



# WESTERN ECHO

Queenstown, Strahan, Zeehan, Rosebery, Tullah and Waratah - The West's own newspaper

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## Railway collaboration picks up steam

The ALONGSIDE platform series kicked off in Queenstown last night with the first of four-weekend experiences. Friday's platform-based event at Queenstown Station featured Matthew Evans and Sadie Chrestman, of Fat Pig Farm fame. It was attended by more than 50 hungry ticket holders at a time of year traditionally very quiet for the award-winning region.

The experiential series is a collaboration between West Coast Wilderness Railway and the Linda Café and was

designed to drive visitation following the temporary pause on passenger trains throughout the winter period. It coincides with the State Government travel subsidy, named 'Head West, Out Shout', launched earlier this week.

"The Head West campaign means that visitors can experience the West Coast region for a fraction of what it might normally cost," says Jo-Ann Kerr, Chair of the local tourism association, Destination West Coast.

"Thanks to the Tasmanian Govern-

ment, visitors can attend one of several weekend experiences in either Queenstown or Strahan after a day of exploring, and stay in one of the properties participating in the campaign, so it's a win-win for everyone," says Ms Kerr.

There are more than 40 subsidised offers listed on the campaign website at [westcoasttas.com](http://westcoasttas.com).

The remaining ALONGSIDE experiences will be held each weekend throughout August, and feature comedian and chef Mamma Rosa, a weekend

of jazz and gin with Urshula Leung and emerging West Coast distillers, Innes Distillery, and a night of fresh, locally caught abalone with Shane Wilson from Tasmanian Wild Seafood Adventures.

West Coast Wilderness Railway is expected to return to timetable services in time for the 23/24 tourism season.

Shuddup An'Eat!" ALONGSIDE with Mamma Rosa - Queenstown Station - Friday 11 August

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

On recent club rides we've been noticing motorbike tracks on the Mountain Bike trails in Queenstown and Zeehan. Unfortunately MTB trails really aren't designed or compatible with dirt bike use and it pretty much always creates unnecessary maintenance work, ruts and safety concerns for riders.



LOTS of mountain bikers also ride dirt bikes, know it's also a ton of fun too and know where they can and can't ride. There's so many great places to ride dirt bikes on the West Coast, there's really no need to ride on the mountain bike trails.

If you want to check the mountain bike trails out, grab a bicycle and get out there, it's good fun.

If you have been riding the trails on dirt bikes, please don't. Or if you know who has been, can you kindly ask them not to?

## To the Editor.

Thumbs down, to the selfish man who HAD a chainsaw on the Zeehan to Queenstown Rd on Friday 4th August when a tree fell across the road and HE didn't want to blunten his chain. Even though he was offered a purchase of a new chain.

THUMBS UP to the council workers and all the people who helped remove the tree off the road above Henty River, so people could get home, and others go out for dinner.

*A huge thank you.*

## Letter to the editor

**Thank you Western Echo.**

I just felt compelled to write to the Editor this month to thank you for the Western Echo and for not only providing this wonderful local newspaper but managing to provide this newspaper for our community for free.

This feat is remarkable given the backdrop that between 2008 and 2018, the ACCC reported 106 local and regional closures of newspapers with a further 74 additional closures from March 2020 to August 2021 and around 50 regional news outlets closed, merged or reduced their services in 2022.

Each month I and many other West Coast residents and businesses look forward to our Western Echo and its local content.

The support through advertising and promotion by local businesses is to be commended as this allows for local schools and community the opportunity to promote "all things West Coast" too.

Making our local events, commentary (both positive and controversial) and our concerns and local history come to life on the pages each month is deeply appreciated and something we can boast about.

Your efforts Alan in establishing and continuing to create this wonderful newspaper for our community about our community each month is commendable.

*Thank you  
Jane Delaney-John*

# TFS burns planned for West Coast

Subject to the right conditions, Tasmania Fire Service are hoping to conduct burns in Strahan and Zeehan during Spring 2023, as part of the state-wide Fuel Reduction Program which is aimed at reducing the bushfire risk to help protect lives and communities.

The areas of burning include land near:

Regatta Point, Strahan, Porteous Creek, Strahan, Strahan Aerodrome, Strahan, Bouy Point, Strahan, Zeehan Highway, Zeehan, Power Street, Zeehan

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us on 1800 000 699 or email BRU@fire.tas.gov.au. Further information on the Fuel Reduction Program is available on the Tasmania Fire Service website at <http://www.fire.tas.gov.au>.



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# West Coast Beardos!

## Get Ready to Celebrate World Beard Day

The international festival celebrating whiskers is coming up on Saturday, September 2nd! World Beard Day is a global chance for bearded blokes to rejoice in their follicular fortunes.

This joyous occasion calls for bearded brethren to come together over beard-friendly barbies, compete in whisker-themed games, and sing songs extolling the virtues of their facial hair.

Non-bearded members of society can show their support by waiting on the bewhiskered hand and foot.

So grow out those beards and make plans to honour this momentous international day. Kick off World Beard Day on the West Coast by organising a gathering with fellow facial hair enthusiasts.

Share some tinnies, throw some snags on the barbie, and play pin-the-beard-on-the-guy. Just leave the razors behind on this special global day that pays tribute to the bearded brotherhood.

With a little West Coast creativity, we can make this year's World Beard Day a truly memorable celebration of whiskers that would make our hirsute forefathers proud! So get ready beardos, September 2nd is your day to revel in those glorious face warmers!



# Who doesn't like daffodils?

Our group is, The West Coast Cancer Action Group, or we call ourselves, the Queenstown Cancer Girls.

