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To the Editor.

Dismal Swamp?

I can't believe what I just heard ?

The Federal Government are going to invest \$12.5 million to reinvigorate the Dismal swamps experience.

Why ? The Dismal Swamp is a large sinkhole in the ground where the Government wasted tens of millions of taxpayer dollars before, so why go back down that path again and waste more taxpayer dollars on a white elephant, and then hope to privatise it.

If the tourism department wanted Dismal swamps to be a profitable attraction then the first thing they should have done was get rid of the ankle breaking slide and change the name . Dismal, doesn't sound very appealing to me.

If the Government wants to fund and promote new tourism attractions in Tasmania then they should have a good look at the west coasts old north east Dundas Railway formations, this narrow gauge railway was hand built over 126 years ago and its a very large part of our railway history, it was the first heavy 2 foot narrow gauge railway built in Australia and was affectionately known as Australia's baby railway. It's an iconic railway and should be repaired and opened up as a one way scenic drive

road from Williamsford to Melba flats, a project which would be more practical.

It would cater for everyone and not just those who have an above level of fitness and are able to walk it, would attract more tourists and complement other attractions.

It would take you on a journey of 20 kilometres through large cuttings hand cut out of the sides of the hilly terrain starting from the base of mount Hamilton and also through magnificent white Myrtle forests. A project such as this would complement other west coast attractions such as the Heritage Centre in Zeehan and the west coast wilderness railway.

Also it would require the construction of 4 bridges- Bakers creek Montezuma ,Great northern and Frasier Creek all except Bakers Creek have large water falls along side Montezuma being the tallest in Tasmania at a height of 104 metres.

A project such as this would save our iconic railway formations from further deterioration and destruction by large 4x4 vehicles and create much needed employment and give a big boost to our west coast towns. Hoping for some positive feedback.

Grant Hodge and friends of Tracks and Tramways Zeehan.

Students and seedlings grow together

This July and August, over 2000 Tasmanian students are set to immerse themselves in the wonders of Tasmanian forests through a unique educational initiative.

Schools across Tasmania are gearing up to participate in Schools Tree Day, an annual event celebrated in collaboration with Sustainable Timber Tasmania and the Forest Education Foundation.

This event, aligned with National Tree Day, offers students and teachers a hands-on opportunity to plant trees and deepen their understanding of forest ecosystems in an engaging and enjoyable way.

A total of 3,500 native seedlings, grown at Sustainable Timber Tasmania's Perth Nursery, will be gifted to more than 60 schools across the state. Many schools will host planting events throughout July and August, facilitated by Sustainable Timber Tasmania foresters alongside enthusiastic students and educators.

Suzette Weeding, General Manager Conservation and Land Management at Sustainable Timber Tasmania emphasised the educational value of Schools Tree Day.

"This initiative enables students to

actively contribute to Tasmania's forest conservation efforts while gaining practical insights into sustainable forestry practices."

"Our goal is for students to take home a fresh appreciation for the environment, plus the gratification of contributing to a greener Tasmania that future generations will inherit." "Schools Tree Day empowers students to make a positive impact within their community."

Kate Battishall Teacher and Program Development and Implementation at the Forest Education Foundation highlighted the significance of the event in promoting environmental education.

"This event is a fantastic way for students to engage with their local environment. By planting in their school grounds students can develop their own personal connection with trees in landscape and gain valuable insights into Tasmania's forests."

Planet Ark's National Tree Day started in 1996 and has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event. This year, National Tree Day will be celebrated on 26th July. It's an encouragement for all Australians to get their hands dirty and give back to the community



Abbey Lewtas and Adam Hyland from Sustainable Timber with students from Mountain Heights School in Queenstown.



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WEST COAST 2035 COMMUNITY PLAN

ERA Planning and Environment have been engaged to prepare the West Coast Community Plan 2035 in collaboration with West Coast Council, and the broader The West Coast Community Plan 2035 will establish a 10-year vision and action plan to guide the future of the West Coast region. It will identify the main priorities and aspirations of the community, providing a clear set of strategies to achieve the vision for the future. Most importantly, it is a community-owned document that ensures the whole West Coast is working towards a shared vision and a bright future!

The previous Community Plan, developed in 2015, represented strong collaboration between the community and West Coast Council, with over 40% of West Coast residents involved in shaping the plan. We look forward to building on this collaborative spirit this time around!

The project has just begun, and we want to hear from you! Here's how to get involved.

We're kicking off the project with a range of community engagement sessions, and there's lots of ways to add your voice to the Community Plan!

Check out the project website www.westcoast2035.com.au

Attend a community workshop Take the online survey, chat to us at a pop-up session and share the project – we've attached a poster and some handy social media tiles on the website for you to use!

We look forward to meeting you at a workshop! In the meantime, please get in touch if you'd like to discuss the project.



WEST COAST 2035 COMMUNITY PLAN

ATTEND A COMMUNITY WORKSHOP AND MAKE YOUR MARK ON THE VISION FOR 2035!

Rosebery

Wednesday 14 August 6-8pm
Rosebery Memorial Hall

Zeehan

Thursday 15 August 6-8pm
The Gaiety Theatre

Tullah

Friday 16 August 6-8pm
Tullah Community Hall

Strahan

Saturday 17 August 9-11am
Strahan Golf Club

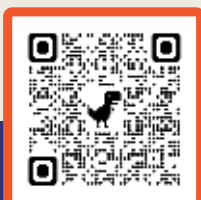
Trial Harbour

Saturday 17 August 10am-12pm
Trial Harbour Community Hall

Queenstown

Sunday 18 August 1-3pm
Council Chambers

There's plenty of ways to get involved and help shape the Plan. Visit westcoast2035.com.au or scan the QR code to find out more!



Contact West Coast Council on wcc@westcoast.tas.gov.au or (03) 6471 4700

Rosebery Lions awards and dinner

On Saturday 27th July, the Lions Club of Rosebery held its 37th annual change over dinner.

The incoming Board was inducted in by Lion James Redgrave, from the Lions Tasmanian District Board.

Lion Colin Angel was inducted to the position of President for 2024-2025, Lion Nathan Bishop was inducted to the position of Secretary and Lion Ruth Mawer was inducted as Treasurer, with Lion Gail Gittos being inducted to the position of Membership Chairman.

The highlights of the evening were the two annual awards that the Lions Club present each year, with Lion Ruth Mawer being awarded the Lion of the Year for the 2023-2024 year for all that she does within and behind the scenes of the club to help it run smoothly.

The second award is for the Lions Community Member of the year award which this year was awarded to the Rosebery Neighbourhood Centre for all the support and care they give to the community. The award was presented to Tania Blake the Co-Ordinator of the Neighbourhood House.

A new Member, Buck (Hugh) Buchanan was sworn in by Past Zone Chairman Ruth Mawer as a new Lions Member. Congratulations to Buck.

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a Lion please talk to someone from our club as new members are very welcome.



