in New South Wales so the township and the community sort of remind me of home. I’m based in Melbourne now, but this is much more my pace. I’m pretty grateful to have a month here to be working on my practise.

Alan: “So will you be travelling around the west coast this trip?”

Lauren: “I will take trips out to the other towns but am probably going to be focussed on Queenstown. I’m interested in the history and the stories and the truths in Queenstown. I want to chat to the locals about the things that happened here. I grew up on this property that my dad managed for 16 years, and then it got bought by a coal seam gas mine. So, the mining history is really fascinating. I know it’s a completely different case here, it’s really unique and that’s what I’m curious about.”

Alan: “So what do you hope to take away from your residency?”

Lauren: “probably taking a lot of work home for a bit of a body of work. I’m hoping to deepen my practice because it’s still in the emerging stage so working consistently. I hope to find some more experimentation and kind of like, broaden it. And just maybe capture a bit of a feeling of my time here. Feeling of the town I guess. that’s what these initial interpretations are like. Yeah, my kind of response to it. Considering those ideas that I mentioned before, so that kind of like, our relationship to the landscape. Our responsibility to it. Yeah, those kinds of things.”

Alan: “So are you planning an open studio at all?”

Lauren: “Definitely, I am looking at Friday 26th April from 3pm and into the evening. I’d like to meet some of the locals and hear more about the history and the stories”.

This will be a great opportunity to check out the art on the walls, maybe have a glass of wine and meet the lovely artist herself. One for the diary for sure. See you there. **Alan**



Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

FATALITY AT THE KAPI MINE. FALL OF GROUND. A MAN KILLED. HIS SON NARROWLY ESCAPES.

On the afternoon of Monday, 8 February 1915, Benjamin Menzie, an experienced miner originally from New Norfolk, aged 50, was killed in an accident at the Kapi Mine, which was situated about 5 kilometres south of the Bluestone Renison tin mine site, close to the North East Dundas tramway.

He was working with his son, also Benjamin, and just before finishing work for the day, he noticed that one of the timber supports where they were working looked unstable. Before he could remedy it a fall of earth occurred and he was completely buried, while his son was covered up to his thighs. With much difficulty the younger Menzie managed to free himself and go for help. Word was sent to Zeehan, and Dr. Gordon Walker, Police Constable Lawther, and Mr L.S.T. Moore, manager of the property, proceeded to the mine.

The body was eventually recovered and taken to the morgue at Zeehan hospital arriving at about 9:30 p.m. that evening. The next day a coronial enquiry was opened at the Courthouse before the coroner (Captain W. Fisher) and a jury of four.

Leslie Moore deposed he was manager of the Penzance tin mine, and the Kapi leases, which were included in the Penzance property. He had recently visited the place where the accident occurred and neither the deceased nor he had any concerns. During his absence the deceased was in charge of operations, and had full control in regard to keeping it safe. The deceased had been working for nearly

18 months on the property, and was an experienced miner.

Dr. Gordon James Walker deposed that he had gone to the Kapi mine as requested, where he had examined the body of Benjamin Menzie at ground level. There was a tear in the lobule of the left ear,

abrasions in the middle of the back, but there was no fracture of the skull. Internal examination showed that the right side of the heart was dilated with blood, and the lungs were very congested with blood. In his opinion death was due to suffocation.

At this stage the coroner adjourned the enquiry so that the Jury could visit the scene of the accident.

It resumed the next day, when Benjamin Osric Menzie stated he and his father had finished work for the day at about 4:10 p.m. They were inspecting the area when his father, putting his hand on a wooden leg (prop) said, “Well, boy, we’ll have to put a “tom” under the leg and a big chock behind it.” These were the last words I heard him say as just then the earth caved in. I was buried up to my thighs and it took about 10 minutes before I cleared myself. I could see that it would be impossible for me to do anything single handed, so I ran to get Mr Capell and Mr Thorne.

I have been working at the Kapi with my father for about two years. The ground had always been well timbered and, to all appearances the leg referred to by my father was safe; it was supported with two diagonals. The leg had been put in by my father and myself. My father was most particular about the timbering. In

my opinion the accident was one that would happen in spite of every precaution.

Alfred Thorne, miner, deposed he was walking along the tramline towards the Kapi station with Jesse Capell when they met young Menzie. On being told the bad news they hurried to the mine. It took about an hour and three quarters before they reached the body. Deceased was found face downwards in a crouching position, with his candle in his right hand. One of his feet was between two pieces of timber, and his hat was on his head. He had known the deceased for about 15 years, and found him to be an extremely cautious man and a firstclass miner.

