



Bringing history to life - in miniature



It has been twelve months in the making and it still has a long way to go, (think the next ten years or so), but 'Western Echoes' is now open in Zeehan.

This is a shop front full of the history of the West Coast in miniature. There are operating trains, tiny people, a circus and several mining scenes to look at, and so

much more planned. Animating some of the little figures and models is underway at the moment and this will all be as interactive as I can make it.

Ferris wheels, dodgem cars, dancing animals and gold miners will all be spinning, turning and moving in all sorts of directions. Wait until you see what I have planned for

underneath the Spray Mine diorama!

The models come from all over the world and if I can't find them I make them (sounds like the West Coaster's motto), and many a late night has been spent painting these tiny things, with many more to come I'm sure.

I am having lots of fun making this and invite you all to keep dropping in to see the

changes from week to week. The shop is open 10am - 5pm every day and is directly opposite the Heritage Centre in Zeehan's main street. Entry is free (but donations to keep upgrading are most welcome).

This is unashamedly a self promotion but hey, why not? I publish the paper after all and can do that.

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

Dear Editor,

I write to your progressive journal to commend the citizens of the West Coast who attended the recent working bee held at 28 Mulcahy St. Zeehan to help create a suitable wildlife rehab and dumped cat facility. The extensive work carried out over the weekend by an engaging array of volunteer West Coasters, young and old and representing every township on the coast will go a very long way to helping this much needed West Coast wildlife rescue facility to continue the dedicated work already carried out by Kerrie Laffer and friends, at her property, on an entirely volunteer basis for nearly 30 years.

Over 24 hours the inimitable West Coasters cleared, shovelled, hoed, lifted, stacked, yacked, roofed, slashed, sizzled delicious sausages, brewed commendable lattes and generally got the show well under a West Coast mammalian way. As every resident on the West Coast knows only too well, there is no progress without sweat and toil. Deserving of notable thanks because of his Massey Ferguson tractor expertise was Central Hotel publican, Larry.

It is clear to every ratepayer on the West Coast that animal rescue facilities such as the Zeehan centre are dreadfully absent in all our little laid back towns. We see the nightly evidence all over, on every kilometre of every single highway leading to all our western towns, dead and dying exotic Tasmanian mammals, every kind, often with young in pouch, and no cars stopping to see if their is. That's Western Tasmania as we, the reader's of your excellent journal know it to be the never ending temperate rainforest case. There is nowhere to take them. The Parks and Wildlife don't have the time, nor it seems the West Coast Council, so I guess it's up to Kerrie and friends.

Yours sincerely,
Rory Wray-McCann

To the Editor.

W.C.C have deemed this skip bin safe , It's just another example of the W.C.C being weak and non compliant with safety issues in Zeehan , it just goes to show that they are not concerned about public safety, this wouldn't be allowed to happen in Queenstown but because it's in Zeehan it's ignored. The bin was placed on a corner of a main access road creating a blind spot and a safety hazard in which the residents are not happy with and it needs to be relocated before someone has an accident.

Grant Hodge Zeehan.



Alan and the Western Echo would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year. Thank you to all our contributors, writers and photographers over the last two years as well. Here's to many more.

Astron open in Zeehan

United Zeehan as Astron Zeehan (80 Main Street, Zeehan) is now open. The shop provides confectionery, freshly ground Coffee, fresh toasties, pies, rolls and Indian samosa. They also have Iced drinks and Milkshakes. Their focus is providing the best customer service and supporting our lovely local community.



Have your say

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

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

To help guide Council in setting the Annual Plan and Budget, Council invites input from the Community. Priorities and projects should be linked to the West Coast Community Plan 2025 and other strategies adopted by Council. These documents can be found on our website and are available at our office. Ideas not linked to strategies are less likely to be included in the Annual Plan.

Council welcomes input for the questions in the following survey.

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

To have your say, please complete the survey by 5PM Monday 5th February 2024.



parkrun almost here

Ok we have some exciting things to announce and plan for!

Paperwork is in final stages with parkrun people. We have a proposed start date in late January 2024 (TBA) with at least 2 trial runs prior to this date to iron out any issues (likely to also be in early-mid January, but not necessarily on weekend).

What I need next is the name and parkrun barcode of local (or visiting) people who would be willing to be a part of a rotating roster to support this event get off the ground, continue, grow and embed. There are a multitude of roles to fulfil each week and helping every now and then is fine! If that is you, please contact Josh Dean at the Zeehan Primary School ASAP!

Visit <https://www.parkrun.com.au> to register for parkrun! And remember you can do parkrun anywhere in the world that a parkrun can be found!

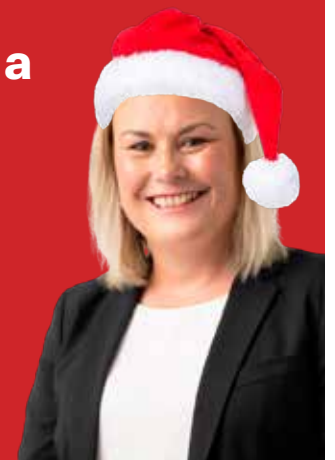
Stay tuned for announcement of trial runs and our official launch date when it clears!

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Zeehan speed limit reduced to 50 km/h

The existing speed limit of 60 km/h in the West Coast town of Zeehan is set to be reduced by 10 km/h in the upcoming weeks. This decision, approved by the Commissioner for Transport, will be applicable to a 2.62-kilometre segment of the Zeehan Highway, passing through the town center from the south of Trial Harbour Road to Packer Street.

The commissioner explained that the decision stems from the considerable interaction between traffic and pedestrians, especially vulnerable road users frequenting community facilities along Zeehan's main street, such as the Post Office, the RSL, and Zeehan Primary School. Additionally, the road witnesses

a significant volume of heavy vehicle traffic.

Anticipating a decrease in the risk of crashes within the town, the commissioner foresees that the lowered speed limit will provide both drivers and pedestrians with extra time to react. The commissioner assures that this adjustment will have a minimal impact on travel time while concurrently enhancing safety for all road users.

The initiative to revise the speed limit was prompted by a request from the West Coast Council on behalf of the local community. The modified speed limit is in effect now so slow down coming into town.



Steam trains, smoked salmon, scones and gold

Does it get much better than this?

The West Coast Wilderness Railway is up and running again after a break for maintenance.

I was invited on the first of the new trips from Queenstown to Lynchford and had a thoroughly enjoyable day out. The train was gleaming and running smoothly, the carriages are plush and opulent, the staff are wonderful and the food is great, (think smoked salmon and delicious scones).

After a short run out to Lynchford Station, we all disembarked to wander around for a while and try our hand at panning for gold in the huge trough set up for this.

Well, this lucky editor was one of the few who actually found some, bringing up two pieces in my first pan.

Can't complain at that. Ok, I might not be rich money wise but certainly richer for having the chance to enjoy a day out such as this.

I highly recommend it. Ed.



When was your last COVID booster?



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COVID-19 continues to circulate in our community.