Tania Blake from the Neighbourhood House receiving the Lions Community Member of the year



Ruth Mawer receiving her Lion of the year Award



New Lion Member inductee Buck Buchanan with his sponsor Lion Geoffrey Eastwood and President Colin Angel



President Colin Angel receiving his gavel and gong from James Redgrave

Wet a line with the kids this trout season

Have you heard the news? For another season junior anglers and young Tasmanians can go out and chase trout for free.

To fish Tasmania's inland lakes and rivers, junior anglers from 14 to 17 years old are required to hold an inland angling licence but can apply for a free licence through the Inland Fisheries Service (IFS) website, or via an agent.

Those under 14 years of age are not required to hold a licence.

With trout season opening on the 3rd August, this is really exciting.

There is nothing better than quality time outdoors alongside friends and family and it's even better when you can end the day with a fresh fish dinner to boot.

Under our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future this great initiative will remain in place for at least the next three years.

This is about fostering the next generation of young anglers, supporting an active and healthy lifestyle and ensuring

young Tasmanians have every opportunity to appreciate the natural beauty on offer in Tassie.

Angling licence renewals, and new licence purchases for the 2024-25 season are now available on the IFS website: <https://www.ifs.tas.gov.au/anglers/manage>.





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Birthdays, fairs and blood mix at the Study Hub

Happy Birthday Study Hub!

July 2024 at the Study Hub was a whirlwind of excitement! We marked our 5th anniversary with a nostalgic trip down memory lane, celebrating our growth, achievements, and the wonderful journey with our students. A huge thank you to everyone who's been part of our story!

Nicky and Yolande experienced a mix of emotions this month. We were thrilled to celebrate the graduation of some students while feeling a bit of sadness as we said goodbye to their familiar faces. At the same time, we're buzzing with excitement to welcome new students embarking on their own study adventures.

Our Outreach Program has been a fantastic success to date. As some of you may be aware, we extended our support beyond Zeehan to the wider West Coast community, offering remote assistance, including one-on-one help, assessment printing, and more. One of our outreach students recently completed her qualification and is overjoyed with her achievement.

We regularly gather feedback from

education providers. Here's what one of our traveling trainers shared about supporting students through outreach: "I think your outreach support program was amazing, for those that reached out and used your service. Our student spoke very highly of the support you gave her both at the Study Hub in Zeehan and in Queenstown.

Apart from printing the assessments and any learner resources ready for her to fill in, you then gave her assistance with completing the assessments, you then scanned and emailed everything back to me. That sort of support is gold for learners who are living in a remote area but also have any learning difficulties. If asked I would highly recommend the Study Hub and you to anyone that comes my way."

A trade fair was held at the Study Hub one evening, where 11 exhibitors were able to display their latest equipment for electricians! It was quite exciting to see the latest technology on offer and score a few freebies!

The Study Hub trialled an Advance First Aid course recently. The course delivery is highly practical and focused

on developing skills you can put into practice in real emergency scenarios, including community and workplace settings. It was a small class and we had a load of giggles playing with fake squirry blood and two mannequins. The course itself contained serious content but we are thankful Derek injected (no pun intended!) much needed laughter and fun into it.

Nicky toured two TasTafe campuses in Hobart. The Smart Classrooms setup was awe inspiring and our visit included a trip to the Water, Energy and Trades Centre of Excellence. WOW! We topped it off with a visit to the Cyber Innovation training Hub where they had the coolest Lego City set up for mock cyber security attacks. Again WOW!

We are continually adding courses of relevance to the West Coast and always available for bookings to discuss full qualifications and degrees. Please email us if you'd like to discuss future study.

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Yolande – yolande@studyhubwestcoast.com.au

Belinda – belinda.martin@utas.edu.au



Advanced first aid course participants



Trade fair evening a success

West Coast wandering

The wild and rugged coastline of the Tarkine is a breathtaking landscape where the fierce ocean meets the untamed wilderness.

Rich in ecological and cultural diversity, Takayna is a playground for learning, growth and understanding.

As we explored the coast, we were constantly gaining knowledge about the birds, the plants, and the indigenous significance of the area. I was in constant awe of the ever-changing landscape; every glimpse of the coastline was all the same yet all so different.

The fierce and powerful waves, huge rocks that pierced the earth, and dead trees that were a symbol of isolation and seclusion were a constant reminder of our remote location. The landscape was unbelievably extravagant, taking up so much space, yet all in scale.

The pictures never justify the vastness of the environment. There was a constant sense of energy surrounding us.

The waves, travelling from thousands of kilometres away, are the most immediate sense of power and energy.

As the law of conservation of energy states, energy cannot be created nor destroyed, only transferred or transformed. Whilst reflecting, this was on my mind, and I pondered where this energy may go, what it may bring to life, and how it may help us, as humans, develop a relationship with the earth.

I came to the conclusion that as we allow ourselves to integrate with nature, where we see ourselves as nature, not in addition to nature, this energy transforms our being and allows for us to be present, and feel a greater sense of belonging, connection, and purpose.

To further develop our connection to nature and the cultural heritage of the area, we did an Indigenous practice known as Dadirri. Dadirri is the practice of deep listening, allowing you to be still and connect with yourself and

the surroundings. We sat in silence and listened to the world, waves crashing, birds in the distance, wind howling.

As we sat in Dadirri I seemed to notice how much silence there isn't, rather moments of stillness. This practice of deep listening was such a meaningful way to connect not only with ourselves and the earth, but the indigenous culture as well.

On a final note, the west coast is such an impressive environment that fosters learning, being present, a feeling of belonging, connection and understanding while having a deep sense of gratitude and purpose.

My experience of the west coast was truly unforgettable.

Mae Farrer



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Rosebery Mine

Community Newsletter

August 2024



Image: Pop-up shop on Agnes Street

Come and speak to us

The Rosebery community is invited to chat to us at our pop-up shop this month at 2/15 Agnes Street, Rosebery.

The MMG Rosebery team will be able to provide an update on what's happening at the mine, the development application lodged for the Bobadil Tailings Storage Facility stage 11 and 12 embankment raise and answer any general questions you may have.

It will be open on Tuesday 13 August - 10am to 2pm.

Wednesday 14 August - 11am to 3pm.

Local mining history

The Rosebery Development Association recently carried out a working bee at the Tasmanian Metals Extraction Company (TME) site.

Designed to treat 100 tonnes of ore per day, the plant was commenced in 1909 and completed in 1912. But in the beginning, it had poor results and metallurgical problems.

Production ceased in 1914, although the company continued in existence for a few more years. Only five tonnes of very dark zinc oxide was produced.

Today there are established walking paths around the site ruins and the crushing bell remain in place



Image: TME site crushing bell



Image (L-R): Ruth Mawers and Brenda Berryman

Murder mystery night

The Rosebery Festival Committee held a fundraiser at the Rosebery Golf Club on Saturday 20 July.

The theme for the event was Masquerade Murder Mystery night with tickets for the event selling out.

Congratulations to Ruth for Best Dressed, Brenda for Best in Character and AI as runner up Best Dressed.