Our group is registered within the Tasmanian Cancer Council; we have two regular fundraisers throughout the year with all monies deposited directly into the Tas Cancer Council account & all money raised in Tasmania, stays in Tasmania

One of our fundraisers is Daffodil Day.

We will be having a hamper raffle & selling Daffodil products in August on 17th, 24th & 31st between 10am & 2pm. & on the evening of the 31st, our raffle will be drawn at the cent night at the Queenstown Golf club.

If you require any further information, please call me on 0447161280, Geraldene Halton, convenor, The West Coast Cancer Action Group,



The Queenstown Cancer group will be selling Daffodil products, & tickets in our hamper raffle, in Orr st, on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> In conjunction, we will be having a Cent Night at the Queenstown Golf Club on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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

**We are here for all Tasmanians impacted by cancer.**





# Railway collaboration picks up steam

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Regatta Point Station, Strahan - Saturday 12 August.

A hosted event featuring Mamma Rosa's theatrical hilarity and three-course meal served onboard stationary Wilderness Carriages ALONGSIDE the station platform. Tickets include entertainment, arrival drink and three-course, VERY Italian meal.

Jazz & Gin ALONGSIDE with Urshula Leung & Innes Distillery

Queenstown Station - Friday 18 August

Regatta Point Station, Strahan - Saturday 19 August

A relaxed, Speak Easy event that invites ticket holders to dress up in lounge or black tie for a unique blend of jazz and gin.

Emerging Tullah-based distillers, Innes Distillery, will present an arrival

cocktail and gin tasting, while Tasmanian jazz musician, Urshula Leung and her husband, professional cellist Nicholas Mercer will ensure ticket holders sway the night away.

Wild Seafood ALONGSIDE with Tasmanian Wild Seafood Adventures

Regatta Point Station, Strahan - Saturday 26 August

Guest chef, tourism operator and fisherman, Shane Wilson from Tasmanian Wild Seafood Adventures, presents a three-course meal showcasing locally caught West Coast seafood. Shane has partnered with Strahan-based tour operators, Southwest Expeditions, to source local abalone, which he will prepare in typical down-to-earth fashion at Regatta Point Station.

More on the ALONGSIDE event series can be found at [wcvr.com.au/tours](http://wcvr.com.au/tours)



## Wild weather on the West Coast

Just over a week ago, the West Coast was battered by almost cyclonic speed winds and torrential rain. Either one by themselves can be damaging but put the two together and you have a disaster waiting to happen, and happen it did!

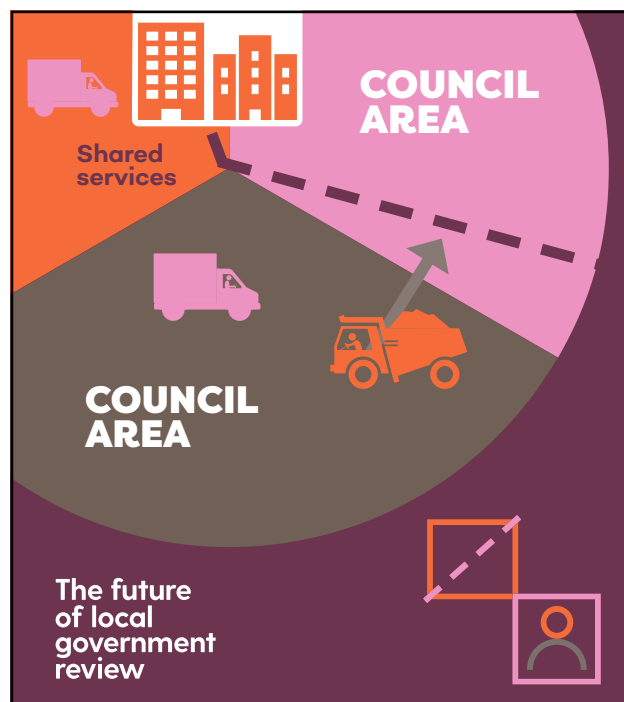
Greenhouses were destroyed in Strahan, roofs damaged in Zeehan, powerlines were down and trees were falling all over the place. This was not a good time to be travelling on the roads. The

tree at right fell, and blocked both lanes from Zeehan to Queenstown for some time and this was just one instance.

The SES, TasNetworks and emergency crews were kept busy for a few days helping clean up the damage.

That is worth a shoutout and a big thanks.

Stay safe out there everyone, I don't think we've seen the last of the wild weather.



## Future of Local Government Review

### Community feedback hearings are on soon.

Community hearings for the **Future of Local Government Review** are fast approaching. Nine public hearings are scheduled to be held this August, where both councils and community members will be presenting the Local Government Board with their ideas for the future of local government in Tasmania.

Community sessions will be held at the following location:

- Western • C3 Church Wynyard, 30 Austin St, Wynyard • Monday 21 August 2023

Council sessions will also be held on these days, which community members can also register to attend.

Hearings will be livestreamed where possible. If you wish to attend a hearing, you must register your interest prior:

To find out more about the hearings and to register, visit [engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/community-hearing-registration](http://engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/community-hearing-registration)





# Skate on thin ice in Macquarie Harbour

One of the country's leading think tanks, the Australia Institute, visited Strahan and Queenstown last week, meeting with community members to discuss issues with Macquarie Harbour and the plight of the endangered Maugean skate. Two researchers from the Tasmanian branch of the Institute were joined by the Marine Campaigner from Environment Tasmania, a Tasmanian conservation organisation.

Four themes emerged from the community consultation: the need for science to inform communities as well as drive decision-making, inadequate government consultation and action to date, the importance of local employment opportunities, and concern about the skate.