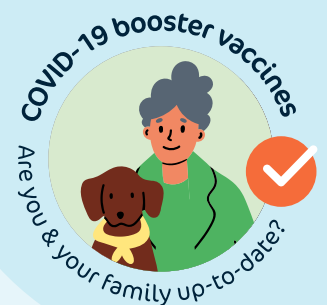
If it's been six months since your last vaccine or infection and you are:

- aged 75 years or older – please get a COVID booster.
- aged between 65 and 74 years - consider a COVID booster.

Talk with your immunisation provider soon.

Boost your immunity and stay safe this summer.

Visit www.health.tas.gov.au to find out more.



Remote support in the home is available for people who have COVID-19 and for vulnerable people, including children, with other respiratory illnesses. To find out more or enrol: www.health.tas.gov.au/covidathomeplus or call 1800 973 363.

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CELEBRATING our salmon industry

MORE than 300 people attended a free event at the Strahan Golf Club to celebrate the importance of Tasmania's \$1.3 billion salmon industry to regional communities.

Salmon Tasmania's CEO Luke Martin welcomed salmon workers, suppliers and the community to the Strahan Golf Club on 14 November for an industry community day.

Tasmania's three salmon producers came together to thank the people who make their industry the success that it is. "Tasmania's salmon industry is responsible for 17 per cent of all employment in the West Coast local government areas and we are proud of the contribution we make to regional communities and the important role we play as a major employer; generating jobs and economic activity across the state," Mr Martin said.

Almost 90 per cent of the industry's economic activity occurs in regional communities. That equates to around nine out of 10 salmon jobs being located in places like Strahan.

The salmon industry generated more than \$770 million worth of economic activity for Tasmania in 2022 and supported more than 5100 jobs statewide.

Salmon workers in regional communities are paid, on

average, 56 per cent more than other people who work in these areas.

"You can't go to the shops in Strahan without seeing salmon workers in their uniform and the local school is full of kids whose parents work in the industry," Mr Martin said.

"It's not just the direct economic activity and jobs created by the salmon industry, it's the follow-on benefits as well, like the local shops and takeaway stores that wouldn't survive without the business they get from salmon workers every day. It was fantastic to bring everyone together to thank them and to celebrate our industry."



Army invades West Coast for training

Seen lots of army vehicles on the coast recently? Here is why. The 44th Transport Squadron is an Army Reserve sub-unit located in Tasmania. The headquarters is located at Kokoda Barracks, Devonport, and there is a Transport Troop along with a number of key senior squadron members based at Derwent Barracks, in Hobart. Last year the Squadron celebrated its 70th anniversary.

Over the period of 1 to 3 December 2023, members from the Squadron conducted driver training on the West Coast of Tasmania.

The new generation of Land 121 Australian Defence Force vehicles were used. The Mercedes Benz G-Wagons were utilised for driver training in adverse conditions using a number of off road driving tracks within Parks and Wildlife Services Tasmania areas.

The larger trucks, Mann 40M and HX77 ILHS, were used for driver training through the tight and steep road network around the region.



Police driver training, down and dirty

We can't go over it, we can't go under it... we'll have to go through it! So say Tasmanian Police drivers.

Police drivers from specialist areas have recently undertaken invaluable 4WD training on the West Coast - across sand and rocky tracks, and through mud and water - honing skills for rescues in rural and diverse areas.

Sergeant Dave McKenzie said "the week-long course was comprised of Tasmania Police officers from specialist areas and different geographical districts and run on the West Coast due to the access to a wide range of 4WD suitable conditions, including sand, water, mud and rocky tracks.

This training is invaluable for our members, given the diverse situations they face in the job during emergencies, particularly in rural and regional areas.

The scenery and local hospitality was very much appreciated".



Harcourts
West Coast

Season's Greetings!

The team at Harcourts West Coast wishes you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year! We thank the community for supporting us during 2023 and look forward to serving you again in 2024.

Please note our offices will be closed from the 21st December 2023 and will reopen 3rd January 2024

Tullah Neighbourhood Watch

Greeting to All West Coast People and visitors.

Tullah has recently formed a Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) for our town to support our community young and old, we are striving to keep all informed of NHW activities and we are working with the Fire and Police department to help us achieve this and to make our communities a safer place.

Some proposals from NHW so are the moving of the bus stop in Tullah back to the other side of the road, where the bus shelters are to ensure children and parents are not subjected to weather conditions. NHW has signs awaiting to be put in place by council to let the public know we are NHW town.

We will be striving to help other West Coast town to become a NHW community for the safety of all West Coast people.

Rosebery Neighbourhood House

We would like to advise that the Rosebery Neighbourhood House will be closed over the Christmas Break from 4.30pm Thursday 21st December 2023 and reopening at 9.30am Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Our Pantry and Hampers will return to normal on Wednesday 11th January

2024. We will be able to assist with some access to our Pantry prior to this but will have limited stock available.

We have our School Holiday Activities for scheduled to happen in January 2024.

- Cooking Classes - 5th January 2024
- Games Day – 10th January 2024
- Street Party – 12th January 2024
- Picnic – 17th January 2024
- Movie Day – 19th January 2024
- Australia Day Celebration – 24th January 2024
- Back to School Scavenger Hunt 31st January 2024

Please call the House on 673 1497 or check our Facebook page for more information.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2024.



Happenings at the Hub

WOW! November was full of action at the Study Hub. It was the month for Work, Health and Safety training and the Study Hub was filled with people participating in First Aid and CPR Training with Derek, Wilderness First Aid with Nate and the Fee Free White Card with Dennis from TasTAFE.

A huge range of topics were covered. Anything from identifying and managing hazards, to performing emergency procedures, bandaging snake bites, looking after accident victims, safety signs and everything in between.

Although the theory parts were taken seriously it was followed by a good mix of practical training scenarios. Now this is where a lot of laughter and fun came into the mix, and the participants had a great time doing the practical training while learning new skills.

Practicing CPR on the crash test dummies to the beat of Staying Alive, made sure everyone's hearts were pumping! Learning the skill of how to bandage a wound brought a few giggles and jokes amongst the participants as they swapped between being the patient and the first aider.

During Wilderness First Aid, there were some practical scenarios that could be encountered in real life; anything from a mountain bike, kayak or hiking accident. Oh, and let's not forget car accident, snake bite or falling out of a tree. Role playing these different sce-

narios can save a life; they were so real that there might even be a few hidden Hollywood stars among us – swoon worthy Oscar stuff – think loads of drama, lots of moaning and fake blood!

And with all the fun, laughter, role playing and jokes, everybody left the Study Hub confident with the skills they have learned. You can be sure that here on the West Coast, there are some trained locals among us ready and willing to assist in case of an emergency.

Study Hub West Coast staff wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and thanks you for your continued support in 2023. We love to share the successes and achievements of our students and it's great to see the West Coast community participating in Study Hub activities, training and events. We look forward to seeing you all in 2024!



Merry Christmas!

from us all at Study Hub West Coast

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FIVE DAY KINDER FOR ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Joseph's Catholic Schools in Rosebery and Queenstown will launch a brand-new Five Day Kinder program in 2024, benefiting not only their school families, but also their respective communities.