MMG Rosebery support this event as part of our event support and in-kind commitments.

Rosebery Millionaires Club

Local teens have joined the Rosebery Millionaires Club and are exploring wages, tax, superannuation and the share market.

Using materials from the Australian Tax Office (ATO) and Australian Stock Exchange (ASX), the group is gaining a practical understanding of how to best use their wages and plan for their future.

If you would like to learn more, the group meets at the Rosebery Neighbourhood House every Wednesday at 3pm.

MMG Rosebery supports this work as part of our in-kind commitments.

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Pushing for better connectivity on Tasmania's West Coast



Liberal MP Roger Jaensch, Nicky Bolt and Mayor Shane Pitt discuss the problem

The Tasmanian Government is taking steps towards a much-needed upgrade in digital connectivity for West Coast communities and industries.

West Coast towns are experiencing growing demand for internet and mobile phone services but face unreliable connectivity, particularly during peak times, due to the limited capacity of current transmission links into the region.

The Tasmanian Government has formed a working group with representatives from the government, the West Coast Council and Telstra to advance plans for improvements to network hubs at Queenstown and Mt Read.

Liberal Member for Braddon, Roger Jaensch, said the working group was part of the government's commitment to work with the Australian Government

and Telstra on delivering proposed 4G mobile upgrades and new 5G mobile capability.

"Currently data speeds in the region are well below what any Australian community should expect," Mr Jaensch said.

"Upgrading the transmission links that feed into the region will bring faster mobile data services for Queenstown, Mt Read, Rosebery, Strahan, Tullah and Zeehan.

"We firmly believe that in the modern age our regional and remote communities must not be forgotten and connectivity is

more than just streaming TV and social media - it is about business, tourism, education, health and safety."

He said the working group would collaborate on a submission under the Commonwealth Government's Regional Connectivity Program.

"As part of our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future, we believe this will

provide a real and workable solution to the current capacity issues felt by the West Coast community," Mr Jaensch said.

Working group member and West Coast Mayor, Shane Pitt, said the retreat of businesses such as banks to online customer service created a barrier for residents who could not access reliable internet or had no connection at all.

"Our West Coast District Hospital is one of the most remote hospitals in Australia so connectivity for tele-health is also critically important and the current service is not adequate," Mr Pitt said.

Study Hub West Coast manager, Nicky Bolt, said many students cannot study from home because of unreliable internet that doesn't support online lectures or webinars.

"The current connection is frustrating from a personal, educational and business point of view but is even more important for emergency services," she said.

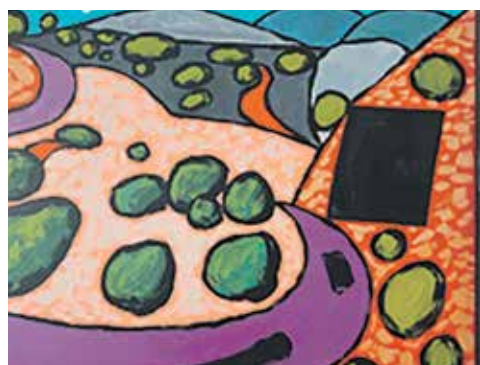
"Some people are buying personal locator beacons so they can send a message via satellite in an emergency if they are outside a mobile phone service area."

The Tasmanian Government has raised the matter with the federal Communications Minister, Michelle Rowland.

An artist's legacy

Janusz Nesterworicz
1950 - 2024

The Road to Hobart 2014



Lou Rae, the Author/Historian was in town recently at the Galley Museum to launch his great magnum opus on the West Coast of Tasmania titled *The Lost Province*. Lou was careful to explain that the title his new book refers to the time when the West Coast, certainly Queenstown, was more connected economically and socially to the great Melbourne metropolis, especially in the early 20th Century. Amongst other themes and concepts he spoke of was a reference to the cavalcade of different nationalities that came to work on the West Coast mining fields. The Southern Italians with their knives, the Maltese Stonemasons with their great skill, the Chinese Market Gardeners growing vegetables on the margins etc.

In the week before Lou's appearance, another immigrant, a man of Polish heri-

tage, died in the Lyell House. His name was Janusz Nesterworicz and he was an artist who had come to Australia in 1984 and lived in Tasmania since 2012. I first met Janusz when he ran a Studio/Gallery in the front of the Gaiety Theatre in Zeehan around that time. A big man who painted in a very particular 'Graphic' style. An approach in keeping with his Polish roots with its 'folk religiosity' emerging from centuries of tradition.

A decade later I met him again. This time he was ensconced in Room 16 at Lyell House, the West Coast's Aged Care facility. Two things had an impact on me! My mother had died in that room and Janusz was now even bigger! He sat in a special chair like a great buddha figure surrounded by his paintings, art making equipment and materials. Over subsequent visits we talked about his Polish heritage, being born in the town of Otwock and studying in Krakow. For some time after immigrating to Australia he lived in Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory and got by in that hot dusty place by the occasional sign-writing job. He also 'got religion' or more precisely a type of nascent evangelical calling to 'value add' to his fundamentally Catholic upbringing.

Janusz and I talked about his art which led to the setting up of an exhibition of his artwork in the adjacent Press-WEST workshops at the time of the

2023 Unconformity Festival's Art Trail. He was waiting at the door early one morning on his mobility scooter to view his exhibition. The paintings had titles like *Tasmanian Landscape*, *The Road from Hobart*, *Zeehan* and *Utopia III*.

Through 2024 his paintings took on a more religious meaning with angels, madonnas and devil figures emerging through bright acrylic grounds of colour. The bible beside his chair/throne providing constant stimulation. He seemed to be channeling the world of medieval Europe, the world of his

ancestors and painters like Bruegel and Bosch. It was almost as if due to his lack of mobility he was essentially giving up on the outside world and retreating into his head and the realm of his imagination. His poor health and the attendant pain finding visual form in his paintings.

Janusz had booked a slot with Queenstown's Soggy Brolly to exhibit his work later in October 2024 and Lea Walpole, the Gallery Director intends to carry through with this arrangement.



Fraser Creek Scout Hike - a scout's eye view



After we crossed the river, we walked up a road for about 30 minutes. The road was steep at the start then levelled out.

I felt tired because it was my first hike ever.

Once we were half an hour into our walk the road stopped, and we had to walk up this little walking track. The track was muddy, there were trees overhanging the canopy.

Our first stop was called the "Corner". The packs came off and we had a quick snack and drink.

When we stopped, my scout leader Liz and I swapped packs because my pack was aching, and I wasn't used to carrying my pack.

We kept walking up and seen about three big trees down across the track. I ended up getting stuck under one of the trees. I shuffled my way out.

My scout leader Liz showed us a horse skull that has been there for a long time. It was covered in moss.

We reached the top of the climb, which was called the "Chocolate Stop".

There was a wooden box which was filled with jars with chocolate in them.

Up at the Chocolate Stop there was reception, so I could call mum.