Recent Australia Institute research has found 76% of Tasmanians are concerned about the health of coastal waters. Despite most people (59%) being unaware just how bad the situation is for some of Tasmania's most popular fish species, one in two Tasmanians surveyed (49.8%) were not confident that the State government's current law reforms will do enough to protect the health of Tasmania's coastal waters.

In May 2023, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) scientists interrupted a Maugean skate monitoring program in Macquarie Harbour to call for urgent conservation action, after finding the population of skate has rapidly declined by almost half since 2014.

Of particular concern is that they found very few juveniles coming through to keep the population viable.

"The federal environment minister Tanya Plibersek has acknowledged the key threat to the skate is low oxygen levels, the link with this to fish farming and the role of river flow management for hydro production," said Eloise Carr, Director of the Australia Institute Tasmania.

"The Maugean skate is like a canary in the coal mine – thanks to dedicated scientists we know it's in trouble, but we know far less about low oxygen impacts on other marine life. The skate is telling us that World Heritage Macquarie Harbour is in big trouble and that we need to take action to restore its health so that west coast communities that rely on the Harbour can also thrive," Ms Carr said.

Understandably, a key concern for the Strahan community is employment opportunities and what alternatives are available to open sea cages, such as land based aquaculture. Concerns were raised about potential impacts on jobs, and flow-on effects to community wellbeing if open-caged fish farming stopped.

Locals are taking their own action in standing up for the skate. Strahan-based Wildcare group, Friends of the Henty hope to continue bringing attention to the plight of the Maugean skate by raising funds to commission local artists to create works for permanent public

display in Strahan.

This effort follows a highly successful community awareness project carried out by Cradle Coast NRM in early 2023, which saw over 70 pieces of skate-focused art displayed in businesses and public places throughout Strahan.

"We were in Strahan at the same time crisis talks were being held in Hobart and there was a sentiment expressed by locals that they felt let down by government, asking why it has to get to crisis point before action gets taken?" said Rebecca Howarth, Marine Campaigner for Environment Tasmania.

Dr Leonardo Guida, a shark scientist at the Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS), was at the Hobart workshop trying to find solutions to the extinction threat, with representatives from all levels of government, the salmon industry, Hydro Tasmania, researchers and the west coast community.

Dr Guida said the situation for the Maugean skate was "as dire as it gets" and called for the "immediate cessation" of fish farming in Macquarie Harbour, as well as changes to dam releases for producing hydroelectricity, which have a downstream effect on the harbour.



Rebecca Howarth, Marine Campaigner, Environment Tasmania, Eloise Carr, Tasmanian Director, The Australia Institute and Evie Simpson, Anne Kantor Fellow, The Australia Institute

## New small grant funding for community health and wellbeing initiatives

Community groups are being invited to apply for funding to support community initiatives that improve the health and wellbeing of Tasmanians.

The latest round of the Tasmanian Liberal Government's Healthy Tasmania Step Forward Grants 2023-24 is now open and community groups can apply for funding for up to \$5,000 to go towards activities and equipment that help Tasmanians lead healthy and active lives.

Premier and Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, Jeremy Rockliff, said the grants were an important part of the Tasmanian Liberal Government's strategy to improve the health and well-

being of all Tasmanians, and to reduce the burden on the health system in the long term as a result of chronic conditions.

"This small grant scheme means more community organisations can purchase equipment and conduct activities that promote physical activity, healthy and sustainable eating as well as positive mental health and community engagement," the Premier said.

"Last year's grant recipients included West Coast MTB Club Tasmania who received \$3,640 to deliver a 3-day mountain biking development program, as well as \$4,990 for the West Coast Paddle Club to build capacity and grow

their participation rates.

"These are great examples of how the grant program brings together communities, services and different levels of government to work hand in hand in the best interests of the community.

"I encourage community sector organisations, community groups and local government to apply for a grant if they see an opportunity to improve the health and wellbeing of Tasmanians."

Applications will close once the funding pool of \$100,000 is allocated.

The Step Forward Grants are one of four grant streams in the Healthy Tasmania Fund, which the Tasmanian Liberal Government has committed

\$8 million to over three years as a key part of the Healthy Tasmania Five-Year Strategic Plan 2022-2026.

Organisations can apply for grant funding on the Department of Health website: <https://www.health.tas.gov.au/about/what-we-do/strategic-programs-and-initiatives/healthy-tasmania-strategic-plan>



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## Strahan waterfront plans underway

The West Coast Council has taken a significant step towards rejuvenating the Strahan waterfront, as they have enlisted the services of design firm GHD Design to lead a project aimed at enhancing the area.

The project is set to be completed by June 2025 and is centered around creating a more appealing outdoor public space along the water's edge, with the goal of improving accessibility to waterfront businesses.

West Coast Mayor Shane Pitt has expressed his enthusiasm for the project, highlighting the positive impact it will have on Strahan and the broader West Coast community. The revitalisation plan is expected to not only facilitate better access to Strahan's port-related businesses but also provide an enriched and distinctive area for locals to gather and enjoy the scenic beauty of the waterfront.

Funding for the project comes from both federal and state sources, with a \$2 million grant from the federal govern-

ment and nearly \$1.4 million from the state. The design process will take into account community input and consideration of Strahan's historical heritage. In addition to the waterfront improvements, the West Coast Visitor Information Centre building is also slated for renovation to enhance its ability to serve tourists.

The roots of this revitalisation effort trace back to 2015 when the concept was initially proposed. The relocation of Tassal and Huon Aquaculture's fish farm operations to Smiths Cove prompted a reevaluation of Strahan's waterfront potential. The overarching goal of the plan is to create a sustainable vision for the area that harmonises economic, social, and environmental interests while maintaining a safe separation between working port activities and tourism-related endeavors. Construction is projected to begin prior to March of the upcoming year, with completion anticipated by June 2025.