This exciting program has just been officially announced and enrolments are now underway. Both schools will offer five full Kinder days each week during school terms.

Families are able to decide if their



child will attend three, four or five days of Kinder a week - and on the week-days of their choosing - with the idea being that they will progress to the full five days by the end of the year.

With no local childcare services in Rosebery, St Joseph's Rosebery Principal Jessinda Jones said the Five Day Kinder program will open the door to many opportunities for families of the town.

"The wellbeing side of things is so important, to allow our families flexibility in their lives and their work hours," Jessinda said.

In Queenstown there are some child-

care amenities available, but places are limited and some families are not able to access these at all. The Five Day Kinder will make a big difference to the local community here too.

"This frees up some spaces in childcare. This can be hard to staff in our area, and sometimes means services will be cancelled with not much notice, but at Five Day Kinder there will be a consistent place that students can rely on," St Joseph's Queenstown Principal

Teresa McLeod said.

Providing a safe and consistent space for children, and continuity in their care and education, are all at the heart of the Five Day Kinder program.

"Some of our current Kinders attend

childcare on the other two days, so this will instead provide a consistent and familiar place that students belong to," Teresa said.

"We are super excited to be working in this space, because it also gives us a greater possibility of engaging in and fostering relationships.

"Our school is a welcoming, happy space to be in, with the kids being really kind and encouraging to each other, and the staff are all excellent."

The sense of belonging to the school community is important at Rosebery too, which is known for being tight-knit.

"Having our Kinders at school five days a week will give them a chance to be more involved in school events and more a part of school life," Jessinda said. "I love working here, it is like one big family, everyone is supportive and welcoming, and most of our Kinders

"We know how critical those early years are - those first days, weeks and years of school - that is where all that groundwork is laid," Teresa said.

"Our staff see this as an opportunity to be leaders in this space."

Jessinda is equally excited about the



are actually siblings of current students."

The Five Day Kinder program will not only make the transition to the formal schooling years easier, it will also set a strong foundation for future learning.

opportunity to boost literacy, numeracy and social education, ready for the schooling years ahead.

"This is all about setting up their routines and expectations for the coming years, learning how to interact properly and other key social skills."

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Rosebery Mine

Community Newsletter

December 2023



Image: Hybrid Loader

Reving up sustainability measures at Rosebery mine

MMG's Rosebery mine is backing a cleaner greener future, with the introduction of low emission underground vehicles.

Rosebery mine has made a significant investment in 3 hybrid vehicles that will help reduce the mine's carbon footprint.

Investment in initiatives that reduce emissions and have a positive impact on the environment and in turn the local community, are a priority.

We have aspirations to continue to decarbonise our mining operations and this is a step forward in our efforts to achieve this.

Supporting our community

MMG Rosebery employee Scott Hay put his snake handling training to the test when he received a call to help catch a snake at the local school.

He retrieved the snake from a drainpipe to the cheers of students, and safely moved it back into the bush. Scott said "Anything I can do to help out my local community is rewarding."

We are proud of the contribution all of our people make to the local community.



Image: Scott Hay catching a snake

Christmas message

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for all the support you've shown us this year. We are proud of everything we have achieved in 2023 and we look forward to working with our community again in 2024.

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

Rosebery Mine, General Manager Steve Scott

Sponsorships awarded

Congratulations to MMG Rosebery's round 2 sponsorship recipients. 19 local organisations will share in more than \$77,000. The Rosebery Community Consultative Committee met last month and assessed applications in line with MMG values, UN Sustainable Development Goals and the impact on our community.

Community project underway

Work has begun to restore Rosebery's Replica Miner's Hut. MMG is funding repairs to the building after it was damaged by a bushfire.



Image: Repairs commencing

2023 MT Maintenance Lake Burbury fishing comp

The 2023 MT Maintenance Lake Burbury fishing competition was held on the 24th, 25th and 26th of November. The fishing competition, hosted by the Queenstown Anglers Club celebrated 30 years, and this year proved to be the largest so far with 186 entries of keen fishing enthusiasts. The event is well known around the state and has been awarded the title of the largest fresh-water fishing competition in Tasmania, which is an important achievement for our West Coast community. This year a total of 580 fish weighed in across the weekend, A Demonstration from MAST, presentations from Inland Fisheries, and musical entertainment from Amy Pegg kicked off the weekend on the Friday night.

The Queenstown Anglers Club would like to thank all their sponsors of this event, as without the sponsors the event is not possible, many of these sponsors have been supporting the competition for many years and have helped the club achieve this 30th milestone.

The results below showcase the heaviest and next heaviest fish weighed in of both brown and rainbow trout.
HEAVIEST BROWN TROUT
 Ruth Forest & Independent Oils
 Kyle Harris – Fish Weight 1100g

HEAVIEST RAINBOW TROUT
 Hydro Tas & Independent Oils
 Ernie Triffett – Fish Weight 878g

THE OUTSIDER TROPHY
 MineCrete & Independent Oils
 David Jackson – Fish Weight 870g

HEAVIEST FISH CAUGHT BY A Q.A.C MEMBER ADULT
 Tassal Raymond Harback
 Jim Tubb – Fish Weight 792g

HEAVIEST FISH CAUGHT BY A Q.A.C MEMBER JUNIOR QAC
 & Leanne Pitt / Tony Bennett
 Max Gaspersic – Fish Weight 548g

HEAVIEST FISH CAUGHT BY A WEST COAST ANGLER Robert
 Butterfield & Mt Maintenance
 Xavier Triffett – Fish Weight 812g

Doug Brooks Memorial Trophy
 Brooks & Pitt Family
 Eldon Steele – Fish Weight 842g

The Queenstown Anglers Club would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone at next year's fishing competition which will be held on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of November.



Attacking gorse - on crown land!

Seems that someone has been listening. Danny from Bellchambers Contracting and ELS have been contracted to clear the gorse around the back of Zeehan. Great job guys, let's just hope it's not too little, too late.



Excerpt from Saturday 21st August 1886, The Tasmanian (Launceston)

The little known gold deposits of the West Coast periodically attract attention from the new discoveries made over a large area of little known country, and the want of a reliable map has long been felt by the miner and prospector. In order to supply this want the proprietors of the Launceston Examiner and The Tasmanian have now in process of compilation a map of the country between Sandy Cape on the north and Point Hibbs on the south, and inland to Mount Bischoff, and a line drawn south from that place to east of the Gordon River.

The area thus depicted contains all the gold-bearing country of the Corinna, King River, Linda and Mount Lyell gold-fields, and will show not only the mountain ranges and streams and tracks as far as practicable (the maps and charts prepared by Messrs. Chas. Gould, Sprent, Reid, Scott, Moore and numerous 'others', having been utilised in compilation), but it will also be a geological map.

