



# Burn off reduces fire risk



Photos by Alan Jennison

Driving into Zeehan recently you would have been excused for thinking the town was ablaze but it was simply Parks and Wildlife conducting a prescribed burn over an area of about 1696 hectares.

Following a consistent rainfall throughout April, Parks and Wildlife waged war on the

gorse and understory brush to lessen the fire risk in the future.

Because of the high moisture conditions a large amount of smoke was given off by the burn and it was pretty impressive watching the helicopter pilots weave in and through the

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# Letters to the editor...

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

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

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**Dear Editor,**

Litterbugs!! - Lock the gate and throw away the key

It has been a while since hubby and I took a drive to Granville Harbour, we're not camping and fishing types but we love the landscape and the coast. So on a slightly gloomy and drizzly morning a couple of weeks ago (after Easter) we took the short drive to Granville.

We didn't drive too far along the coastal track pulled the car off the road and parked up with just one group of visitors nearby already there stopped in their caravan.

I went off in one direction for a walk and to take some photos, hubby went over the rocks and down to the beach to look for sea critters he could spot in the rockpools.

On my return to the car there was a random pile of litter stacked up...had I missed something when I parked up?... had some cheeky kid dumped it whilst my back was turned?. Nope, on his short beachcombing trip this (see photo) is what my hubby without having to forage found just laying around.....Why people?, Why do you do this?.

I have to say if I was a resident of Granville Harbour I would shut the camping areas, lock the gate and throw away the key.

The people that do this don't deserve to visit such a lovely little place, they may spend their money in shops and servos on the way to Granville but bring nothing to the people there, apart from, I assume, noise, disturbance and obviously rubbish.

Now I know it's probably the minority that behave this way, but still, so disrespectful and it only takes a few idiots to spoil things for everyone else.

There's a hand painted sign hanging from a tree in town it says "Litterbugs have S\*\*t for brains", the real sign doesn't include my little bit of censorship, either way they're spot on.

**Regards,  
S. Farr, West Coast Resident.**



While we are on the subject of littering, who was the absolute idiot that thought it was ok to dump an old woodheater near the Dundas Rivulet bridge? Just why!?! The tip is open most days and is free to dump. There is no excuse for this at all.

**Alan - Ed**



**Dear Editor,**

Regarding the burn offs that occurred on the 3rd and 4th of May at Zeehan, it was taken placed with ideal weather conditions that were conducted on the Eastern to south-east side of Zeehan. I'm just curious why they burned that side of town when the history proves that

major of the fires occur in the north and north western side of Zeehan, with the prevailing hot northwest wind. Hopefully we will never go through a fire like those again.

**Kind regards - Aidan Hodge**

**To the Editor,**

Controlled burning? Just another example of wasting taxpayers dollars. They carried out another controlled burn on the southern outskirts of Zeehan and burned button grass. I am bemused, why? Zeehan has never been threatened by a bushfire from the south. The northern and western outskirts of the town are where the real threat of fire is, where the really big fire hazards exist so why don't they burn there? Is it because they are afraid? I guess so. We remember what happened on Tuesday the 3/2/81. They're not worried about a large fire in Zeehan, just as long as it doesn't escape out the southern end. And it's also worth noting that not only are they trying to burn off at the wrong end of town, they have left it two months too late.

**Grant Hodge, Zeehan.**

**Dear Editor**

Some things in life just don't feel right- a recent Council decision may have been legal in their eyes but to the constituents they are here to represent....a boiling anger and disgust is bubbling away for many in our community.

The reason for this angst and disgust can be found in Strahan due to details which have come to light about the sale of the iconic, arguably most prestigiously valuable, piece of historic and community waterfront asset available on the West Coast- The sale of the USSCO building for many simply does not pass the 'pub test'.

The closed Council meetings and barely respected views of the local community by the former GM and Councillors only adds to mistrust and resentment and is perceived as a deliberate act of shrouding the process to sell off this community valued piece of property.

If the community had known that the Council would sell their community asset for such a low price instead of presenting Council with a concept plan for its future development, community would have taken steps to purchase the building off Council (who were only the caretakers for the Strahan community in the first place) and access available State and Commonwealth funds to purchase and start the remodelling program. In keeping with community vision and aspirations. It was very clear to Council that the community wanted the USSCO Building to remain in community hands.

Now finding that Council sold the community property for a mere \$150k when it was base valued at more than \$550k does little to instil confidence and only increases outrage and upset over the lack of public transparency in the governance and management decisions made by the West Coast and its Councillors... These factors make the sale of USSCO building a pretty bitter pill to swallow.

It also raises concern over ethical and questionable practice and decisions by

elected representatives. ...that's where the dilemma lies.