## Strahan 50 and over club recruitment drive



Are you looking for an opportunity to socialise with like minded people on the West Coast? Strahan 50 and over club are seeking new members \$10 annually to become a member.

Bingo is played every Thursday commencing at 12.30pm. Bingo tickets are \$5 a book. The more books you buy, the more chance of winning. Bingo is followed by afternoon tea. anyone over the age of 18 can play bingo without having to become a member.

We have a soup and sandwich lunch on the last Thursday of every month, followed by a short meeting. Then bingo and afternoon tea. Cost \$5.

We go on a trip once a year for a minimal charge. The club's subsidises the rest. We have a two course Christmas lunch in December. Usually costing \$15. Members don't have to play bingo, other activities may be available. Please note charge of \$2 per person using the hall would be required to cover costs such as heating etc.

We have an indoor bowl facilities if anyone can get a team to start it up again. If you're interested in playing cards and can find enough people to join you, you can book the hall on a chosen day. Please note Thursdays and Saturdays would not be available. We are open to suggestions on other activities also.

If you'd like to become a member and or just join us for a cuppa, please call one of the following numbers.

**Norma Joseph - 0437 428 404**

**Verna Wakefield 0427 711 244**

**Helen Thompson - 0438 717 215**

## Mt Jukes area on the radar for mining exploration

The West Coast region's abundant mineral resources have recently garnered attention, sparking renewed interest in land located south of Queenstown.

Mineral Resources Tasmania, a state authority responsible for managing mineral-related activities, has outlined its intention to recommend that Resources Minister Felix Ellis approve a mineral exploration license encompassing an area of 170 square kilometers in the Mount Jukes region.

This license would be granted to Georgina Resources, a company based in Zeehan.

The proposed license would enable Georgina Resources to conduct exploration activities in search of various types of minerals, including metallic minerals, atomic substances, industrial minerals, as well as semi-precious and precious stones within the designated area.

Historically, the Mount Jukes area has been host to several small mines, with

much of the activity occurring during the early 20th century. These mines primarily focused on the extraction of copper and gold. The renewed interest in the region's mineral potential suggests that advancements in exploration technology and a growing demand for various minerals have prompted exploration efforts in the area.

If the mineral exploration license is granted, it could lead to further exploration and potential mining activities in

the Mount Jukes area. Such activities could contribute to economic development in the region, create job opportunities, and potentially add to the overall mineral production of the West Coast.

It's important to note that mineral exploration and mining activities often involve careful consideration of environmental, social, and regulatory factors to ensure responsible and sustainable resource development.

## There's still time to protect yourself against winter illness

Find out more at [health.tas.gov.au/winter-wellness](http://health.tas.gov.au/winter-wellness)

### Prepare

Common winter viruses are circulating. But it's not too late to get your **annual flu vaccine** or **2023 COVID-19 booster** to protect yourself from severe illness.

An **annual flu vaccine** is free for young children, pregnant women, people with chronic conditions, those over 65 years, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

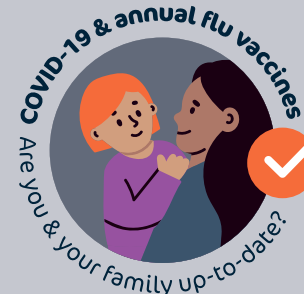
**COVID-19 vaccines** are free for everyone. All adults should get their **2023 COVID-19 booster** if it's been 6 months since their last vaccine or infection.

### Plan

If you are at risk of becoming seriously unwell, make a plan with your GP for access to testing and antiviral medication.

### Protect

Remember to keep doing simple things to protect yourself and others - stay home if you're unwell, regularly wash your hands and cover coughs and sneezes.



Winter wellness



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# \$1.3 million for emergency food distribution to support Tasmanians

The Albanese Labor Government is delivering on its election commitment to assist Tasmanians struggling with food insecurity by providing \$1.3 million in funding to Loaves and Fishes through the Tasmanian Government.

Each week, Loaves and Fishes collects around 25,000 kilograms of donated produce from local providers, and purchases items from local producers. With this food Loaves and Fishes then redistributes it to those most in need in the form of ready-to-eat meals, school breakfast supplies, made-to-order food hampers and fresh fruit and vegetables.

Surplus and donated food is rescued and redistributed through around 350 partner agencies.

The additional funding will deliver on the Government's Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Distribution election commitment and will support Loaves and Fishes in acquiring an operational warehouse to provide long-term surety to enable the organisation to continue their vital work.

Minister for Social Services Amanda Rishworth said the Albanese Labor Government is proud to support organisations who have the interests of Australia's most vulnerable at the heart of what they do.

"The delivery of this project acknowledges the joint commitment of the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Government to providing access to food for Tasmanians most in

need," Minister Rishworth said.

"This additional support will help Loaves and Fishes redistribute donated food to more than 300 school and community partners throughout the state."

Loaves and Fishes also provides on-hand kitchen training and volunteering opportunities for at risk youth, people with disabilities and unemployed people.

"This warehouse commitment will not only help to provide certainty to the Loaves and Fishes food relief program, but will also increase community engagement and volunteering opportunities," Minister Rishworth said.

Senator for Tasmania Anne Urquhart said standing up for those who needed it in communities was a "core Labor principle" and organisations like Loaves and Fishes represented the "best of our community".

"That's why the Albanese Labor Government had no hesitation in providing \$1.3 million that will assist Loaves and Fishes to continue its vital work," Senator Urquhart said.