It will be lithographed in colours, every locality where gold has been found being shown, and also the belt of auriferous country running from north to south as charted by Mr. Chas. Gould, the then Government Geologist, when he prospected the West Coast in 1861-62. The map will also be of service to mariners for appended to it is a chart of Macquarie Harbour, giving the soundings from the entrance of the King River, and also a sketch of the entrance viewed from the sea, taken from an old but authentic picture.

The map and chart will be the most complete thing of its kind yet issued, and no other giving similar information is obtainable. It will be ready for issue on Saturday, and as the steamer Wakefield leaves with a full passenger list on Tuesday, the opportunity of securing such a useful guide is likely to be largely availed of and its practical value promptly tested. The map will be sold either on plain paper or printed on calico, the latter being preferable for bush travelling. To avoid disappointment those desiring copies should forward their orders at an early date.

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Hello From St Joseph's Queenstown

St Joseph's Catholic School



SLIME TIME

Our Principal put her hand up - or more specifically - her head up as the fundraising incentive of the year - SLIME THE PRINCIPAL! As part of our athletics day the P&F finished with the a slime and colour run. We would like to thank all the students and families for their fundraising efforts!

SCHOOL CAMPS

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 both recently went on their annual camps. 3/4 went to Camp Clayton and 5/6 to Camp Carnaroo Scout Camp. Both had lots of experiences that pushed the limits of their comfort zones.



ATHLETICS DAY



Hello From St Joseph's Rosebery



Team Spirit

St Joseph's students had a fantastic finish to the year with our colourful athletics day in which the whole school came together to run, jump, throw and cheer everyone across the line. Getting behind each other is something we do very well. We will look back over the year at our great achievements and know we all gave our best!

Thank you to all our teachers and families for supporting throughout the year!



UTAS learning and Education

Wow another year has flown by! What a year 2023 has been in the learning and education space on the West Coast. Together with West Coast Study Hub and West Coast Heritage, the University of Tasmania has collaborated on numerous events resulting in some fantastic highlights on the West Coast and we hope to bring you much more in 2024. Our wishes to everyone in the West Coast Community over this holiday period are for a safe and restful time with your families. Our November highlights are detailed below.

MINERAL FAIR WEST COAST – UNIVERSITY ROCKING GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Owen Missen, Research Fellow from the University's Centre for Ore Deposit and Earth Sciences (CODES) attended the

Mineral Fair with Belinda Martin, West Coast Regional Learning Officer. The event was fantastic with close to 3,000 people attending and lots of great conversations about research into critical metals on the West Coast, how rocks and minerals are formed as well as interesting topics such as volcanoes and earthquakes. Children who were part of the Children's University Program also had the chance to chat to Owen and tell him what they knew about rocks and West Coast geology. There were some

fun giveaways ranging from free gems to chocolate rocks which were a definite hit! Owen and the team at CODES are keen to return to the West Coast in 2024 to run some interesting events at West Coast schools. Stay tuned in this space! (Photo provided under separate cover).

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATIONS WEST COAST – WHAT A CELEBRATION!

Twenty-four fabulous West Coast graduates donned cap and gown for graduation in Burnie last week. The air was filled with excitement and anticipation as children crossed the stage to receive their certificates. Thank you to



all West Coast graduates – it has been an amazing year, and we hope to bring some more exciting activities and events to

the West Coast in 2024. Also well done to all Children's University graduates in Tasmania! (Photo provided under separate cover)

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA WEST COAST GRADUATE 2023 – SUZIE BECKER!

Congratulations to our West Coast University of Tasmania student Suzie Becker, from Strahan, who will graduate in Hobart on 15 December. Suzie is testament to the fact that you can achieve lifelong learning at any age,

and not only for career advancement but in some cases to pursue a passion or interest that also results in enhanced practical skills for day-to-day life.

Suzie noted that the Diploma of Family History offers a structured way to study genealogy related subjects online whilst honing research, writing and digital skills. Suzie found that there was a network of likeminded people with whom she could interact and share her passion. The course offered flexible study options between 1 and 3 years and Suzie finished her Diploma in 14 months. Suzie also noted that the staff at the Study Hub West Coast in Zeehan provided her with invaluable support, a quiet study space, up to date technology to use free of charge and a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The information Suzie gained through the course was invaluable and included:

- Suzie's maternal grandfather's harsh childhood and his overseas postings during WW1 serving in the Light Horse, as well as discovering a great Uncle in the Camel Corps who was killed in WW1 and buried in Iraq, Baghdad.
- Whilst Suzie had expected to locate convict ancestors among her extended Irish ancestors, she found they were free settlers to South Australia and learned more about their reasons for leaving their homeland and to set sail for Australia.
- The amazing plight of women like Suzie's great grandmother, who single-handedly raised large families while protecting property when their men were working away from home. The battles these women faced in the hot harsh climate of South Australia were just so much about courage and resilience against the odds.

The Diploma of Family History has been a wonderful stepping stone in assisting Suzie to continue researching and documenting her family history.

Suzie has a science background from her younger years going to university, has raised a family and travelled extensively. She suggests that if you are interested in study but feel you are not ready for university there are multiple pathways, including free courses such as the MOOCs (Massive Open Online Course) and other short courses. These really give students the confidence to upskill digitally and learn at the same time and then transition confidently into higher level University studies.

Well done Suzie – we wish you all the best for graduation day and we hope to keep you studying at the University of Tasmania! (Photo provided under separate cover).

HEALTH FEST – COMMUNITY DAY!

Our inaugural HealthFest event created the opportunity to have loads of meaningful conversations about health and wellbeing with school groups and the broader community. The weather held out for us and, together, we attracted over 90 students to the event on Friday and around 300 people on the Saturday, which was the commu-

nity day at the Cradle Coast campus. With a small (but mighty) crew, this is such a great result. We learnt lots by doing and we are very appreciative of everyone who helped and participated. (Photo provided under separate cover)

ACCOUNTING ROADSHOW - A FABULOUS SUCCESS

At the recent UTAS Accounting Roadshow, the University brought together academia, industry leaders, and innovative minds and illuminated the challenges of transitioning to a carbon-sensitive economy while emphasising the University's crucial role in advancing education in this vital field.

The key themes for the evening revolved around the transition to a carbon sensitive economy. With 40 attendees on the night, there was a high level of interest in this significant issue.

Associate Professor Belinda Williams, Head of School for the Tasmanian School of Business and Economics, opened proceedings before a keynote address from Jessica Richmond, who is CEO and co-owner of Sundry, whose innovative software solutions are taking carbon accounting software from Burnie to the rest of the world.

The evening finished with an interactive panel discussion on how these changes are affecting industry with Kim Goodwin, Finance Manager from Grange Resources, providing insights on changes taking place in the mining industry, and Alyssa Mahar, from ER Advisory in Burnie, providing sustainability insights on adapting in this fast-changing space.

Several other presenters attended



including Dr Leanne Morrison, Senior Lecturer and climate accounting specialist, Claire Smith FCPA, Synectic Senior Consultant and CPA Tasmanian Divisional Councillor, and Stuart Edwards, Finance Manager at Respect and CA Tasmanian Divisional Councillor.