Once we left the Chocolate Stop, we saw many pandani's. Mr Deans favourite. Nasty cutty grass, and wood stacks drying for winter 2025.

We made it to the hut in three hours.

It was not what I expected. It was made of wood and had a tin roof.

A small path to the toilet, which was a drop toilet.

Inside, the hut was slightly tilted. There were two bunks and a leader's bed in the corner.

In total there were six of us but only five beds, so Craig had to sleep on the floor. There was a wood fire. We all took turns tending to it.

I cooked spaghetti bolognese which tasted like dirt for some reason. Isabella cut the strawberries and made chocolate mousse, which didn't set. We cooked popcorn in a billy can and put it on the fire, but they didn't pop. So, we ended up throwing them near the coals and grabbed them out when they popped.

After tea we went up across the creek to an old cutting to see the glow worms. They were like little stars in the sky. I was scared of the cave spiders.

We played UNO and went to bed after that.

I was tired and sore from the hike.

For breakfast Halle cooked pancakes.

After breakfast Craig, Shane and I went and fetched some wood.

We tidied up the hut and headed home.

Overall, I really enjoyed my first hike and can't wait to visit the hut again.

Story by Montanna Rose Kerr

Eagles Patrol

1st Queenstown Scout Group

I've never heard about the hut before. I felt worried and scared but beneath all that, I felt happy and excited to go on my first hike to the hut.

We decided at the scout meeting we were making spaghetti bolognese for dinner, chocolate mouse for dessert and pancakes for breakfast.

Before leaving I had to get my bag out and lay my clothes out to pack the next day.

On the day I filled my water bladder up.

It was sunny for a little bit before we started the walk, then it started to rain.

We drove to Dundas and started the walk from the river. There was a little foot bridge that we crossed. The river was raging,



Rosebery Development Association

The new members of the Rosebery Development Association have been hard at work this year producing a welcome to Rosebery information booklet for new and old residents with all the information you would need to have, which will include Emergency, important numbers, a business directory, community groups, sporting groups and markets

It will be coming out soon and will be available at the Rosebery Neighbourhood House and Neighbour Centre

Rosebery Heritage Centre

The Development Association have been working with MMG to repair the Heritage Centre which was damaged in the fires of 2022, an open day will be coming soon and we hope to see you all there to support our Heritage Centre, a lot of work has gone into it to bring it back to its glory, also the miners hut has been repaired too. Well done and

thank you to MMG for their support.

Rosebery Market

They have also had the Rosebery Markets running every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Memorable Hall on Agnes Street, the market runs 10am - 2pm in warmer months and 11am - 3pm in the winter months.

We have had a large variety of stalls and the Rosebery Lions club will be there with their delicious hamburgers and sausages, we are always looking for new stall holders to join us. Please contact Jo Bracken 0417849543.

Stitt Falls

We have also been having clean up days around town and its attractions, in association with Westcoast Council the pot holes in the car park at Stitt falls have been repaired and it's looking great.

The Metal Miners Men and Town Signs

Which line our main street and at

the entry of Montezuma Falls turn off have been cleaned by Michelle Everett of the Development Association after they also were damaged by the fires in 2022.

Montezuma Falls

A request has been put into Parks and wildlife to repair the small wooden bridges along the trail to the Falls and they have agreed to repair these, and a suggestion was made that wooden pegs to be placed along the trail to let visitor know how long to get to the falls and the same on the way back.

Clean up day at the Tasmanian Metals Extraction Company (TME) at Williamsford.

On Saturday the 3rd of August the members of the Rosebery Development Association were on the old site of the Tasmanian Metals Extraction Company (TME) at Williamsford for a clean-up and planning day, to improve the site ready for visitors to come and see where and what is left the old smelter that was in production between 1912-

1914.

The old bell crusher which uses to be housed in a 3-story building, the building itself no long stands but the bell crusher and the footings of the buildings that presided there still remain.

We are looking for any photos of the TME site to make new displays to improve the visual effects for our visitors to the Westcoast to see what it would have looked like in 1912 - 1914.

We are also looking for photos of Williamsford township and mine. Please contact Michelle Everett on gecko_2@outlook.com

The Rosebery Development Association has been very busy improving our town and its attractions in the first half of 2024 and will continue to do so for the remainder of 2024 and beyond. We will always welcome new members to the association, we advertise our meetings on our Facebook pages, Rosebery Development Association and at the Rosebery Heritage Centre.



Community Transport celebrations

Community Transport Services Tasmania (CTST) has had a lot to celebrate in Queenstown and the West Coast of late. Local driver Neil Littlejohn (pictured with CTST CEO Lyndon Stevenson) was nominated for his great contributions in our recent Doug Cooper Volunteer Achievement Awards.

“We know there are specific challenges in remote areas that differ from those in more accessible locations,” said Mr Stevenson. “We want to express our appreciation to our devoted team of drivers who diligently represent the passengers' needs, providing valuable feedback for us to enhance our services. Their steadfast dedication ensures that even the most isolated community members have access to vital transportation services, improving their quality of life and nurturing a sense of community”.

During his Volunteer Week visit to the Queenstown CTST office, manned by local Coordinator Julie Drake, Mr Stevenson met with drivers, volunteers and staff. As a Queenstown local, Julie has been assisting CTST drivers and passengers for nearly 10 years and is one of the longest-serving staff members in the statewide team.



Neil Littlejohn and CTST CEO Lyndon Stevenson

“I know Julie looks forward to continuing to provide assistance with arranging bookings and transportation services for those in the local community”, said Mr Stevenson. “We encourage our passengers to call in to our centrally located office if you require any assistance”.

The team are also celebrating the continuous achievements of the Queenstown Shopper Shuttle, a concept born from the direct input of drivers and loyal passengers - and commuters have praised the service for its convenience and cost-effectiveness. This complements the CTST timetabled service which remains heavily utilised, smoothly linking major destinations in Queenstown and other public transportation services.

“Looking ahead, we plan to expand the service, adding more routes and increasing frequency to accommodate the growing demand”, said Mr Stevenson. “We're committed to continually improving the Queenstown service, ensuring it remains a vital part of the community's daily life in the area. We thank our team for your continued support and feedback, which are instrumental in driving this success”.

Some recent developments have seen CTST working with other community service providers such as the Cancer Council Tasmania to support more people with transport, and exploring the possibilities to expand the range of services that could be provided to the community through the recent merger with Mersey Community Care Association. This strategic alliance not only strengthens both organisation's capacity but also aligns with their vision to ensure that everyone has access to transport.



CTST COO Karen Dingjan, CTST Volunteers Paul Young and Brian Tisdell, CTST Passenger Services Coordinator Julie Drake

UTAS update for August



The University of Tasmania has been busy attending and planning lots of events on the West Coast this year, including upcoming events.

Our student drop-in day was a wonderful success and thank you to all who attended, in particular Yolande who helped out on the day and to Christie for rallying some of our fabulous home school students in the West. It was great catching up with existing students, meeting some new students as well as getting to know some future students!