Jesse Capell collaborated the evidence of the previous witness. Had known the deceased for about 11 weeks, and considered him a cautious and experienced miner.

Walter Edward Lawther deposed that he took charge of the body, and had it removed to the morgue at Zeehan.

The coroner brought in the following verdict: “That the deceased Benjamin Menzie, accidentally came by his death at the Kapi mine, North Dundas, on February 8, 1915, through a fall of earth, and that no blame was attachable to anyone.”

The funeral took place the next afternoon (Thursday) at 4 p.m., and was very largely attended. A short service was first conducted at St. Luke’s Church by the Rev. F.R. Morse, who also officiated at the graveside.

Currently Benjamin Menzie’s grave site is in poor condition, but his headstone survives intact, albeit resting on the ground. *This is an abridged excerpt taken from books edited by Malcolm Ready, Burials at the Zeehan General (Pioneer) Cemetery.*



blood on the face from mouth and nose but no other signs of injury. He had ordered the body to be taken to the Zeehan morgue.

Earlier that morning he had conducted a post mortem. External examination showed that there were signs of bleeding from the nose and mouth and a few

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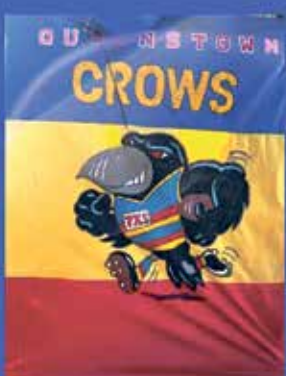
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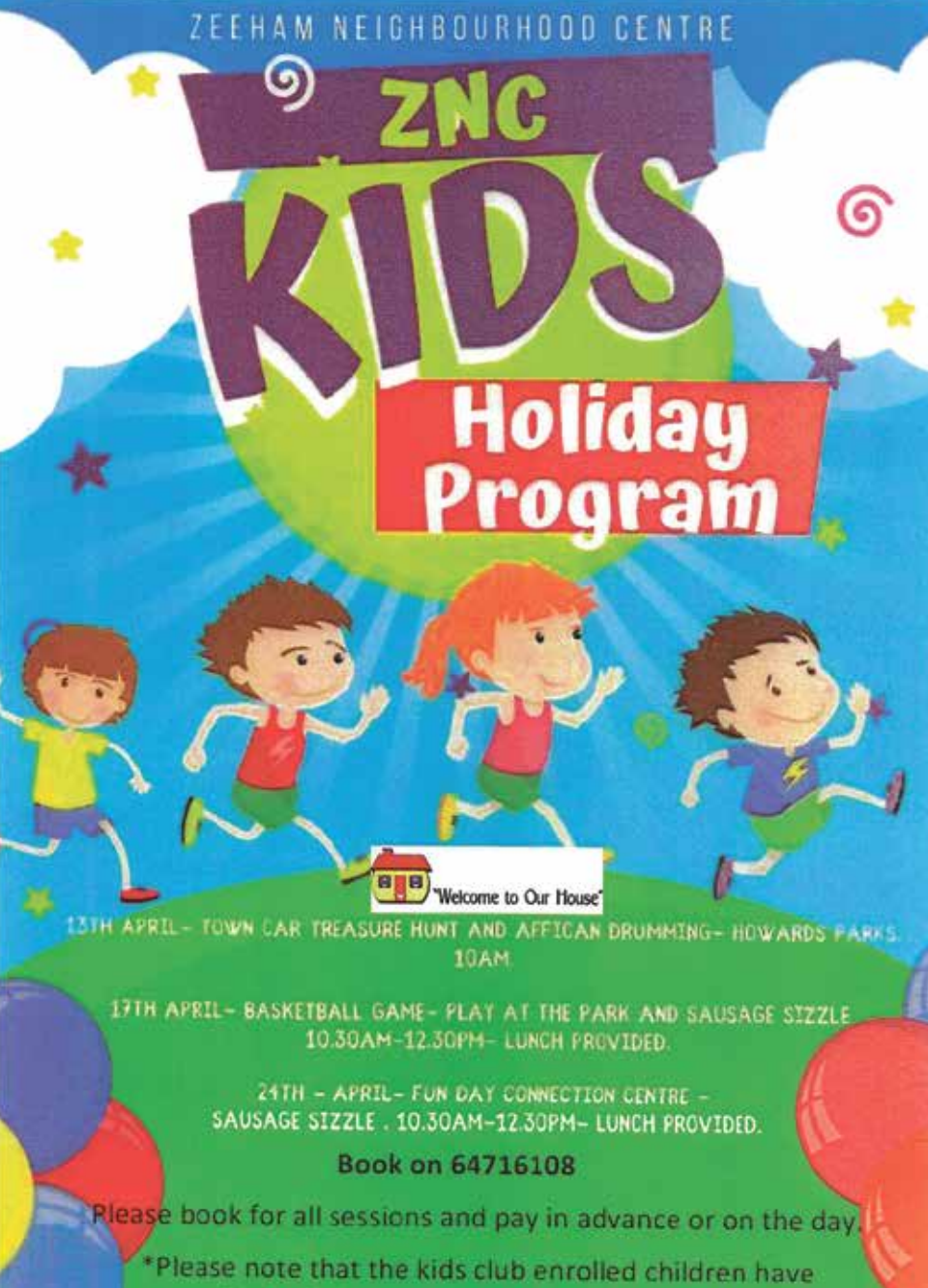