In 2023, for the second year running, Times Higher Education ranked the University of Tasmania number one university in the world on climate action when assessed against the United Nations Sustainability Development Goals.

The interest in and success of the Accounting Roadshow affirms that Tasmania, with its pristine environment, stands at the forefront of climate action not just in Australia but on the global stage. Carbon negative Tasmania is taking climate action to the world.

REGIONAL LEARNING PATHWAYS WEST COAST

The Regional Learning Pathways - West Coast program hosted a Time Management, Planning and Organisation workshop in Queenstown on November 21.

This workshop was open to anyone wishing to complete the Time Management, Planning and Organisation short course (10 hours) offered by the University of Tasmania (offered FREE for Regional Learning Pathways participants!).

People from across the region spent the day involved in activities, including assess their existing time management, planning and organisation skills, learn-

ing how to develop strategies and use various tools and techniques to map out and manage your time, and how to apply techniques to reduce stress, increase productivity, and achieve goals. It was fabulous to see participants sharing their experiences with time management and organisation, including their own tips to manage disruptions and changes of plans.

Thank you to Melissa Finnen from the University of Tasmania for running an engaging workshop, sharing her knowledge and experiences with our group of keen participants.





Strahan Primary School Echo - Mid Term 4

West Coast Athletics Carnival



On 14 / 11 / 23 we went to Rosebery for the West Coast Athletics Carnival. We raced other schools. I placed 3rd and we had fun. Caleb Gr 5

Tassal/Huon Breakfasts

On the 15th and 16th of November the school was treated to two brilliant breakfasts made by Tassal and Huon. They had on offer: scrambled eggs with hot or cold salmon. We'd like to thank both of the salmon companies for taking time out of their days to host and cook us breakfast. Logan and Sophie Gr 5



Government House

Art Project

We got a letter from Government House to make art to go on the Ballroom Wall; these are some pictures that are our inspiration. We were given canvases and paints to help make our beautiful art works. We are excited to have our artwork on display in such an important place! Azarla Gr 6 and Ivy Gr 5



Student Canteen Enterprise

Our class run the Canteen Enterprise on a Tuesday and Thursday under the helpful and expert guidance of Juanita. Some delectable creations we have made this year include: salmon sausage rolls, salmon burgers, very berry fruity ice cream and pumpkin soup.

Jessie and Macy Gr 5



22 Days, 22 Swims!

Ivan Cunningham has just completed 22 swims in 22 days to raise awareness for men's mental health.

The decision to cover a minimum distance of 2 kilometres in each swim, with some swims spanning up to 10 kilometres, adds a significant physical challenge to the endeavor, emphasising the dedication and determination required to complete such a feat. The estimated total distance of over 70 kilometres speaks volumes about Ivan's commitment to the cause.

The event's focus on shedding light on mental health issues and offering hope to those grappling with trauma and suicidality is particularly commendable. By actively supporting Men's Mental Health through Men's Resources Tasmania, Ivan is contributing to a cause that is often stigmatised and overlooked.

Ivan Raised over \$5500 for Men's Resources Tasmania.

I caught up with Ivan in Strahan and what a nice fella he is, he left from the Meredith Street boat ramp, just took the swim one stroke at a time and forty minutes later was climbing up the ladder at the Strahan slipway as if he had just swum half a lap of a pool. Well done Ivan, and a great cause.



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THE VETERANS POST – the last post

By Linton ‘Harry’ Harris

I’ve really enjoyed being able to express my passion for writing, for the 2 years that I’ve been writing the Veterans Post column for the Western Echo. I am so appreciative of Alan, for giving me the opportunity and offering me an editorial ‘free hand’ as I’ve strived to honour both veterans of the past, of our West Coast community, and contemporary veterans who have chosen to live their lives post service in peace on the West Coast.

From hair-raising tales of gallantry to incredible stories of bravery, courage and woe, I’ve been able to commemorate stories of West Coasters of the distant past and contemporary veterans within our midst. I’ve met some genuinely amazing veterans who continue to inspire me.

Most of us are unaware of the veterans in our community and what an honour it has been, interviewing them and capturing not only their vulnerabilities but their strength! I’ll always be ready to talk to any of you, over and over again, there just won’t be an article in the Western Echo to follow it.

Sadly, my tenure in the “RSL” world has come to an end. Fighting to protect the legacy of soldiers past and present has taken its toll, thanks to a vicious and toxic community of keyboard warriors that have made it their mission to cyber-bully both myself, my loved ones, and my proud veteran family.

The RSL tradition of offering comfort,

support and a safe place for veterans, has sadly evolved into something much uglier. To those of you in the community who have done your best to create a hate campaign – how proud do you think your ancestors would be – those who fought as I did for the freedoms you now enjoy in a safe country? Freedoms like the freedom of speech? I reckon they’d be rolling in their graves with disgust and shame. How would the now past veterans, of ANZAC cove, and countless other battlefields, judge you for how you’ve treated contemporary veterans, like myself?

Despite my personal history as a combat veteran, at the very sharpest end of service for and behalf of our country, nearly killed in Iraq, during an incident on the 26th of January 2005, but for the fortunate circumstance that I had my back to a cowardly suicide bomber, my body armour and helmet saving my life, and allowing me to work through that incident, despite numerous shrapnel wounds, to assist more gravely wounded soldiers, and ensuring the Australian Assistant Ambassador to Iraq, among others, were safe, despite this most extreme of circumstances. I later went on to be awarded the Commendation for Distinguished Service, for my efforts despite wounds that day. The creed of a combat soldier, the part that you can’t know unless you’ve been one, is should the need arise, you’ll do whatever you

have to for your brothers/sisters in arms. It is this trust, this belief in each other, that makes the act more broadly known as patriotism and love of country possible. Soldiers rise to the occasion, when others would turn and run, or cower in fear; a real soldier will go forward. It is a foreign concept, to retreat, if your comrades in arms need you..... it’s not for medals, not for accolades – it’s because your brothers/sisters are depending on you, just like you’re counting on them to have each other’s backs.

Despite a pedigree as above, the greatest battle I have had to fight was right here, on the West Coast, against the the conniving gutless acts of the key-board warriors, too weak to approach me face-to-face, even sometimes smiling as we pass in the street, despite the hate & vitriol expressed on social media. Just as abhorrent, was the lack of support I received from the State Branch of the RSL, during this time, despite being the Vice President of their State Branch at the time.

Take a moment to consider just how different our lives would be, if brave men and women - your grandfathers and fathers, great uncles and uncles, didn’t answer the call, when Japan was threatening an invasion of Australia during WWII. How do you think your freedoms would have been affected if Australia was part of the Japanese ambitions to

rule the Pacific rim?

One could easily wonder what those old diggers would think, those diggers that gave so much....up to and including their lives. We have created an entitled society, particularly regarding freedom of speech, now so easily abused, through mediums like FaceBook.