It raises the question over the entire process and decision-making process. It also raises the question of just who are our elected representatives? Who are they really representing? Are they really up to the job of being Mayor and Councillors to make sound governance decisions based on the wants needs and important community values held dear by the people of the West Coast.

The new owners of the USSCO building- must be laughing all the way to the bank!

Fancy being able to secure the purchase of a building with three level business development capacity for \$150k when its base market value is well of and truly much, much more than that!

The whole decision feels duplicitous and lacking in sound governance transparency.

I for one will not be voting for any of the Councillors who participated in this very poor decision and ignored our community.

**M. Dalton- Strahan resident**

**Letter FROM the Editor.**

The Western Echo is now two and a half years old and appears to be well read and recieved by pretty much everyone so I thank you all for that.

However, getting stories from the community groups across the west coast is somewhat frustrating and therefore this callout.

If you or your organisation have a story, happening, event or anything at all that may be of interest to our readers and the community please send it in so we can share it in the Western Echo. I would definitely love regular columns from community groups, whether it be LIONS, fire brigades, SES, community houses etc etc etc.

Don't be shy, send them in!  
alan@westernecho.news

## Sibanye Stillwater CEO visits Mt Lyell Copper Mine

Neal Froneman, Sibanye Stillwater's founding CEO, visited the Mt Lyell operation last month with Brad Evans, Vice President of Technical Services and Barry Harris, Senior Vice President for the Australian region.

This was Mr Froneman's first visit to Mt Lyell and the township of Queenstown since the company acquired the Mt Lyell operation last November.



**L to R: Clint Mayes, Neal Froneman and Barry Harris on the mine site at Mt Lyell.**

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# WESTERN ECHO

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*Photos by Alan Jennison*

smoke clouds rising hundreds of metres into the sky. The choppers were spreading the fire area using underslung tanks filled with a jellified petroleum and an igniter mechanism. It makes a change from watching them put out fires, to actually encouraging the spread of the

fire and they did a great job. They pilots certainly have my respect. The fires were placed just where they wanted, traffic control was handled smoothly and the whole burnoff well controlled. Now if we could do the other west coast towns as well. Nice job Parks.



# More awards for Queenstown accommodation providers

Penghana has been named again in Tripadvisor's 'Best of the Best' B&Bs and Inns in its Travelers' Choice Awards.

The Travellers' Choice Awards Best of the Best title celebrates the highest level of excellence in travel. It is awarded to those who receive a high volume of above-and-beyond reviews and opinions from the Tripadvisor community over a 12-month period. Out of our 8 million listings, fewer than 1% achieve this milestone.

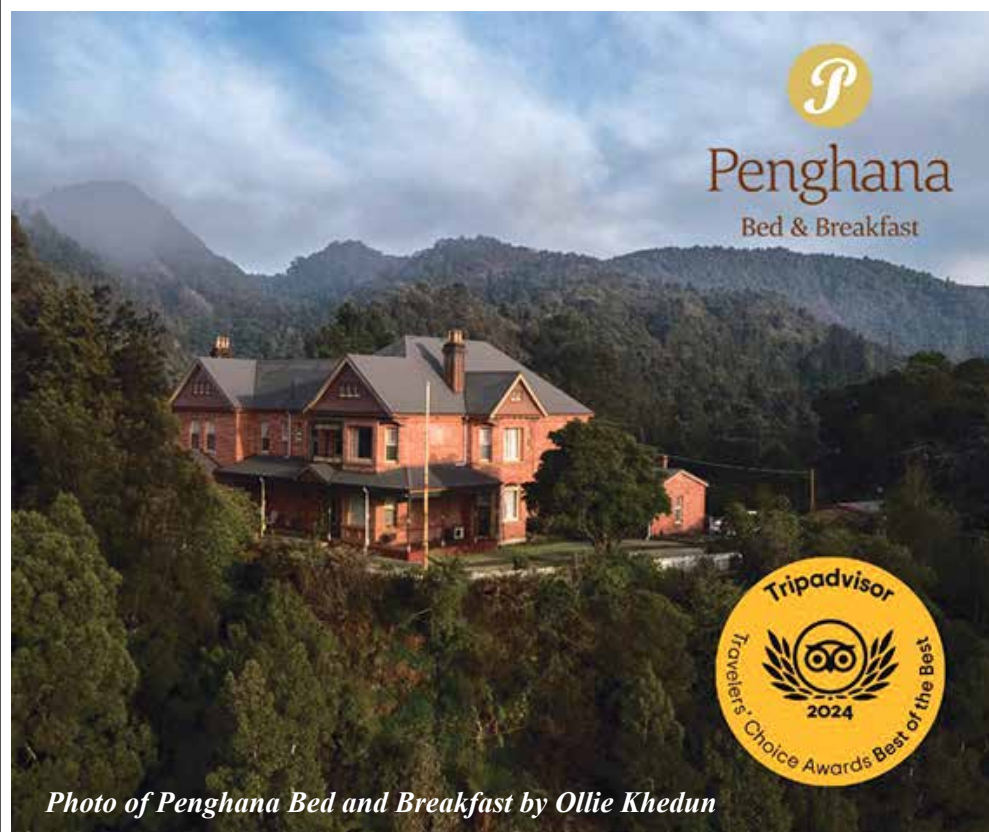
Penghana has been named in seventh position on the list of the 'Best of the Best' B&Bs and Inns in Australia, and in

the top 25 in the South Pacific region.