"When people are in need, it's organisations like Loaves and Fishes that are often the first to assist. Providing them with the resources they require so they can assist those most in need in the form of ready-to-eat meals, school breakfast supplies, made-to-order food hampers and fresh fruit and vegetables, is part of our commitment to Building a Better Braddon."

Tasmanian Minister for Community Services and Development Jo Palmer welcomed the Federal Government's commitment to further support Tasmanians struggling with food insecurity.

"The Rockliff Liberal Government is a proud supporter of Loaves and Fishes Tasmania. This is an excellent example of the Australian and Tasmanian Governments working together to meet the needs of our most vulnerable community members," Minister Palmer said.

"We have provided record funding to Loaves and Fishes to prepare and distribute meals to Tasmanians doing it tough.

"The Tasmanian Government knows how important this service is to our community and we thank the staff and team of volunteers at Loaves and Fishes for their commitment to local communities."

The \$1.3 million in funding from the Commonwealth is on top of more than \$1.2 million allocated in 2022-23 for Tasmanian Emergency Relief providers in response to the impact on demand for services due to cost of living pressures.

More information, including how to find an Emergency Relief provider, is available on the Department of Social Services website.



Volunteers at Rosebery Neighbourhood House run the 'Loaves & Fishes' service

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## Waratah Christmas in July

The Waratah community's Christmas in July luncheon was held on Saturday July 22 and was a huge success. The hall was decked with real holly and the usual decorations, even a small Christmas tree.

About 60 folks of all ages attended, there was heaps of delicious tucker and real mulled wine, and already plans are afoot for the next community potluck!

**Sally Danen**  
Waratah



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# Spring into education on the West Coast

Why not grab a new opportunity and reinvigorate your career after a long winter! We have lots happening here on the West Coast with our first ever **SPRING INTO EDUCATION EXPO!**

The University of Tasmania in collaboration with Study Hub West Coast has worked to bring together a selection of local industry, employers, tertiary and vocational education institutions, service providers and local government to make this expo a really successful and informative day. This one-day West Coast event will take place on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at Study Hub West Coast. The day will be split into two engagement sessions with our theme for 2023 being 'homegrown' which is strongly focussed on creating and retaining our own educated, skilled regional workforce.

- 11am to 2pm - West Coast school students (years 7 – 12) – this session will have an interactive focus with lots of fun activities. For example, flying drones, learning about robotics, take a sustainability challenge or even find out about how you can employ a new skill. Lots of opportunities are available to obtain careers advice, talk to employers and understand ways to seek out an exciting study and employment path.

- 3pm to 6pm – Adult Learners from the Community – This session will be focussed on current and future job opportunities, learning opportunities for upskilling/re-skilling as well as new career directions utilising study paths.

Lucky door prizes will be included so don't miss out!

We welcome students, parents, teachers, community members, education providers and local industry looking for advice and information on career and education possibilities.

**WINTER FUN DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – WHAT A BLAST!**

School students have returned from winter holidays after enjoying some well-deserved time off and have also tried some extracurricular fun activities over the July school holidays!

Our first winter fun day took place at the Cradle Coast Campus on 18th July and well what a day it was! Despite challenging weather conditions, the Burnie and West Coast Children's University event was a success with

56 attendees plus presenters. Children undertook fun activities learning about how medicines work in our bodies, how to fly drones as well as using virtual reality headsets. A wonderful time was also had connecting with nature and finally learning how to be a sustainability hero. We thank all the valuable contributors to this wonderful event.

Our second and third winter fun days took place at West Coast Heritage Museum in Zeehan. We had over 100 visitors over the course of the two free open days on 19th and 20th July 2023. Participants enjoyed informative guided tours of the Museum, fun activities using the Hydro Tas water turbine as well as fun circuit boards and other activities. Lots of fun was had flying drones and using VR headsets! The scavenger hunt again proved a hit and University staff were kept busy with gathering data for PhD research to find out what the West Coast Community thinks about mining! The day was topped off with a wonderful sausage sizzle and we thank all the hard-working staff at the West Coast Heritage Museum for their assistance, our wonderful representative Sue from Hydro Tas and our University colleagues who made these days absolutely brilliant for West Coast families!

**YOUNG TASSIE SCIENTISTS VISIT THE WEST COAST**

Young Tassie Scientists will be visiting West Coast schools in August during National Science Week to volunteer their time to share their passion for science and to inspire children and teachers alike. The program not only supports the science curriculum but really sets out to show children how scientists think and work and what they do to investigate and explain the world we live in. What a great way to check out the many cool things that scientists can do!

There will also be an opportunity for those members of the Children's University Program to add additional hours to their passports towards graduation in 2023.

**SUSTAINABILITY LEARNING CENTRE – FREE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

The Sustainability Learning Centre (SLC) from Hobart is also visiting West Coast schools on 24th and 25th August, Zeehan Primary on August 24 and Stra-

han Primary on August 25. There's also a free after school session at each school for the community. As part of National Science Week, the Department of Education, Children and Young People's Sustainability Learning Centre invites you to come along for lots of fun & hands on STEM challenges for children from toddlers to teenagers and the community through offering a speed prototype design challenge, citizen science through iNaturalist, Rube Goldberg design and construction opportunities, water cycle investigation activity and much much more. Come along and meet Ruth and Lucie and enjoy some time exploring, investigating and making.

Want to find out more about the SLC Sustainability Learning Centre - Department for Education, Children and Young People ([decyp.tas.gov.au](http://decyp.tas.gov.au))

**CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PROGRAM – EXCITEMENT IS STARTING TO BUILD!**

With school students back from winter holidays, West Coast Regional Learning Officer Belinda Martin will shortly be meeting with Children's University co-ordinators at West Coast schools to talk about ways to support their children in completing the extra-curricular activities to gather their final points for graduation in 2023. The Children's University West Coast graduations will take place in Burnie on Tuesday 21 No-

vember 2023 and it's not too late to start gathering those hours towards graduation. Excitement will be building towards the end of Term 3/start of Term 4 with gowns being measured for the ceremony and hats, stoles, and tassels to follow.