Veterans right here on the West Coast, face issues such as homelessness, while veteran allocated housing goes misused, right here, controlled by the State Branch of the RSL. The battles I have faced, for and on behalf of veterans are not just the hateful keyboard warriors, it’s a system so lost in its ways, coming from the very top, leaving homeless veterans to fend for themselves, when better managed solutions exist. It’s beyond my comprehension that I found active resistance, on multiple fronts, to fresh thinking by veterans to create a safe, comfortable zone required by veterans of modern-day conflicts, exactly what the RSL is actually supposed to be for.

It is now up to a community who does actually care for the welfare of veterans, to step up and assist the RSL into this new age. I hope for the sake of all Australian Defence Force personnel that those of you in the community with this bullying mentality will stop making this your story and actually consider those of us for which the RSL institution was created.

Wednesday 23rd January 1901

Zeehan and Dundas Herald

PARKERS’S CENTRAL HOTEL

The completion of the above hotel adds another to the many handsome brick buildings which now adorn the town, and is in striking contrast to the flimsy wooden structure which formerly stood on the same site.

The building stands back from the street line the full width of the front verandah, which is about 40ft long and 9ft wide. An entrance is gained by two doors at the front, fitted with stained cathedral glass at the sides and top. From the front entrance door folding doors are passed through; the upper portion of which are of embossed glass, with the name of the hotel in plain lettering.

The hall is of noble proportions, 97ft long by 7ft 6in wide, running right through the building, and from which access is gained to the different apartments. The public bar is to the right of the entrance, and has also a separate approach.

It is a roomy, well-fitted and lighted apartment, 16ft by 19ft, the shelving, of Huon pine, with blackwood top, is of new design and has a most effective appearance. The bar is so arranged that customers can be served from several different points. Adjoining is the public bar parlour, 13ft by 15ft, comfortably furnished with lounges, leather suite, marble top tables, etc., and the walls hung with handsome pictures depicting marine and landscape scenes, of more than ordinary merit.

On the opposite side of the passage does a large commercial room 16ft by 16ft, furnished with a brown leather suite, with side tables, and all other conveniences for those desire to transact private business, or study the papers, of which all the leading inter-state and illustrated journals are filed.

Passing under an archway, a central wide passage is met, connecting with private bar, three parlours and the billiard room, and from which a handsome main stairway gives admission to the upper

part of the building. The private bar is 13ft by 18ft, luxuriously furnished with saddle bag easy chairs and lounges, in heavy green plush, and adjoins the public bar, with plate glass mirrors at the back.

At the rear is a cool storage chamber, where ale or other liquids are stored. The billiard room is at the other end of the private bar, 25ft by 19ft in extent. It is only one storey, with coned ceiling, well lighted by side windows and a large lantern light. Opposite the bar parlour is a sitting room used by the proprietor,



15ft by 11ft, also handsomely furnished in brown plush saddle-bag easy chairs and couches, pictures, mirrors, etc. To reach the dining room the staircase hall is crossed; it is a roomy apartment 26ft by 15ft, furnished in a most up-to-date manner, the table appointments being exceptionally rich, and in a style new altogether to houses on the West Coast. Dividing this room from the kitchen is a serving room 7ft by 15ft, which prevents any odours from the kitchen reaching the diners.

The kitchen is 15ft by 17ft, provided with all the requirements needed in a first-class hotel; a stove of a new design is used, known as Andrews’ patent Non-

pariel; it is very economical in regard to fuel, and cooks most efficiently. A special hot water service is laid on to the kitchen sink and to the bathroom up and down stairs, the system being complete and well-planned. Adjoining is the scullery fitted with all conveniences. A separate back staircase is provided for the use of servants and boarders, and also as an escape in case of fire, and on passing that the store-rooms, linen-closets, and servants bedrooms are approached. The main staircase is accessible

designed, fitted with rich yellow plush cushions, and though light is of wonderful strength.

The bedroom suites are of Huon pine, consisting of duchess chest, washstand, chairs, tables, etc, the three large bedrooms being most elaborately furnished.

A well-appointed large bathroom, with hot and cold water, and shower, linen closets, etc., is conveniently situated. Both on the ground and first floors the apartments are spacious, lofty, and exceptionally well lighted, each room also having a large ventilator let in at the top of the wall.

Special attention has been paid to the drainage of the premises, which is similar to that adopted by the Melbourne Corporation. In the back of the building there is a roomy four-stall stable, sample-room, and other necessary buildings.

Mr. Parker has devoted great care to the furnishing of the hotel, and the result reflects credit on his taste, as the Central is fitted out in a manner that would be difficult to outvie in a much larger town than Zeehan. The domestic portion of the establishment is under the direct supervision of Mrs. Parker, a sufficient guarantee that this important branch is conducted in a manner that will leave to be desired, even by the most fastidious traveller or permanent boarder.

The hotel is lighted throughout by a most extensive system of electric lighting, a great improvement on the primitive method of kerosene formerly used, proving not only a great convenience to boarders, but also a strong safeguard against fire.

Altogether Parker’s Central Hotel can be considered a distinct acquisition to the ranks of first-class hotels, and the enterprising landlord deserves every success and support for the liberal manner in which he has catered for the comfort and convenience of those bestowing their patronage on him.

The architects for the building were Messrs. H.W. and F.B. Tompkins, A.R.V.I.A., of Melbourne, represented locally by Mr. R. Koch.

GENERAL MANAGERS MESSAGE

I have to say that 2023 has been one of the most eventful and tumultuous years that I have experienced in 35 years of mining. Here on site at Avebury we have experienced some wonderful highs and some terrible lows in the last year.

Right back at the beginning of the year, our first shipment of nickel concentrate, and the first from Avebury since 2009, left Australia. We have set all-time records for ore mined, metres drilled, and nickel produced, and we have built a fantastic, skilled team.

We have welcomed new equipment – a new loader, production drill and most recently two new trucks, with more to arrive by year-end. We have built our site laboratory, bought and installed an automatic drill-core logging machine (called a Minalyzer), installed a cement batching plant, commenced our backfill quarry and are in the process of building a lift on our tailings storage facility.

We've stabilised our workforce with over 200 employees, and we have completed construction of our accommodation complex on Main Street in Zeehan which houses approximately half of our employees. Everyone else is either a local resident, or is renting locally, so I am happy to say that our workforce is integrating nicely into the community.

We have continued our community support activities, and it was great to be a major sponsor of the West Coast Heritage and Minerals Fair once again this year.

Unfortunately, there were, as mentioned, some lows as well: It's been well-publicised that we ran into a problem with our lender when shareholders rejected their funding offer, and we now have a Receiver-Manager in place. But by far the most devastating low has been the loss of not one, but two of our dear friends – Adrian "Kiwi" Buis and Ross "Rosco" Humphries. They are sadly missed and mourned by everyone on site.

But I am pleased to say that, like any family that's hurting, we've pulled together in the tough times and made it through to Christmas. And nowhere do I see this spirit of unity and determination more clearly than in our Emergency Response Team. I was so proud to watch them compete in their second Emergency Response Competition (which was at Savage River this year) and even win one of the sections. It is comforting to know that, if things go wrong and we need our ERT, they are there for us with all their skill and persistence.