Needless to say they are delighted, as it recognises the importance they place upon customer feedback, and the way they use it to improve the experience offered to their guests. We take feedback very seriously, and act upon it.

Most importantly, it provides the guests with the assurance that they will receive outstanding service and a great experience when they stay with Penghana.

You can check the listing and read more about the awards at <https://www.tripadvisor.com.au/TravelersChoice-Hotels...>



*Photo of Penghana Bed and Breakfast by Ollie Khedun*

Queenstown BnB owner, Tracy Wales was recently announced as one of Australia's most welcoming, creative and big-hearted hosts in Airbnb's Host Awards program. A big congratulations for being nominated as a finalist in the Best Room Host category! As a finalist, Tracey's property in the centre of Queenstown is showcased on the Airbnb Host Awards 2023 website. When you consider the sheer number of accommodation houses and BnBs around Australia and New Zealand winning these awards at this level is no mean feat and something to be very proud of.



## UNDER FRESH MANAGEMENT!

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# MHOP UPDATE

During the early stages of the trial a total of 500kg of oxygen per day was injected, with a subsequent increase to 720kg per day for the remainder of the seven-day trial. The injected oxygen dispersed rapidly at depth as predicted by the modelling.

Environmental monitoring throughout the trial has collected an abundance of ecological and environmental data, and the scientific observations and analysis confirmed that there were no responses of concern. Nutrient and heavy metal concentrations in the water column remained unchanged from before, during and after the trial and the sediments were not disturbed.

Consequently, scientists have commenced the second stage of the project which will increase the oxygen load delivered each day from 1000 to 1500kg per day. The oxygen discharge system continues to perform well with

the oxygen dispersing rapidly at the intended depth.

Looking ahead, the next stage will increase the load and duration and explore further modifications of the delivery system to enhance operational effectiveness. Real-time sensor data and camera monitoring will complement scheduled sampling activities, providing comprehensive insights into the project's evolution and impact.

IMAS' Associate Professor and project lead Dr Jeff Ross said "We are really encouraged by the environmental performance of the oxygenation system after the first trial and we have seen further improvements already in the second trial in response to the engineering enhancements.

"The current trial will see our oxygen addition approaching 2 tonnes per day in the final week, and looking ahead, we will

continue to work with the engineers on improving the operational efficiency of the delivery system as we scale up" said Dr Ross.

Matt Barrenger, Technical Director for Salmon Tasmania recognised the ingenuity and adaptiveness of the operational teams. "A large team from across multiple companies have been working alongside and collaboratively with the scientists on this project and they are to be applauded said Matt Barrenger, Technical Director for Salmon Tasmania.

"This project has been implemented in a very short timeframe and as we all know the West Coast conditions can be challenging at the best of times. It is a real testament to their professionalism and experience," said Mr Barrenger.

The results from first trial will be published by IMAS in the coming weeks.

## TAMMY TYRRELL VISITS MACQUARIE HARBOUR



It was wonderful to have Independent Senator Tammy Tyrrell visit Macquarie Harbour in April.

We appreciate Senator Tyrrell taking the time to learn first hand about the industry's efforts to address oxygenation through the Macquarie Harbour Oxygenation Project and to tour our operations.

We all finished up with a bbq lunch to hear directly from those who work on the harbour every day.



## WAITING ON A DECISION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The MHOP is a sensible, practical, and science-based response to managing the risks around the Maugean Skate, in contrast to alarmist calls to remove aquaculture from the Harbour.

What we know is that removing the aquaculture will have a long-term and profound negative impact on the West Coast community with no surety this would make any difference for the Skate.

We can strike a balance between conservation outcomes, and the economic and social wellbeing of regional Tasmania, and the salmon industry is determined to lead this path.

We are confident our industry not only has a long-term future in Macquarie Harbour, but our industry's presence on the West Coast means we can have a genuinely positive impact and we can invest in the effort to secure the Skate.

As the Federal Environment Minister, Tanya Plibersek, continues to deliberate on crucial decisions within the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) process, the community's anticipation mounts.

The industry, with its deep roots in Tasmania's economy and culture, remains steadfast in its support for one another, awaiting in hope that the outcome will ensure that aquaculture remains a critical part of Tasmania's West Coast economy.