**WEST COAST STUDENTS – WE SUPPORT YOU!**

University students are now well and truly into semester 2 and will work start working towards assessment items for the year as well as towards exams later in the year.

The University, in conjunction with Study Hub West Coast, aims to provide support for all students and the wider community through provision of academic support, administrative support, pastoral care and by coming to you when you cannot come to us. In conjunction with Study Hub West Coast Manager, Nicky Bolt, and Student Support Officer Yolande Welmens we have a permanent University staff member, Belinda Martin, on site. If you need assistance with studies, assignments or exam preparation or are thinking about different learning opportunities, it is never too late to ask!

For more information contact:  
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**Spring into**  
*Education and Employment*  
**EXPO**



**Wednesday, 6th September 2023**  
**FREE ENTRY | PRIZES TO BE WON!**  
Study Hub West Coast, Zeehan

**SCHOOLS SESSION**  
11AM TO 2PM

**COMMUNITY SESSION**  
3PM TO 6PM

**STUDYHUB WEST COAST**  

## Spring into Education and Employment Expo at the Study Hub in Zeehan

Exciting news for the West Coast! Study Hub West Coast, partnering with UTAS and WNW Working is hosting our first free Education and Employment Expo on September 6.

This is your chance to meet educators, local employers, UTAS departments, recruiters, and training providers under the one roof. Our goal is to share education and employment opportunities available in our region and there'll be a range of interactive, engaging activities throughout the day that will appeal to everyone.

The 2023 Expo theme is Homegrown

and strongly focused on building our own educated and skilled workforce.

It's really important to address the gaps and make sure that we can connect our community with training, education, and employment opportunities locally.

There are two sessions being held – in the morning high school students will have the chance to participate in a number of cool activities and the afternoon session will be more focused on adult learners with a series of small presentations about future jobs.

Don't miss out! There's something

for everyone and it's a great opportunity to chat one on one with educators, industry, and specialists. There will also be a Jobs Board filled with local employment possibilities here in our own backyard on the West Coast. Speak to employers to hear about both current and future opportunities, and career options. Not sure what you want to do? That's ok -there'll be a wide range of exhibitors who can answer your questions and assist you with options for study, career progression,

upskilling and employment pathways.

We can't wait to see you there.

If you've got any questions about the Expo, you are welcome to contact us for more information.

Nicky or Yolande at Study Hub:  
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# Regional Business Workshops coming to the West

It is no surprise to any Tasmanian business that the recruitment process can be frustrating, timely, and costly. Finding the time and resources to develop a recruitment and retention plan can be overwhelming and for most business owners, put on the back burner.

West North West Working's Business and Industry Officer Tameka, has heard about these concerns from business owners across the region.

"Local businesses are finding it hard to recruit and retain staff, and sourcing the right support is difficult when you are pressed for time while running your business"

"The concerns from business and industry highlighted our need to develop a program that would allow a tailored approach to small and medium businesses across the North West, West Coast, and King Island", she said.

By listening to businesses, industry, and communities across the region, West North West Working has developed a 2-day workshop with purposeful outcomes. These workshops not only inform but empower businesses to venture forward with better knowledge of what they can offer potential employees and create robust, tailored recruitment plans unique to their business.

Tameka described the workshops as a way for business owners to spend time away from their daily grind and really work on those pressing employment challenges.

"The first workshop is really focused on recruitment, by reflecting on current systems and processes, it allows business owners to address current

challenges and forecast for a more sustainable plan for their future."

The first workshop in the series is followed by one-to-one support with Tameka, and the second workshop focuses on developing learnings to refine the strategy.

"The second workshop focuses on workplace retention. These workshops look to develop participants' knowledge around training, upskilling, workplace culture, and employee wellbeing."

"We encourage participants to reflect on their current business models with curiosity and be open to finding new solutions to further elevate their recruitment and retention practices", said Tameka.

West North West Working stated the program looks to connect businesses with current Tasmanian programs, training, and support to enable businesses to thrive in the evolving employment landscape.

"We know all too well the difficulties regional areas have gaining access to these support networks and information. By bringing these workshops to the regions, it creates opportunity where there previously hasn't been."

"There are so many great resources available to businesses, and you don't know what you don't know. To connect local businesses to these resources and support systems can only improve the employment pipeline and increase the durability and success of our regional businesses."

Tameka said there will be a variety of local guest speakers who will be giving lived experiences and case studies

throughout the series to reaffirm there is no 'one-size-fits-all' solution.

Tameka said, "Drawing on the lived experiences and reflecting on the wins and losses with local businesses from a variety of industries helps to illustrate the flexibility and dynamic approach businesses can and potentially should adapt in their workforce succession planning".

West North West Working encourages any small or medium businesses struggling with recruitment and retention to invest their time in this great opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills, and resources while also building further connections throughout their communities.

The workshops are free with limited spaces available. Morning tea and lunch will be provided, along with a networking session (optional to attend) with fellow participants and guest

speakers at the end of the session.

The West Coast Regional Business Workshops are kicking off with the recruitment Workshop on Tuesday, 5th September and the follow-up workshop focusing on retention on Wednesday 4th October at the Paragon Theatre, Queenstown.

This is a beneficial workshop for businesses to attend where they can develop their own job ad that can be displayed on the Jobs Board in the Spring into Employment and Education Expo on the following day, Wednesday 6th September at the Study Hub West Coast, Zeehan.