We have begun holding our site Christmas BBQ's and it has been great to just pause and take some time together to reflect. We may not have money for fancy presents this year, but we can stop and have a sausage and a piece of Christmas cake together and appreciate our families and our friends.

I'm thankful for the amazing effort of our people, and for their support, loyalty, and friendship in tough times. I would like to wish our team of employees, contractors and suppliers, and your families, a safe and happy Christmas. And I would like to extend my best wishes for the festive season to the West Coast community within which we live and work.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Safe New Year to you all.



John Lamb - General Manager



2023 WEST COAST HERITAGE & MINERALS FAIR

The 2023 West Coast Heritage and Mineral Fair was a very successful event and once again Avebury partnered with Sandvik with fun activities, information, mine rescue display and giveaways.

It was great interacting with the crowd and enabling people who aren't familiar with the mine to have an insight on Avebury and its operation.

The event was well attended with approximately 3,000 people in attendance over the two day period and had something for all walks of life, from beautiful minerals on showcase from across the globe, live music, wood chopping, kids entertainment and assorted food vendors.

Congratulations to the West Coast Heritage Centre and all the volunteers and participants on a wonderful event and we look forward to being involved next year.



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NICKEL NEWS - ISSUE #8



Spring Edition 🌸

The spring edition of Nickel News is now out.

In this issue we have highlights on some of our new fleet, update on how the Emergency Response Team went at the Rescue Competition held in October, Employee Spotlight on local Shaun Bourke and our involvement with the community.

If you have anything particular that you would like to see in our next issue, drop us an email and let us know, we would love to hear from you.

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Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

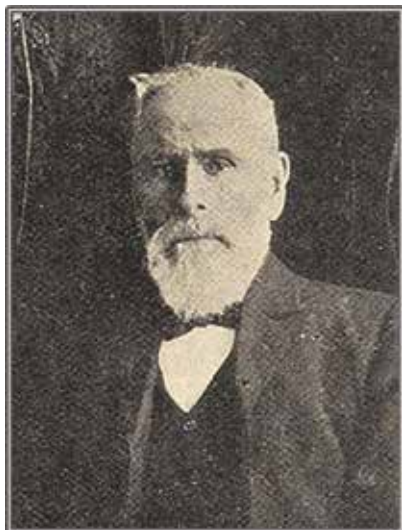
TALES FROM THE ZEEHAN GENERAL (PIONEER) CEMETERY. ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST RESPECTED RESIDENTS OF ZEEHAN.

Perhaps the most impressive headstone in the Zeehan Pioneer Cemetery is that of George Peace Sinclair, who passed away on June 16, 1908, aged 76, at his residence, which was probably at what is now 61 Main Street, near the corner of Gelli-brand Street.

He was a native of Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, Scotland, and came to Australia in 1852. On his arrival he went straight to Ballarat, seeking gold. He spent the next 36 years around this area, and was involved in the famous events which culminated at the Eureka Stockade in 1854. He had a very wide knowledge of mining which led to him becoming an

early mine manager in the Ballarat area. He was married in that district, and nearly all his eleven children were born there.

In 1888 he was appointed manager of the Silver Queen mine at Zeehan and he remained in charge until 1893. Subsequently he was appointed manager of the Mount Read mine, and he held that position until 1899. After that he retired from public life except in connection with the duties of the many various public bodies with which he was connected.



As soon as he arrived in Zeehan he took an active part in all public matters, and was a prominent member of the first Progress Committee. He was also instrumental, along with Mr Con. Curtain and Dr. J. Kennedy, in lobbying for the establishment of a hospital for Zeehan, and was indeed one of the people who chose and pegged the site on which the old Zeehan and Dundas Hospital once stood. (Since demolished, it was situated at the corner of Fowell and Bayley streets, overlooking where the swimming pool is now.)

Along with James Harrison, Con. Curtain, A.D. Sligo, J.C. Whitelaw and others he successfully agitated for the establishment of a School of Mines for Zeehan, which opened in 1903. He remained immensely proud of the institution for the rest of his life.

He was also involved as a member, and as Chairman, of the Zeehan Fire Brigade Board, Strahan Marine Board, Local Board of Advice and the Zeehan Cemetery Trust. He was still chairman of the latter body at the time of his death.

He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in June, 1891, but resigned in 1893. In June, 1897, he again accepted the position, and became the senior Justice of the

Peace in the Zeehan Municipality.

As a member of the Freemasons he was one of the founders of Zeehan Masonic Lodge, and the first Senior Warden.

He was instrumental in forming the Zeehan Caledonian Society (a society established to foster and create a taste for the literature, music and sports of Scotland), of which he was the first Chief.

And he was also heavily involved in the early struggling days of the Presbyterian Church in Zeehan when he was at the forefront solving a myriad of problems. He remained an active and valuable member of the church for the rest of his life.

Mr Sinclair did not enjoy good health for the last few years of his life, and a few days before his death he became ill. His family's worst fears were realised when, after bidding a final farewell to his wife and family, he peacefully passed away at about 10 o'clock in the morning.

He was survived by his wife and eight of his children. Four of his sons were living in South Africa at the time, another was in Hobart, and one was living in Zeehan. One of his daughters married Claude

Moxon, another well known figure in early Zeehan mining.

Mr Sinclair was buried on the following Wednesday afternoon in in perfect weather.

Following a short private service at his home conducted by the Rev. J.A. Lee, the cortege was formed in the following order: – Masonic Lodge; Caledonian Society; then the hearse, the chief mourners, the Warden and representatives of the Municipal Council, Fire Brigade Board and Cemetery Trust, and then members of the general public.

As the cortege proceeded along its way through Zeehan a piper from the Zeehan Caledonian Society, played "Lord Lovett's Lament," and this was also repeated during the ceremony.

At the graveside the burial service of the Presbyterian Church was conducted by the Rev. J.A. Lee, followed by a Masonic ceremony.

His grave is situated at a prime location on the brow of a hill, a fitting resting place for an outstanding early citizen who did so much for Zeehan.



Geoscientists Gather on the West Coast for 13th Annual Tasmanian Geoscience Forum

Each year, Tasmania's geoscientists gather in a west coast location for the 'Tasmanian Geoscience Forum' (the "Geobash"). It is the one time in the year when Tasmania's industry, government and academic geoscientists meet in one pleasant place to share their progress in exploration, mining, and research. It is an opportunity to share geologically focused results and ideas, and learn more about geology, and particularly the geology of Tasmania.

The meeting is organised by the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Tasmanian Branch (AusIMM), the Geological Society of Australia Tasmanian Division (GSA), the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG), and Mineral Resources Tasmania

(MRT). The organising committee draws members from each organisation but has been Chaired by John Stanton of Epiroc for the last eight years. This was John's final year of leading the committee and he will be a very hard act to follow.

The significance of the meeting to Tasmania's geological community is recognised by the generous sponsorship it receives from industry. This year, it was supported by Ron Gregory Prospecting, CopperCorp, Flynn Gold, MMG, Measured Group and Klohn Crippen Berger.