## WE WELCOME THE NEW LABOR TEAM TO STRAHAN



Fantastic to have the newly appointed leader of the opposition Dean Winter MP along with Deputy Leader Anita Dow MP and Shane Broad MP come out on Macquarie Harbour last month to see first hand the accomplishments of the Macquarie Harbour Oxygenation Project trial and to meet with the workers.

With farmed salmon being one of the world's most carbon friendly proteins, and with the significant contribution our industry makes to the Tasmanian economy, the importance of the success of our industry should not be understated.





# Study Hub for learners ANZAC around the coast

Study Hub West Coast is a place for learners from all walks of life.

We all know that sometimes being able to take little steps in a supportive environment can set you on the path to greater things. Studying at any age, on-line and living on the West Coast can be hard and this is exactly where the Study Hub can be your support network.

If you are looking for committed support to start or continue your education locally and stay connected to your community, look no further. We are dedicated to supporting all learners on the West Coast and helping you achieve your goals because we understand the barriers we face living in a remote region.

The Study Hub team have had some incredible experiences! Working with a diverse range of students, they've witnessed numerous successes. From graduations to assisting students in finding employment, they've been there every step of the way. And yes, they've certainly shed a tear or two witnessing remarkable achievements, as students overcome obstacles and demonstrate their dedication to a brighter future. It's evident that they genuinely care about helping individuals achieve their goals and the profound impact it has on their lives.

These heart-warming comments from current and past students really showcase the success of Regional University Study Hubs in rural, regional, and remote areas like ours.

• *"Nicky and Yolande have helped me gain confidence in my own abilities as a worker and as a student"*

• *"I love the Study Hub, because to me it's a place where I can study without distractions and I go into my own little world"*

• *"The Study Hub is not just a campus, it's a support network for students on the West Coast"*

• *"I met a whole new group of people - my own little UTAS University family - who helped me and made me feel like I belonged"*

• *"Having such a vibrant team of staff available to assist or just sometimes chat, is vital for an external student"*

• *"The team don't just help me academically - they provide emotional support when I feel overwhelmed"*

• *"First Aid training was so interactive and fun, I'll never forget my CPR training..... Staying Alive"*

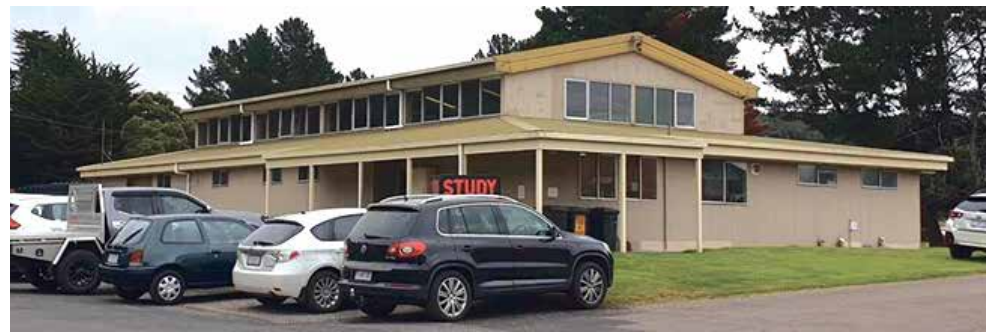
• *"Snakes, just ew, but at least by the end of the training I knew how to safely relocate them with proper equipment"*

Interested in studying? Feel free to give us a call or schedule an appointment via email to discuss your options further. We're here to help!

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West Coast Council is seeking suitably qualified consultants or facilitators to work with our community to undertake and complete the next 10-year West Coast Community Plan. This exciting project will consist of engaging with our local communities across the broader West Coast. You will get the privilege of experiencing the true heart of the West Coast, by capturing our concerns, dreams, and true essence, empowering our community to move forward, in the development of our future community plan.

Proposals should include costings and timelines and can be submitted to [ea@westcoast.tas.gov.au](mailto:ea@westcoast.tas.gov.au) prior to Friday 24 May 2024.

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Image: MMG Rosebery's Roscoe Sewell presenting at Rosebery District School

## Prioritising wellbeing

MMG Rosebery HR representative Roscoe Sewell presented to a group of secondary school students at Rosebery District School as part of the program Boys2Men.

The program is delivered by STUDYHUB West Coast

Roscoe discussed the importance of respect and looking out for each other.

He also provided an overview of Rosebery Mine, its role within the local community and job opportunities in mining across cadetships, apprenticeships, entry level mining, graduates and professional opportunities.

## Youth Week

Rosebery Neighbourhood House ran a series of events to celebrate Tasmanian Youth Week, supported by MMG Rosebery and West Coast Council.

The activities included a street party, sporting games at the local stadium and a pizza night.

The week recognises the contribution that young people make to our local community.