The West Coast school holiday program had a real boost with the wonderful Sue from Hydro Tas and Jane, one of our science PhD students, who ran fun and interactive activities at the Queenstown Library. There was a lot of fun learning about circuits, building whirlygigs and eating exploding popcorn. Well done ladies, it was a wonderful morning for West Coast children and families!

WEST COAST SPACE CENTRE EVENTS IN THE LEAD UP TO SCIENCE WEEK

Don't miss the opportunity to see and touch space artefacts, look at planets, learn about what we see when we look up at the sky and much much more!

YOUNG TASSIE SCIENTISTS – WEST COAST 19-22 AUGUST 2024 (West Coast schools) and Monday 19 August 2024 – Queenstown Library at 3.30pm

Our amazing YTS team are visiting West Coast schools once again! As well they have agreed to provide a community session at the Queenstown Library on Monday 19 August 2024 at 3.30pm. Come along and meet James, who is a biostatistician, and ask him exactly what he does. Here's a clue – it's about supercomputers and it certainly includes having fun! What is your favourite marine animal? Katy would love to hear about that. Talk to Jared about glaciers and meet Sadhani, a real live brain detective!

MINI MAKER X – CRADLE COAST CAMPUS FAMILY/COMMUNITY DAY – Sunday 25 August 2024 – Do you love to CREATE, LEARN, INNOVATE AND CHANGE? Attend and learn about inspiring our future innovators to step up make their mark

UTAS FIELD TRIP TO COMBINE WITH CRADLE COAST NRM FOR AN EXCITING VISIT TO THE DELTA IN STRAHAN - Thursday 5 September 2024 - 2.30pm in Strahan

Do you have an interest in Earth Science and biology? The UTAS Earth

Science team are joining with Cradle Coast NRM to host a short field trip out to the Delta for interested industry, community and students. Lots of great discussions are to be had about water quality in the Delta as a result of previous mining legacies. The Strahan Healthy Harbour Project aims to implement recovery actions to reduce the risk of extinction of the Maugean Skate (*Zoarajia maugeana*), one of Tasmania's largest endemic fish and one of the state's most endangered marine species. The West Coast has the last remaining population of this species in Macquarie Harbour so this is a great opportunity to learn more about our wonderful marine habitat as well as our geological history.

Note: numbers for this field trip are to be capped so if you wish to attend contact – belinda.martin@utas.edu.au to register interest. Once registered more details will be forwarded direct in regard to logistics for this event.

WEST COAST HERITAGE MUSEUM OPEN DAY (Zeehan) – FREE ENTRY AND BBQ – Thursday 10 October 2024

Showcasing fun science activities, coding and gaming fun, learn about why geology rocks and discover more about the amazing minerals of the West Coast. Do you know why space is so intriguing? Don't miss the West Coast Space Centre show, climb aboard a real live steam train and enter the world of mining in an underground tunnel. Children's University members will be eligible to earn additional points in their passports towards their 2024 graduation! STAY TUNED ... more details to follow in due course.

HEALTH FEST WEST – GET READY TO DIVE INTO THE HEART OF OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY AT THE UPCOMING HEALTHY LIVING FESTIVAL – MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL - Saturday 19 October 2024

Sure to be an amazing day for all the family! Participate in fun, healthy activities, sample free healthy food, recipes and delicious treats as well as learning about how to improve your wellbeing experiences. UTAS staff and researchers will be sharing health and education information and there will be many healthy living service providers, stakeholders and educators available to chat to on the day. This is a fantastic way to learn more about being healthy, having fun and knowing that good health begins with you! More details to be released in due course.

Photographers in training *from front page*

The mist hung low over the rugged mountains of Tasmania's west coast, a delicate veil that shrouded the dense forests and craggy shores in an air of mystery. The only sounds breaking the silence were the distant cries of seabirds and the occasional rustling of leaves... until one day, the rhythmic chugging of a steam locomotive and the sound of a steam whistle pierced the tranquillity.

It was the early 20th century, and the West Coast Wilderness Railway was beginning to carve its way through the untamed landscape. The dream of connecting the isolated west coast with the rest of Tasmania had finally come to life. For years, the almost impassable terrain and unpredictable weather had made travel nearly impossible, leaving the communities here isolated from the rest of the world.

As the years passed, the railway continued to weave its way through the west coast, bringing with it a steady stream of visitors and commerce that breathed new life into the region. The steam train became more than just a means of transportation; it was a lifeline, connecting communities and opening doors to possibilities that had once seemed out of reach.

And so, as the steam train continued its journey through the breathtaking landscapes of Tasmania's west, it carried with it the spirit of romance and the enduring magic of progress, forever whispering the stories of those who had fallen in love with both the train and the rugged west coast itself.

The trains are still here, not on the scale they once were but the romance has never been lost. There really is something about an old steam train, whether it's the white steam billowing out from all over the engine, or the shrill shriek of the whistle, steam trains have never lost their magic and appeal.

It's even better when you can get up close and personal with one of these white cloud belching behemoths and better still (especially to a photographer) when you are invited to spend several hours photographing the trains in their own home.

Recently, this opportunity was offered at 'Carswell Park,' the West Coast

Railway's maintenance sheds in Queenstown. The West Coast Wilderness Railway hosted a 'Steam under the Stars' workshop led by Cam Blake, a seasoned Tasmanian photographer.

I was invited to join the workshop and experience firsthand the wonders of photographing these legendary locomotives. Greeted at the Queenstown railway station, we were ushered by one of the friendly WCWR staff onto one of the coaches and offered a drink (I highly recommend the hot chocolate) whilst waiting for one of the locos to be brought from Carswell Park and attached to our carriage.

Cam met us on board and gave a quick run through of what awaited us photographically in the next few hours, a short safety briefing followed about what to do to ensure a smooth experience for all and we were on our way.

It isn't very far at all to the workshop but already the talk was centred around how best to photograph a train. It wasn't just the trains themselves though as we soon found out, there were all the associated tools, spare parts, oil cans, signs and all the other bits and pieces that go to make up a busy railway workshop.

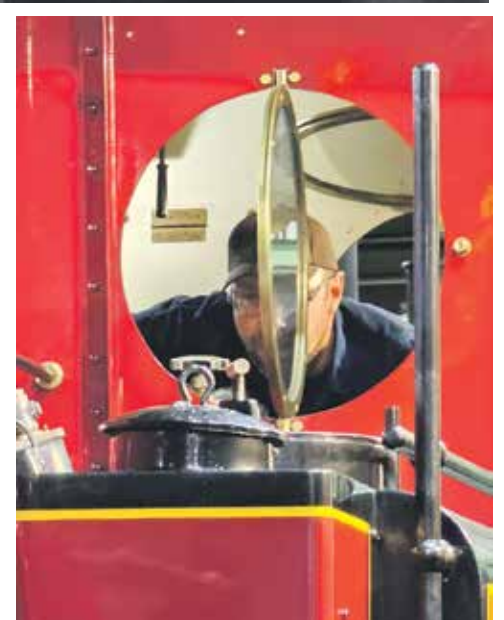
As photographers, we were in our element!