To register your spot in this fantastic initiative, you can visit their website: [www.wnwworking.com.au/regional-business-workshops/](http://www.wnwworking.com.au/regional-business-workshops/)

For any further information about this workshop, please contact [info@wnwworking.com.au](mailto:info@wnwworking.com.au).



## Minding Your Business!

Anyone running a small business knows that over time your employees can become like family. As much as you try to keep clear boundaries and separate work and staff, the personal lives and wellbeing of the people you interact with each day can't help but seep into your mind and heart.

Close-knit relationships can develop at work because we spend so much time together. We get to know when staff are struggling with life's challenges, and we naturally want to help. Often, however, it's difficult to know what to say. Supporting someone in a working relationship can be complicated as we wrestle

with questions like, 'Is this really any of our business anyway?' 'What if we get it wrong and they leave?' 'What if I put my foot in it say the wrong thing?'

These are important concerns that need to be addressed appropriately and skillfully. The Minding Your Business program is one great solution. MYB, as the Minding Your Business program is affectionally known, offers free phone counselling support to small business in Tasmania. When you or your staff face difficult life challenges, or just a bunch of stress, you can simply call and make an appointment – most appointments occur within three to five days!

James Ryan, the Lifeline Tasmania Training and Support manager said, "A lot of people are waiting *months* to see a psychologist. The average wait time to talk to one of our counsellors is around 24 hours. A counsellor is a skilled ear, offering listening, insights and strategies that can make a huge difference to mental wellbeing in just a short span of time."

Mr. Ryan continued, "Small businesses are often squeezed for time, and if a staff member leaves due to stress or a mental health challenge it is a big investment to find, hire and onboard someone new. Small businesses could see the MYB program as a free outsourcing of mental health support to the business. Did I mention the MYB program is supported by the Tasmania Government and is completely free?"

Mental health and wellbeing of staff is linked to increased staff productivity, retention, and workplace culture. When stress is overwhelming staff absenteeism, presenteeism, and disengagement rise. Using the MYB program is an easy win for small businesses to access specialised skills and support the mental health and wellbeing of themselves and their staff that then supports the wellbeing of their business.

Contact Lifeline Tasmania – Training & Support on 1300 003 313 or email:

[training@lifelinetasmania.org.au](mailto:training@lifelinetasmania.org.au)





# Things are picking up at Avebury mine

The Rockliff Liberal Government is proudly pro-mining and recognises the important role that the Avebury mine plays for the West Coast community.

The community can be assured Government has been working closely with Mallee Resources.

Last week we offered an immediate support package of payroll tax reimbursement. It is also the Government's intention to make available a further package of payroll tax relief to Mallee Resources. Financial support packages are provided subject to certain terms and conditions in keeping with prudent financial management.

The Government acknowledges the shareholder vote last Thursday to not accept an offer, which would have provided a funding injection, and understands the company is working to determine next steps.

The company is engaging with their majority shareholder and creditor, which is appropriate.

Premier Rockliff said the Avebury nickel mine is an important employer and economic driver for the West Coast and beyond.

"While the recent shareholder vote is a matter for the company, the Government is watching this situation very closely. We will keep working with Mallee during this period," the Premier said.

"The mine directly employs 200 Tasmanians and supports opportunities for local business that supply the mine with equipment and services.



"We remain committed to supporting the continued operations of Avebury and securing the important jobs of locals.

"This offer is a strong show of support for the mine, and we hope it will assist Mallee in securing its future."

Minister for Resources Felix Ellis said support was in line with previous commitments to the Avebury Mine.

"We remain committed to supporting the mine, its continued operations and most importantly its employees," Minister Ellis said.

"We are proud to back our mining and minerals processing sector which supports more than 5,200 jobs across the State and provides around 60 per cent of our export earnings. Importantly, under a Liberal Government we

have restored confidence and investment, jobs and exploration in mining are all up.

"We thank Mallee for their commitment to Tasmania, the industry and our West Coast in particular and I look forward to their continued presence on the West Coast into the future."

## Veterans post Robert 'Bob' Cartledge - Part two

By Linton 'Harry' Harris

As covered in last month's article, Bob Cartledge at the tender age of 19 found himself, a Sergeant Medic in the world's first 'Television War'.

The conflict in Vietnam had become a most accessible war because of an invention - "the television" that had finally filtered into Australian households. People, safely at home were updated nightly on news of the Vietnam War.

As alluded to in the previous article, the newly promoted Sgt Bob Cartledge, crossed paths with two

recent subjects of the Veterans Post.

On the plane headed to Singapore en route to Vietnam, Bob spoke of a boisterous bravado, as soldiers oft do, masking their fears with trash talk. That being said, all of that changed once the plane left Singapore, next stop Vietnam, with chatter gradually reducing to a deathly silence, the closer the plane got.

On arrival, on the tarmac the view waiting for the inexperienced soldiers was a multitude of black pyjamas and pointy straw hats -the exact description of the enemy that had been drilled into them, during pre-deployment training.

These people of course, were simply South Vietnamese locals, with food, drink, and souvenirs for the new arrivals. But with all their weapons in the cargo hold of the plane, no one was getting out!



As a Sgt Medic, Bob was placed into a pool of similarly qualified soldiers which meant that he could be in a 'dust-off' chopper one day, and an orderly at the field hospital the next; this often included dealing with duties at the morgue.

In last month's article, we highlighted service from Sapper Peter Lawrence Penneyston - a local lad KIA in August 1970.

Sapper Penneyston, triggered an explosive booby trap in one of the enemy tunnel systems in Vietnam.