Image: Neighbourhood House games day

## Anzac Day dawn service

Members of the Rosebery community gathered at the Cenotaph on 25 April to mark Anzac Day.

A working group of returned and ex-service people came together with community volunteers to put on the commemoration event.

The dawn service was held at 6am followed by a main service at 11am.

Dozens participated in the march down the main street of Rosebery with a free breakfast and lunch at the pub.

Thanks to the Rosebery Top Pub for providing the local community with free access to their kitchen and premises to support this important day and RSL Tasmania for providing the flags.

MMG was proud to sponsor this community event.



Image: Anzac Day working group

## Heritage Centre

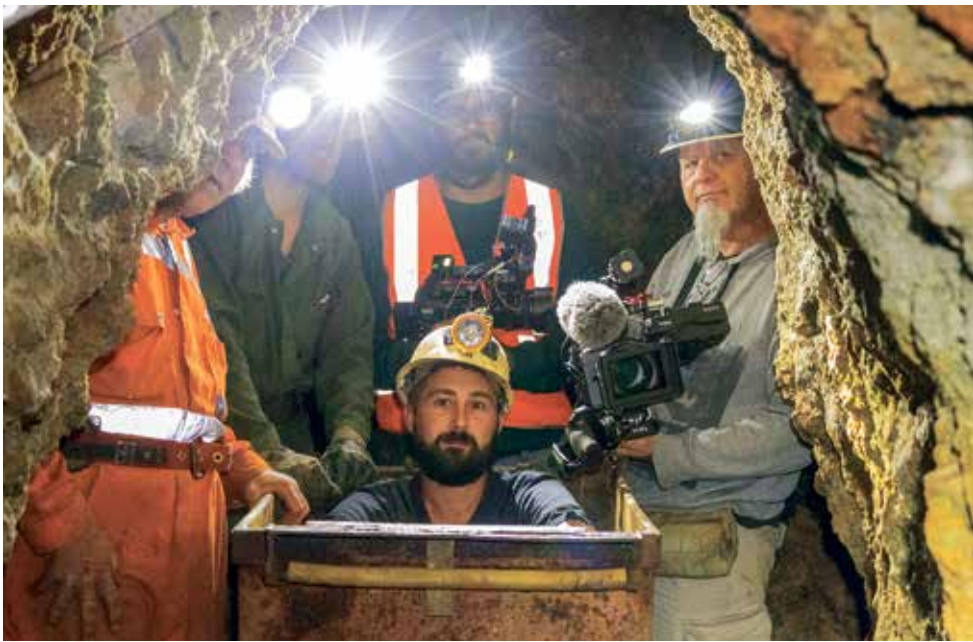
Restoration works on the Rosebery Heritage Centre have been completed.

It was damaged by fire in 2022, with MMG Rosebery funding the repairs to the building, including painting, repairing windows and relocating the toilet and sanding back the floorboards.

The building has now been handed back to volunteers to reopen in the coming weeks.



# West coast filming Chat with an author



The west coast is certainly a hot spot for film makers at the moment, the guys from Crystal Hunters have returned to film a second season and are pictured above with Mike Phelan (almost hiding at left), inside the Dundas Extended crocoite mine where the guys will be trying to extract specimens worth thousands of dollars.

Season two of the exciting 'Bay of Fires' is about to start filming across the west coast and eagle eyed locals will have noticed that one of the main street buildings has been painted bright pink! Now this MAY be going to feature as a bakery in the show but you did not hear that from me.

Rumour also has it that a show of a different kind is about to be shot on the coast (Lake Burberry perhaps?) but all is very hush hush. The west coast is certainly showing off and I say bring it on - let's show the world how amazing this place is.



## May the Fourth MTB ride

On May the fourth, the West Coast MTB club held a club ride at Oonah Hills with many interested riders rocking up to ride this never get old trail and as the weather was kind and the wind blowing the burn off smoke away to the south west we couldn't ask for anything more.

On the climb, the views of the burn off's from the distance were spectacular. On the Oonah descent, we were featured with Star Wars greetings as it was the May the Fourth. After the first descent, there were many shuttle lifts and refreshments, BBQ and prizes drawn at the end of the day. Thank you to Roam Wild and Volunteer 's, who provided the shuttles. West Coast Ride for donating the prizes and All volunteer's and riders that came from around

the state. Hopefully, I'll see ya's all on the next ride.

*Vice President Aidan Hodge.*



*A stormtrooper? On a mountain bike?*

## A Morning with Author Patsy Crawford by Robyn Wilson for West Coast Libraries

At 10:30 am on Monday 6th May at the Queenstown Library a group of over thirty-five people (aged from babes in prams to a youthful 94-year-old) met to hear Deloraine based Tasmanian author Patsy Crawford (pictured below), share stories and answer questions about her latest book Boys Home.