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At the time of organising, the 2024 DFA roster was not available.



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Photos by Alan Jennison

Update: Season 2024

After the completion of round 9 and with 3 rounds of the season remaining the ladder standings of each grade are:
Under 12 Girls (1st) Rubies (2nd) Opals (3rd) Gems (4th) Diamonds
Under 12 Boys (1st) Pumas (2nd) All Stars (3rd) Wildcats (4th) Jazz
Under 16 Girls (1st) Liberty (2nd) Mystics (3rd) Fever
Under 16 Boys (1st) Warriors (2nd) Celtics (3rd) Bulls (4th) Hawks
There have been many close games to date with the under 12 boys & girls competitions having a combined 14 games decided under 5 points.
Our Association has had the privilege hosting the Jack Jumpers and with an exciting NBL finals series what a huge achievement in only 3 years for the franchise to secure the 2024 NBL championship. Congratulations to everyone in the club for their hard work and all at the QJBA are so proud.
Our roster moves into a 2 week recess for the school holidays, everyone enjoy the break especially those who make the trip from Zeehan & Strahan with Round 10 commencing on Monday 29th April.

Brett Schulze
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WE PLAY

WEST COAST JUNIOR FOOTBALL STRAHAN V QUEENSTOWN

Photos by Alan Jennison

Round two of the Bluestone West Coast Junior Football was hosted by Strahan and seen the Seals take on the in form Queenstown Crows. The ruck was evenly matched between Strahans Caelan Asnins-Moller and Queenstowns big man Jayden Schwoch, Corban Callow had another impressive game out of the middle, getting the Crows off to an early lead. Tylar Gunton moved up into the middle for Strahan and battled to get the ball deep into the Seals forward line where a crafty handball by Edward Reeves to the running Jobe McDermott resulted in a much needed goal.

The second half was an uphill battle for Strahan with the Crows Sierra Stubbs taking some very nice overhead marks and Jack Triffet having another great game running out of defence.

There efforts were bolstered by an impressive performance by Ollie Williams on the wing and Tarrant Elkin showing speed and energy in the forward line. Sophie McDermott and Jagger Denison dropped back for the Seals and worked well to prevent a rush of goals by turning the ball over and feeding it back into the midfield.

Zxavier Viney played one of his best games and done some telling runs out of defence to set up attack for the Crows. Despite some gutsy performances by Adele Snell, Edward Reeves and Macy Kube to slow the Queenstown attack, the Crows chipped away to win by 50 points and secured themselves as the team to beat this year with their second convincing win.





WE PLAY QUEENSTOWN CROWS V SOUTH BURNIE

Photos by Sandy Smith Callow

After a solid pre-season it was good to finally get out on the park and see how our hard work over the pre-season shaped up. We spoke a lot about effort and intensity leading into the first game as we knew everything else was going to be a process, and will continue to be throughout the early matches of the season.

The reserves brought the exact effort and intensity that we were after and dominated the first quarter, setting the tone for the day. They were able to hold off a gutsy South Burnie team to win by 59 points, a result in which coaches Jack and Alec were very happy with.

As for the Seniors, we also come out firing and brought the heat early, kicking 8 goals to 1 in the first quarter and went into half time with a 57 point lead, that did not change by the end of the game.

Overall a fantastic start to the year for us and if we can bring the same effort and intensity into this weekends first home game vs Cuprona, we will be very happy.



SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 1ST HOME GAME AGAINST CUPRONA FOOTBALL CLUB



QUEENSTOWN CROWS
FOOTBALL CLUB

VS

12pm Reserves
2pm Seniors





CUPRONA
BULLDOGS

Boys will be running out in our 2014 Premiership styled guernsey. On this day the 2014 senior premiership will be having their 10 year reunion so it promises to be a great day of footy.



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The Sheyana Band Function 7:30pm - \$20
Entry
18+ Event