For the next few hours we walked around, clambered upon and aimed our cameras and phones at all things railway. Lighting was set up to cut ambient swathes of light through the steam, the ground was wetted in front of the train for those who wished to get those more reflective photos and we pretty much had the run of the workshop to do our own thing.

I am pretty sure we all ended up with some original images and Cam was on hand to help anyone out photographically if needed.

The staff at West Coast Wilderness Railway were brilliant. Nothing was too much trouble and ABT loco number 3 was positioned pretty much wherever we wanted it.

There will be another 'Steam under the Stars' workshop on the 17th August but places are very limited. If you like trains and photography is your thing then book now. Don't miss this!



Space centre for Strahan?

The West Coast Space Centre is the dream of Mars and Paris Buttfield-Addison—Tasmanian scientists, technologists and science communicators.

In wanting to combine our twin loves of science outreach and the west coast region of lutruwita/Tasmania, we came up with the idea of establishing a community learning space and science centre in Strahan, focused on a topic that is fun and awe-inspiring: space.

As a science centre, it will display artefacts, screen documentaries, host public talks from local and visiting experts, and more. As a community learning space, it will have free internet, onsite learning support, regular training events, and comfortable and accessible facilities. It will be designed with the support of existing community events and initiatives in mind, and through consultation with the local community.

It's a bit of a wild dream to start from scratch as just two people but we're confident and we've been saving hard. It might be a few years away yet, but we have some clear next steps and we'd love you to follow along with and be a part of our journey as it comes together.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

The West Coast Space Centre project will support formal STEM education in Strahan and neighbouring towns by offering an opportunity for recreational engagement with science—to further inspire the community, families, and young people to value science and scientific curiosity in their daily lives.

It'll answer questions about some lesser-known history and science from the west coast, like:

Why do we see aurora more than other places farther south than us do, like

southern New Zealand?

What's up with "Darwin Glass" and why does it make us think that a meteorite hit western Tas over 800,000 years ago?

What key early discoveries were made about the sun when CSIRO scientists came to do experiments at Ocean Beach in the 1940s?

It'll be one more place for tourists to visit in town, one more viable venue for local community events to host in, and also kind of a small cinema—something Strahan currently lacks.

Most importantly, it'll be a silly fun time for everyone involved.

WHY STRAHAN?

The west coast region of Tasmania is a place of beauty, extremes, rich history, and a strong sense of community. And with some of the darkest skies on the planet, it's the perfect place to celebrate and share a love of space.

Despite its beauty, and the hard work of those who play a part in the education of young people there—teachers, librarians, knowledge-holders, parents—the west coast has fallen behind in national metrics such as numeracy, literacy, digital literacy, and engagement with STEM. As in many regional areas, this appears to be in part due to disparity in resources and opportunities for learning.

Research shows that key ingredients in fostering a curiosity and love of science in young people is the incorporation of play: recreational and informal learning experiences. And that when it comes to students from regional communities pursuing further education, consistent and personalised information is key. Through the creation of a dedi-

cated recreational learning space, staffed by professional scientists and science educators from the community, and focused on the fun of learning, we can communicate three important things to the young people of the west coast:

Science is fun and creative.

You can do science.

You can do science right here, on the

west coast, without leaving your community.

By locating the centre in Strahan specifically, it can leverage the significant tourist numbers to offset operating costs; charging visitors so that the centre can be totally free for locals.

Paris Buttfield-Addison

New bridge a boost for Waratah tourism



As part our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future, the Tasmanian Liberal Government is building better infrastructure all around Tasmania.

A new pontoon bridge at Waratah is now complete, providing better access, amenities and a new tourism experience for visitors to the region.

Minster for Infrastructure, Michael Ferguson, said the new walkway bridge running in parallel to the historic rail bridge was a fantastic addition to the area. This new pontoon bridge provides much better access for people coming to see the sights of Waratah and gives safe, all-abilities access like never before," Mr Ferguson said.

"There was a lot of sentimentality held in the existing 1878 bridge by the local community but it was just getting too old to be refurbished by council to once again be safe for people to access.

"We were pleased to be able to help

council make the new bridge a reality with a \$300,000 investment toward this project which has resulted in an impressive new low-profile bridge crossing the water, allowing users to take in all the sights including the historic bridge.

"Importantly, given its location and the retention of the old rail bridge, this helps retain and highlight the heritage value of the area and helps locals and visitors alike step back in time to when a horse drawn wooden tramway and then steam trains serviced the Mt Bischoff tin mines.

"The project will link into the broader improvements by council around the area and adjacent Waratah falls.

"It is a great example of how modest infrastructure investment can make a big difference to our regional communities and provide new economic and tourism opportunities around the state," Mr Ferguson said.

'The Lost Province on Tasmania's West Coast' by Lou Rae

It was a great turnout for the signing of Lou Ray's new book, 'The Lost Province' on Saturday 27th July at the Galley museum. It was great to hear from Lou about the thoughts behind the book and have him sign your very own copy.

If you missed the writeup in last months Western Echo about the book then contact us to grab hold of the story or simply head to the Galley Museum or Missing Tiger bookshop in Queenstown to grab your own copy of the Lost Province. It is well worth a read and a great addition to your West Coast book collection.



3-6 Sports Day

Students in grades 3 to 6 spent the day in Zeehan playing and learning new sporting skills at the West Coast Sports day. The focus sports this term were netball, soccer, golf and outside games.



Pickleball

At the start of term 1, Lisa and Rob Cooper visited RDS and taught students about Pickleball. First we learned the basic skills of pickleball and then we began playing games where we got to practise the skills we had learned. Thank you Rob and Lisa for coming to RDS and making learning fun.



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MINISTER VISIT

It was great to have the Hon. Jo Palmer MP visit ZPS. We had a role-play parliament question time!



Z-BUCKS

Mr. Smyth has introduced a whole-school positive behaviour rewards program with 'Z Bucks' currency!



TASSAL BREAKFAST

We have been treated to another yummy pancake breakfast from our friends at TASSAL! Thank you Courtney and Joana!



YOUNG ARCHIES

Students have been learning about and completing self portraits for entry in this year's Young Archibald prize! All unique as the artists themselves!



DAILY PE

Our brains work best when we are fully fuelled and awake! Sport Leaders are coordinating daily fitness activities for the whole school to get us all moving and ready for learning!



PARKRUN VOLUNTEERING

Well done to Tanna who has volunteered at our local parkrun event at the Zeehan Golf Club. This can be used towards Children's University or Scouts accreditation.



NEW BEANIES

It has been beanie weather and we are pleased to add these polar-fleece options to our school uniform for use during the cooler months.



OVAL PROGRESS

West Coast Council have been busy and making good progress on getting our new oval works completed! It will be great when finished!