The aims of this event were to- engage community; enable universal access to our collections; connect people to information; champion lifelong learning and strengthen organisational effectiveness.

The book cover design gives a hint to the storyline- The Great Western Tiers, a dog and the red poppies of the Great War and Flanders Fields.

The programme for the morning included an introduction to Patsy and her previous six works that include the genre of non-fiction, fiction, and short stories. The Track Cutter (2020) is one of her most circulated and well-known titles.

Patsy is a Tasmanian writer who majored in History with the University of Tasmania. She has also previously worked in the field of journalism.

I was fortunate to function as MC for this event and having read the book was able to discuss with the audience (without disclosing the full details and ending) in introducing Patsy and Boys Home.

Patsy gave an authentic and entertaining talk encouraging the audience to 'have a go at self-publishing if you think you have a story in you.' She also discussed the concepts, themes, and characters in the book. Surprisingly, I learned that one of the main characters was based on the history of her father, himself a resident of a Home for boys.

Although names have been changed in this work of fiction, Patsy has engaged the reader with accurate details of local and international history. We found the discussion led to revealing the themes of redemption, mental and physical health post war and abandonment, domestic violence, the rights of a child, mateship, and kindness amongst others.

Patsy took questions from the keenly engaged audience who were interested to know how and where she got her inspiration and what her next book might be about.

We thank all who attended including the editor of the Western Echo, Alan for coming along to take pictures of the event. Thankyou also to Jane Delaney-John the West Coast Library Literacy coordinator for putting budget funds towards a sumptuous home-made style morning tea by local café JJ. Also, to those who helped in setting up and on the day -Home-Schooled students from Zeehan Michele and Eliza, Ryoko attending the door and Simon for taking pics of the event for us as well.

We are looking forward to future author events in our West Coast Libraries.



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Winter wellness





**Boys and Girls Week**  
 During the last week of term, high school students from RDS had a week full of engaging experiences which enabled them to connect to their community and explore new concepts and job opportunities for themselves. Students thoroughly enjoyed meeting and learning from people around Tasmania.



**Mural Unveiling**  
 Miss Martin and all students from RDS have been working hard to make their mark at the school. After hours of planning, designing, creating and painting, we were finally ready to unveil our new school mural to the community. The mural is inspired by our school values and the Rosebery environment, history and culture.



**RDS 3-10 Cross-Country**  
 Students in grades 3-10 participated in the Rosebery District School cross country. Team and competitive spirits were high as students ran the track. All students pushed themselves to achieve their best whilst also encouraging others.



# ZEEHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**ANTARCTIC ADVENTURES**  
 We had a visit from Mawson Hut Foundation mobile Antarctic Classroom! Loads of learning and fun!



**MATHEMATICS IN ACTION**  
 The logo of ZPS used in a lesson about coordinates and directional language.



**RIDE 2 SCHOOL**  
 Many students joined us on our Ride 2 School Day, raising awareness of bicycle safety, healthy choices and sustainable transport options.



**CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY**  
 Get your CU passport stamped for various extra-curricular learning opportunities, including parkrun! Miss Q our CU coordinator at ZPS.



**SCHOOL ASSOCIATION BBQ**  
 Thank you to our families who helped out with our School Association BBQ on polling day! We raised more than \$250 for the school!



**TASSAL BREAKFAST**  
 Thank you TASSAL for a delicious pancake breakfast! A great way to start the day!



**SRC EASTER FUND-RAISER**  
 Well done to students and families who contributed Easter Eggs for our raffle. Almost \$500 was raised!



**LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING**  
 LiL at ZPS is on Thursday from 10:30am-12:00pm. Children from Birth-4 is welcome! Our pre-Kindergarten program will start later in the year.





# Q Bank artist in residence

Hailing from Howard on Queensland's Fraser Coast is Jo Williams, the latest artist in residence at Q Bank studio in Queenstown. I caught up with her for a bit of a chat.

**Alan:**

"So welcome to Queenstown. How are you finding it?"

**Jo:** "Certainly colder than home but I am loving it. I love Flanny shirt weather and you don't have to change your clothes five times a day. This suits me perfectly."

**Alan:** "Is this your first time in Tassie?"

**Jo:** No, we have been here a couple of times and did a road trip around the state last time. These are some of my artworks from that trip on the gallery



walls at the moment."

**Alan:** "Well welcome back, what do you hope to gain from your residency here for the next month?"

**Jo:** "I roll really organically and I wasn't quite sure what I was going to do here."

The first morning here I went out at 4am and saw the moon, I want to do a visual diary of that every day. We went for a drive, went into the IGA's, the shops, the op shop etc and it's like you don't know what's inside until you go inside

for it to reveal itself to you. I find that's going to help me work out what I want to do."