The forum is normally followed by field trips on the following Friday, usually with a geological and historical theme. This year, there were two trips. Ron Gregory, of Ron Gregory Prospecting led a group of 14 intrepid explorers through the

mining history of Melba Flats, visiting the sites of the Nickel Reward, CUNI and Lead Blocks mines, among others. Tony Webster of GeoDiscovery Group led a group of 16 around the historic centre of the Zeehan mining field after being shown recent drill core from the Queen Hill tin deposits by Adam Frankcombe and Bec Lockley of Stellar Resources. They visited the Montana, Western and Montana Silver lead mine sites. Both field trips were a chance to showcase the history and geology of these important mining centres and to increase the awareness of the mining heritage and geology of the west coast.

The forum is an annual event held on a Thursday in the first week of December and has been held for 13 years. This year, the venue was the Lakeside Lodge in

Tullah, where it has been based for the last four years. The event fills up quickly and 92 people attended the meeting and dinner this year.

The organising committee is always on the lookout for a new west coast (or northwest coast) venue to try. In previous years, it has been held in Cradle Mountain, Burnie and St Helens. But the large crowd it attracts makes the choices fairly limited. If anyone can suggest a new west coast venue that could accommodate a conference of 100 or more people with catering and accommodation for delegates, the organising committee would be glad to hear from them.

Tony Webster

Wishing readers a joyous Christmas and a safe and happy New Year

I look forward to continuing to visit the beautiful West Coast and to work with, and support residents in 2024.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE COAST?



Z.C.K.C.F.D WOULD LIKE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

Christmas Party

Free Kids Entertainment
Family Friendly Event
SATURDAY
16th December at 12 noon
Zeehan Primary School Stadium

Please note this is an Alcohol and Drug Free Event



PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
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MOVING MOUNTAINS FOR TULLAH

Children's Christmas PARTY

SAT 9 | 11AM-DEC | 2PM

@ TULLAH TOWN HALL

COLOUR FUN RUN TO FOLLOW @ 2PM

Tenth anniversary Street Performance event on Thursday 14th December 23 at 11.45am onwards, in Orr st Queenstown. Performance #489 - Traditional Scottish and Irish Music with Andrew Bell



2023 Zeehan Christmas Light competition

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN. PLEASE REGISTER YOUR HOUSE WITH THE ZNC ON 64716108

This year we are doing things a little differently and will be asking for the Community to vote on their favorite house/decorations!

THERE WILL BE 1 WINNER THEN LOTS OF RANDOMLY DRAWN PRIZES.

Voting will take place from the 16th December - 20th December. Winners will be announced on the 21st of December and prizes will be available for pick up on their day.

Voting: you will have 2 options. An online vote that will be available on the ZNC Facebook page or a vote slip will be available at the ZNC, IGA and Wildz.

* 1 vote per person, additional votes will void



2023 ANZAC PARK, STRAHAN

STRAHAN CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

SATURDAY 16TH FROM 5:30PM DEC

MEET SANTA, BBQ, \$5 SHOW BAGS, RAFFLE, FUN KIDS ACTIVITIES
PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED AND WINNERS OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION

PERFORMANCES BY THE BURNIE BRASS BAND AND STRAHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE COAST?

17 DEC

5-7pm

Join us at Penghana for



Christmas Carols on the lawn

Bring a blanket, a picnic, and sing along with the Queenie Quoir!

FREE

2023

The Central Hotel, Zeehan is open Tuesdays from 4.30pm and Fridays 4.30 till late Drop in for a drink or two. This is YOUR pub!

NOT TO BE MISSED! - The Ship That Never Was - Saturday 6th January 2024, Australia's longest running play, The Ship That Never Was, will put on a special performance with a cast of thousands to celebrate 30 years in Strahan. This is a free family-friendly event. Venue: Strahan Primary School, 2 Bay St, Strahan, Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm, What to bring: a picnic, a blanket or chair to sit on, Cost: FREE, Weather: Performance will go ahead rain, hail or shine.

JOIN US FOR THE Z.C.K.C.F.D

Zeehan Christmas Parade

Saturday December 16th at 11.40am

Assembly at the Heemskirk from 11am
Register your float today
call into Wildz or call 0457131311
Great categories and prizes
(Note, Waivers must be signed by all that are in the parade. these will be available on the day)

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DECEMBER EVENTS TULLAH LAKESIDE LODGE

SATURDAY 2ND - MEAT RAFFLE
6:00PM - 9:00PM. DRAWN AT 9:00PM.
1 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE = 1 TICKET.
FREE ENTRY. 8:30PM START.

SATURDAY 16TH - CHRISTMAS KARAOKE
CHRISTMAS KARAOKE FROM 8:30PM. FREE ENTRY

SUNDAY 17TH - CHRISTMAS SIP & PAINT
CHRISTMAS SIP & PAINT FROM 2:00PM
\$80PP. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

SUNDAY 31ST - NYE GLOW PARTY
LIVE MUSIC BY ZAC WEEKS: 5:30PM - 8:30PM
LIVE MUSIC BY THE WAGGLES: 9:00PM - 12:00AM
FREE ENTRY

WE PLAY NUTTY NETBALL

Craziest game of netball I have ever seen, the two bonus points for the younger team with every hotdog sold might have influenced the score but everyone had a blast.
Photos by Alan Jennison



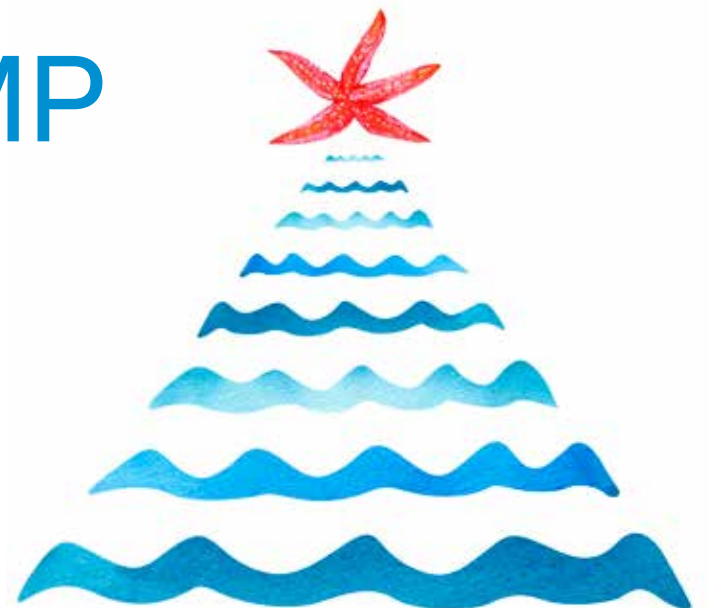
Looks like somebody tied Liz's wings to the goalpost. Who would do such a terrible thing?



Gav PEARCE MP

Wishing you a Merry Christmas

My office will close at 3pm Friday 22 December 2023
 and re-open 9am Tuesday 2 January 2024



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