Funding to improve students' fitness

The fitness and fine motor skills of Tasmanian students in regional schools is expected to benefit from a new gymnastics program funded by the Tasmanian Government.

Gymnastics Tasmania has received funding to create an initiative to supply regional Tasmanian schools with new or upgraded gymnastics equipment.

Minister for Sport and Events, Nic Street, said the Equipment Grants Program, administered through Active Tasmania, was an important step to keep students in our regions active.

"Initiatives that support our regional schools in their efforts to improve student fitness and wellbeing are critical.

I commend Gymnastics Tasmania on making these activities more accessible," Minister Street said. "The Tasmanian Government is proud to have provided more than \$27,000 to get this initiative off the ground."

The joint initiative is set to roll out in

six regional Tasmanian schools, with more than 1200 students set to benefit.

Mountain Heights School, Oatlands District High School, Bruny Island District School, King Island District High School, St Helens District High School and Bicheno Primary School are also set to be involved in the initiative.

"Strahan Primary School has already benefited as the initiative's initial participant in 2022-23, with the delivery of equipment including bars, balance beams and protective matting in January 2024," Minister Street said.

"Six months in, the school reported increased levels of activity, and improved overall fitness and fine motor skills.

"This is a fantastic short-term result, and we look forward to hearing what the long-term impacts of the program will be." This initiative is another example of how our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future is making Tasmania the best place to live, work and raise a family.



Ella Dunstan and Aisha Drake from Strahan Primary School using the new equipment

Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

SON OF ZEEHAN MINE INSPECTOR DIES IN TRAMWAY ACCIDENT.

James Harrison held the prominent position of Inspector of Mines for Zeehan from 1892 until he retired in 1919. Both his wife Fanny and he are buried in the Zeehan Pioneer Cemetery, passing away in 1916 and 1927 respectively. They had eleven children and two of these are also buried there. Their daughter Fanny died of illness in 1902, and a son George Francis was killed aged 33 on Monday, May 17, 1915, while using a horse drawn tramway between the Queensbury Mine and Grieve's Siding. Grieve's Siding was about 14 kilometres from Zeehan along the Strahan to Zeehan railway line.

A coronial enquiry was held on the following Wednesday afternoon at the Zeehan Courthouse, before Coroner W. Fisher and a jury of four.

The first witness called was Archibald Edward Harrison, who deposed that on Monday last he expected to meet his brother at Grieve's Siding, and not meeting him there, Harry Marshall, Billy Linton, and he commenced to walk in to the mine. After they had walked about five kilometres along the line, at about 4 p.m., they saw there had been an accident. There were two horses standing alongside the truck which was off the line, and Linton, going behind said "He is killed." Archibald could see a body under the truck, he could not tell who it was

but from the surrounding circumstances he considered it was that of his brother.

He further stated his brother was the mine manager at the Queensbury mine, and only occasionally drove the truck. There was a curve and an incline coming on to the bridge where the accident happened. There were 12 bags of ore on the truck. There was some snow around the line, and the line was very greasy. The truck had good brakes, which acted on all four wheels.

Dr. Donald Cameron deposed that he had travelled to Grieve's Siding on the Monday evening, and viewed the body there at 10 p.m. The deceased had been dead for several hours then. On Tuesday morning he examined the body, and found that the body had received considerable injuries. On the left leg, below the knee, there were abrasions that could have been caused by that part of the leg being dragged along the edge of a tram

rail. There were three separate wounds on the head, all on the left side. On both sides of the face there were several wounds containing small particles of embedded stone. The right side of the chest was crushed in. He thought the deceased must have died very quickly after the accident occurred.

Francis Joseph McGrath deposed he was working at the Queensbury mine last Saturday. He had helped deceased to load a truck with 20 bags of ore. The truck was left in the open till Monday morning, when, at about 8 o'clock, Harrison drove it away behind two horses. When deceased started away he was sitting on the top of the loaded truck holding the brake.

He later attended the scene of the accident and he thought that after leaving the rails the truck had run along the ground for 20 or 30 feet. He noticed that seven or eight bags of ore had been unloaded on the top of the incline, and also that two bags had

fallen off when the truck left the rails. It was not usual to take off any bags at the top. Evidently the deceased was concerned about going down the incline with a full load, and the snow would have made it more dangerous. The incline was a long one, but not steep, and the curve not sharp. He believed that once the brakes had become clogged with snow, the wheels would have jammed, and then the truck would slide. He observed that the brake on the truck was full on, but blocked with snow. The brake was sufficiently strong to stop the truck on that incline carrying two tons on an ordinary day.

The coroner briefly summed up and the jury after a retirement of 10 minutes returned a verdict that deceased came by his death accidentally due to the truck getting out of control in the adverse weather conditions.

The funeral of George Harrison commenced at 4 p.m. on the same day as the inquest, and although the weather was extremely wintery, a very large number of people attended. Four members of the Zeehan Masonic Lodge acted as pallbearers, while the Rev. F.R. Morse officiated at the grave. Many letters and telegrams of condolence were received, and numerous beautiful floral tributes were placed upon the coffin. It is not known where he was buried.



George Harrison. (Tasmanian Weekly Courier, 27 May 1915.)

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For further information, contact Bob Wilton on 0467 598 373 or visit www.jhc.com.au.



Making Science Matter

As part of National Science Week (NSW) activities, the University of Tasmania are thrilled to host a Mini MakerX event at the newly refurbished Makers Technology and Innovation Hub at the, Cradle Coast Campus in Burnie!

This isn't just any gathering - MINI MAKERX is a melting pot of ideas, creativity, and hands-on fun that celebrates the unique spirit of our region.

An exciting family-friendly "Show & Tell" from people who love to CREATE, LEARN, INNOVATE and CHANGE! For one day only, we're shining a spotlight on STEM, from the cutting-edge of digital tech and gaming to the wonders of science and sustainability. It's all about inspiring our future innovators to step up and make their mark.

"In line with this year's National



Little penguin Photo by Perviz Marker

Science Week theme, 'Species Survival - More than just sustainability', we're putting our adorable local little penguins in the limelight". Said Clarissa Forster, event coordinator at the University. Get ready to learn all about their habitat, ecology, and how we can help them thrive. For more details and to register to attend go to: utas.edu.au/mini-makerx

parkrun with a Z



The Zeehan Golf Club parkrun continues to go from strength to strength, still attracting small but consistent numbers over the cold and wet winter months.

Recently we had a visit from 'The Running Guy', (pictured at left), a Queenslander who is living out of his car and completing every parkrun in Tasmania. When finished, he will earn the title - Statesperson or 'Tasmaniac'.

Several people are travelling from Hobart, Devonport, Launceston and Burnie to our parkrun.