**Alan:** "So what is Jo's style?"

**Jo:** "well, I have been called primitive, I didn't like it at the time but I

do now. I love drawing as you can see but I also sculpt and do assemblage. I like old, scarred stuff, diverse things. I believe inspiration comes while you are actually working, things can change. It reveals itself in the doing. I was funded to come down here by the Fraser Coast Development Fund as I teach up there so it will be interesting to see what I take back with me.

I'm going to have an open day at the gallery on Sunday, 26th May and welcome everyone to come along and see what I have done."

**Jo's exhibition will be open from late afternoon so don't miss it, there are sure to be a few surprises, even Jo is not sure what might be here as yet...**

## Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

### HOME FOR LUNCH WHILE WORKING AT THE HOTEL CECIL, MAN COLLAPSES IN HIS GARDEN

Mr William Claus Colson was born at Brunswick, Victoria, on August 10, 1863. In 1895 he played four games of football with the Carlton Football Club in the V.F.A., and the next year he came to Zeehan. After his arrival on the West Coast he played cricket, and he was also considered the father of the Silver King football team, based at Zeehan.

On Monday, 19 February 1917, the residents of Zeehan were shocked to learn of his sudden death.

The deceased had been engaged by Mr J.G. Martin to set a cooking range at the Hotel Cecil, and on that day was working with Mr Albert Dwyer at the hotel. They left the Cecil about 12 o'clock to go home for lunch, and to prepare some ironwork. He was at his home at 15 Bayley Street when he passed away. He was survived by his wife Eliza, five sons (Charles, Stuart, William, Norman and Septimus) and two daughters (Elsie and Doris).

A coronial enquiry was held at the Courthouse the following afternoon. Septimus deposed that his father had not been in good health since a mining accident about three years ago. He was in hospital for several weeks after that accident, which rendered him unconscious for a fortnight. During the last three weeks he had been complaining of pains around the shoulders and across

the chest. He sometimes complained of shortness of breath. On the day prior to his passing he had complained of feeling ill. On the Monday he had a little breakfast, but did not complain of feeling unwell. He added his father smoked a good deal, but rarely drank alcohol.

At lunchtime Septimus was inside until alerted by his sisters Elsie (19) and Doris (8) calling out that their father was lying down. He asked Mr Dwyer to come and see what the matter was with his father. Then he went for the doctor. Mr Lee arrived just as he was leaving.

Elsie May Colson said her father had been complaining about his health for about a fortnight. He did not feel very well on Sunday. On the Monday he went to work about 8:30 and returned about 12 o'clock. He had nothing to eat or drink when he came home. He went into Mr Dwyer's for a pair of snips, and cut some tin at the back of the house. Later he came in and got a broom.

A little while later Doris called out "Father won't speak to me, and he is lying on the flowerbed." She went outside and called out for her brother, and got some water. Her father never moved or spoke, and she did not think he was breathing. His eyes and mouth were wide open, and

his face was a little on the blue side. Thomas Lee said between 12 and 1 o'clock on Monday he was walking home when he heard Elsie Colson crying. She was kneeling beside her father who was lying on the ground. He ran to where they were and he noticed Mr Colson was breathing, and he opened his



eyes once but did not speak. Mr Dwyer and he carried Mr Colson into the shade. The two men worked Mr Colson's arms up and down in an attempt to resuscitate him. Before very long Dr. Anderson arrived and told them he was beyond help. Albert Woodren Dwyer deposed that he lived next door to the deceased. The first he knew of his serious condition was when Doris Colson came and said, "Father is lying down in the garden, with his eyes open and he won't speak to me." He told her to run away, as he believed her father was playing with her. Two

or three minutes later Septimus Colson came and said "Will you come and see father; there is something the matter with him." He told Septimus to run for a doctor, and then ran next door. He found the deceased lying on the ground and assisted Mr Lee to move him and resuscitate him.

Dr. Eugene Anderson said he received an urgent call on Monday, at 12.40, to go to the residence of the deceased. Upon arrival he found life extinct. His medical records state that he had been treated for heart disease for at least 12 months. Having heard the evidence of all the four witnesses, and looking through the medical records, and the condition of deceased on my arrival, he had no doubt that deceased died from heart failure.

The Coroner agreed with Doctor Anderson, finding that William Colson died from failure of the heart. The funeral took place at 4:30p.m. the following day. The site of the grave is currently unknown, but the place where he died is shown on the accompanying map. There is another V.F.A. footballer also buried in the Pioneer cemetery. This is Ken MacPherson who played with Richmond, Fitzroy, and Collingwood in the 1890's.

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

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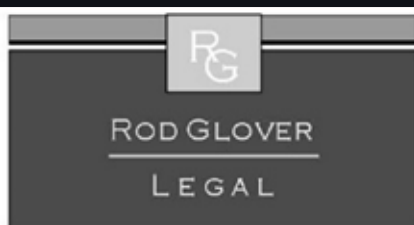
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If you have an event, a function, anything happening at all, please let us know at the Western Echo.