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5th Library Story Time @ 11am Craft @ 11.30am Musical Munchkins @ 1pm	6th Olympic Move N Groove @ 11.30am Story Time @ 1pm	7th Play Space opens @ 10am Craft @ 11.30am Story Time @ 1pm	8th Olympic Move N Groove @ 11.30am Story Time @ 1pm	2nd Messy Play @ 11.30am Story Time & Show & Tell @ 1pm
12th Library Story Time @ 11am Scientific Messy Play @ 1pm	13th Move N Groove @ 11.30am Story Time @ 1pm Yoga @ 2pm	14th Play Space opens @ 10am Scientific Messy Play @ 11.30am Story Time @ 1pm	15th Move N Groove @ 11.30am Story Time @ 1pm	16th Scientific Messy Play @ 11.30am Story Time & Show & Tell @ 1pm
19th Library Story Time @ 11am Costume making @ 1pm	20th Move N Groove @ 11.30am Story Time @ 1pm Costume making @ 1.30pm	21st Play Space opens @ 10am Pig the Pug Pizza making @ 11.30am Story Time @ 1pm	22nd Move N Groove @ 11.30am Story Time @ 1pm Costume making @ 1.30pm	23rd Book Week Costume Parade @ 12pm Disco @ 12.30pm
26th Library Story Time @ 11am Musical Munchkins @ 1pm	27th Move N Groove @ 11.30am Story Time @ 1pm Yoga @ 2pm	28th Play Space opens @ 10am Craft @ 11.30am Story Time @ 1pm	29th Move N Groove @ 11.30am Story Time @ 1pm Yoga @ 2pm	30th Musical Munchkins @ 11.30am Story Time & Show & Tell @ 1pm

2024 DATES

MEMORIAL HALL, ORR STREET, 11AM-1.30PM

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER FATHER'S DAY!	SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER MAKERS & CREATORS	SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER LOCAL & VISITING STALLHOLDERS
SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS IS COMING!	BOOK A STALL Call Robyn: 0428 466 445 30+ YEARS VOLUNTEER RUN - FOR COMMUNITY, BY COMMUNITY.	

ROSEBERY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2024

AT ROSEBERY PARK OVAL

BOOK THE DATE

FAMILIES & STEM

Family Influences on STEM Aspirations is a project which aims to understand how West Coast families influence their children's career choices, and to find ways to promote jobs in STEM industries like mining. The researcher, Jane Hall-Dadson, is a Tasmanian science and maths teacher with links to the west coast. Jane will regularly attend community events, where you can talk to her about the project, complete her survey, or try a *Family STEM Fun* activity. You can also email her at jhall@utas.edu.au.

Volunteering to talk about your STEM experiences when you do the survey gives you a chance to earn a **\$60 IGA voucher**. The survey is available at:

This study has been approved by the University of Tasmania Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) (H0030514)

Join us as we shine a spotlight on STEM. Explore the latest in technology, from digital tech and gaming to the wonders of science and sustainability.

Sunday 25 August, 11 am–3pm

📍 The Makers Technology and Innovation Hub,
2 Bass Highway, Parklands, Burnie

Register to attend at
utas.edu.au/mini-makerx

NEW TIME

Rosebery Market

August 17th

11am - 3pm

Memorial Hall

SUPPORTED BY WEST COAST COUNCIL AND THE ROSEBERY LIONS CLUB

A West Coast Event Fearless Traveller Tour

“Stephen Atkins’ playing was sublime....”
Frank Lee

stephen atkins

online @ www.stephenatkins.com.au

Singer songwriter keyboard-player

Sun 8th September **FREE ENTRY**

4pm **Everyone is Welcome**

The Gaiety Theatre **Complementary ‘Goodie Bags’**
Zeehan **including a CD of the Artist**

A highly entertaining Concert for the whole family that will include a presentation of the Christian Faith

We are here for all Tasmanians impacted by cancer.

All funds raised in Tasmania stay in...

The Queenstown Cancer group will be selling Daffodil products, & tickets in our raffle, in Orr street on August 8th, 15th & 22nd
In conjunction, we will be having a Cent Night at the Queenstown RSL on August 22nd, starting at 7pm.
Cost is \$10- pp, this includes supper.
Bring a small gift & a friend or make up a group.
We look forward to seeing you there.

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Community Morning Tea

3rd Friday of the Month

10:00 am 12:00 pm

Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre, Somer House

\$5 per person

Everyone Welcome

Lunch with a Mate

1st Monday of the Month

12:00 pm 2:00 pm

Zeehan RSL

2 course meal open to all ages.

\$7 Per Person.

Everyone Welcome

Call the Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre for more information (03) 6471 6108

Follow the Rain

a magical journey into the weird and wonderful world of fungi

TASMANIAN TOUR

including Q&A with the filmmakers

Sept 19 - Stanley Town Hall, Stanley

Sept 22 - The Paragon Theatre, Queenstown

Sept 26 - The State Cinema, Hobart

Sept 27 - The Star Theatre, Launceston

Tickets via Humanitix or purchase at the door

WE PLAY FOOTBALL

QUEENSTOWN VS CUPRONA

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ROUND SIXTEEN
VS CUPRONA

GAME RESULTS

RESERVES

QUEENSTOWN 10.8 68

CUPRONA 9.4 58

BEST

XANDER FRUIN
JOHNATHAN KEOGH
JOHN DRAKE
JAYDEN MCKELLAR
RUSSELL HORSLEY
LYNDEN THURSTON

GOALS

LYNDEN THURSTON (3)
ALEC HARBACK (2)
JACK BRADSHAW (2)
JAYDEN BRYCE (1)
MASON BOURKE (1)
BRANDON NEWSON (1)

SENIORS

QUEENSTOWN 28.18 186

CUPRONA 12.8

BEST

JOHN HOLLAND
DARCY CRANE
ZACH WALKER
JACKSON O'SHEA
SAM SHEA
TOBY LUTWYCHE

GOALS

TOBY LUTWYCHE (5)
JACKSON O'SHEA (4)
MICHAEL KEOGH (3)
ZACH WALKER (3)
OLIVER DEXTER (2)
LUKE MORGAN (2)
XAVIER COULSON (2)
AARON BURDEN (2)
SAM SHEA (2)
BLAKE McDERMOTT (2)
JOHN HOLLAND (1)



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WE PLAY HOCKEY

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PRELIMINARY FINAL BLUES VS BROWNS

Last Saturday, the Rosebery Women's Hockey Association had their preliminary final, seeing Browns and Blues play off for a spot in the grand final.

Throughout the season, both teams had won and lost, so the spectators knew they were in for a great game to watch, and it was, with the teams being evenly matched 1-1 at half time.

Blues fought hard in the last half, with lots of shots on goal, but none converted. Fortunately for Browns, they did convert one more goal, to win their way into the grand final, with the final score being 2-1.

This Saturday the 10th of August at 10:30am the Browns will face the Shamrocks in the grand final. Shamrocks finished on top of the ladder, allowing them straight into the grand final. Come down and watch the grand final at the Rosebery hockey ground, to see if Shamrocks can go back to back, or if Browns will win their first premiership since 2016!

The RWHA will be opening the doors at the Rosebery Football Clubrooms after their presentation dinner at 9pm for Launceston band, Silver Lining to play, \$5 entry.