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

## Strahan Golf Club

We are going to go off with a BANG again this Cracker Night!

Join us at the Club on 25th May for a fireworks display from Ryan.

Meals will be available from the Ladies with fireworks following at 7.00pm - WEATHER PERMITTING. So get all your fingers and toes crossed for fine weather & come on down to the Golfie!



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Together we can all help prevent the abuse of older people. We welcome everyone to come together for a FREE hearty community lunch!

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## PLAYGROUP

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20-26 May 2024

Come join us for morning tea, the release of the West Coast Volunteering Strategy and say thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

Saturday 25th May 2024

10:30am to 11:45am

Council Chambers

RSVP by Tues 21 May for catering purposes to:

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE COAST?

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
Monday 27 May 2024

Join us at Miner's Siding, Queenstown, at 10.30am for a flag raising ceremony, followed by morning tea and cultural activities.

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The hills are alive! Andrew is usually to be found playing the bagpipes on top of Spion Kop lookout on Saturday mornings. Photo by Alan Jennison



# WE PLAY

## WEST COAST JUNIOR FOOTBALL - GALA DAY STRAHAN V QUEENSTOWN V ZEEHAN

Photos by Alan Jennison

### 28/4 Gala Day Results

#### **Strahan Seals vs Zeehan Bulldogs**

Bulldogs 14.5 - 89

Seals 4.8 - 32

*Seals Goal Kickers*

Caelan Asnins-Moller 2

Tyler Gunton 1

Jaggar Dennison 1

*Seals Best Players*

Jobe McDermott

Sophie McDermott

Macy Kube

Caelan Asnins-Moller

Edward Reeves

*Bulldogs Goal Kickers*

Tyson Rubens 5

Darby Bennett 3

Zach Smith 1

Blake Peachey 1

Peter Scott Keating 4

*Bulldogs Best Players*

Koby Nicholson

Darby Bennett

Tyson Rubens

Zach Smith

Peter Scott Keating

#### *Crows Best Players*

William Oats

Calin Jones

Xavier Drake

Lucas Austbo

Mason Schwoch-Clarke

*Seals Goal Kickers*

Caelan Asnins-Moller 1

*Seals Best Players*

Jobe McDermott

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Macy Kube

#### **Zeehan Bulldogs vs Queenstown**

##### **Crows**

Crows 4.9 - 33

Bulldogs 2.3 - 15

*Bulldogs Goal Kickers*

Koby Nicholson 1

Peter Scott Keating 1

*Bulldogs Best Players*

Koby Nicholson

Darby Bennett

Isabella Youd

Phoenix Kube

Ali Reardon

*Crows Goal Kickers*

Tarrant Elkin 2

Sierra Stubbs 1

Jayden Latham 1

*Crows Best Players*

Sierra Stubbs

Jordan Connlley

Corban Smith Callow

Tarrant Elkin

Jayden Latham

Ollie Williams

#### **Queenstown Crows vs Strahan Seals**

Crows 11.14 - 80

Seals 1.3 - 9

*Crows Goal Kickers*

Tarrant Elkin 2

Jayden Latham 1

Conner Keogh 1

Jordan Connlley 1

Ollie Williams 1

Jack Triffett 4

Mason Schwoch-Clarke 1





# WE PLAY

## WEST COAST JUNIOR FOOTBALL - GALA DAY STRAHAN V QUEENSTOWN V ZEEHAN



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# WE PLAY ROSEBERY WOMEN'S HOCKEY

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Saturday the 4th of May saw the Rosebery Women's Hockey Association annual season kick off, with their first game being Shamrocks vs. Blues.

The game was evenly matched, with both teams defending well. After much backwards and forwards, Shamrocks scored the first goal of the game in the first half. After half time, we saw both teams awarded penalty corners, which they did not score from. Blues continued their strong defence, and both teams began to show fatigue, but Shamrocks were able to sneak a second goal to secure the win 2-0.

Both teams fielded a full side, which was fantastic to see, as numbers have been dwindling over the past few seasons. What was also great to see was the number of junior players that took the field this weekend. Juniors are the future of our association, so it is exciting to see young players getting involved and having a red hot crack!

The season will see the three teams; Shamrocks, Blues and Browns play 12 rounds, before finals commence in August. For anyone wanting to support players, the games are played at the Rosebery Hockey Ground at 10am on Saturday's. The Rosebery Lions Club provide hot food and drinks each week for players and spectators to enjoy, which the association thank them for. We also give thanks to Tameka Moore, Umpire Convenor who travelled down from the North West Coast to umpire and hold an umpires clinic after the match. The association would also like to thank, in advance, all of the volunteers who keep the association going by coaching, umpiring and doing other duties.

**Kelsi Jarvis**