As an attendant in the morgue, Bob, who had only been in country two short months was the attendant on duty when Sapper Penneyston was brought in. Bob talks of the grim job of dealing with the Australian KIA, doing his best to offer dignity to the fallen for their return home.

After hours, Sergeant Bob was often

found in the boozier at the Vung Tau Sergeants Mess, rinsing away the horrors of the day to day.

Another interesting coincidence is that he would've passed time with another previous subject of the Veterans Post, my dad, L/Cpl Lloyd Harris, who was the barman at the Sergeants Mess at around the same time!

Interestingly, and somewhat understandably 19-year-old Bob struggled in this environment, being significantly younger than the average sergeant; rules being that senior NCO's, weren't to mix with the regular and conscripted soldiers in his age group, he also struggled to relate to his peers at the rank of sergeant as he was a much younger, less experienced man.

The key thing that Bob took away from his experiences was the application of un-tried or unorthodox methods - operating in the 'grey' areas.

Much the same as the famed voodoo medics of the recent conflict in Afghanistan, he did what was required to save soldiers' lives, or at least tried; it was often very clear that the damaged state of the wounded, meant they were most likely going to succumb to their wounds. Bob couldn't have known it at the time, but these experiences, shaped the rest of his working life in the health field, both in Australia and overseas.

Being lowered into the jungle, dangling from a helicopter on dust-off missions, Bob preferred working with the yanks. The US pilots, with bravado (while from the outside appearing to be reckless) were anything but; they regularly risked both man and machine to support men just like Bob, who's primary duty was to do the impossible; dealing with the wounded in the midst and confusion of an active battlefield.

The Australian helicopter pilots were often enough hamstrung by a more risk-averse hierarchy, consequently they simply didn't have the experience that their American brethren had.

The stories go on and on, and in all honesty, I think Bob could write a book of his exploits, next month's conclusion goes on to finish the story as to how Bob came to be on the West Coast in retirement.



Zeehan RSL are holding a Vietnams Veteran service to commemorate 50 years. 18th August at 11am, followed by a light lunch.



## VIRTUAL LEARNING IN HASS

On Wednesday 2nd August our class did a video meeting With Adam. Adam is a cartographer he lives in Melbourne.

We did a video call with Adam because our class made fantasy map and we wanted to know more about map/fantasy maps and the process of making map.

I think the process of making map is interesting and all the planning that go's in to making the maps. The video call was interesting and fun.

*By Claire Powell, Grade 7*

Adam Mattinson is a cartographer and spatial data analyst he makes fantasy maps, helps people know where to build things like buildings, railroads etc.

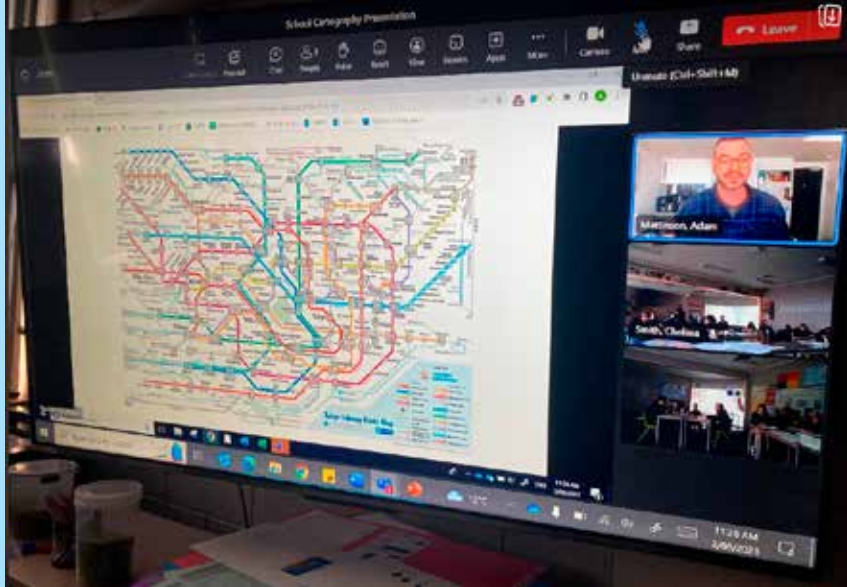
Ever since he was in the sixth grade, he had an interest in maps, but he only knew that cartography was a job after high school but now he lives in Melbourne and has 3 days work at home and 2 at the office.

*By Warren Clark, Grade 8*

## P-1-2 CELEBRATING 100 DAYS

On August 4th, Prep-1-2 students celebrated their 100th day of learning with excitement. Guided by their teacher, Mrs. Wells, they brainstormed what they would buy with \$100, learning valuable financial lessons along the way. Laughter filled the classroom as extravagant ideas turned into more modest dreams, like gigantic teddy bears and Pokémon cards. Reaching this milestone symbolized their growth and progress, making the occasion truly special.

*By Mrs. Wells*



*Grade 7 and grade 7/8 students participating in their virtual learning lesson with Adam*

## PREFECT REPORT

After a long two week break, we have had a busy first two weeks at school. The prefects have come together and come up with three fundraisers for this term. The first event will be 'Red Nose Day'. This will be held next week on Thursday the 10th of August. On Red Nose Day we encourage all students and staff to come to school dressed in red. The Prefects will also be selling food and drinks at lunchtime, this will be cash sales only.

Stay tuned for more details about the other two events throughout the term!  
*By Shelby Wedd, Maya Willisroft, Charlton Schultz and Aaliyah Harvey, Grade 10*

## CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT: THE STATUE

Today, the laundry was being painted and Ginger decided to see what was happening there. Nobody was around then, but there were two paint canisters and a ladder. Ginger decided to climb the ladder, once he was up, he wondered how to get down. He put one paw on previous rung, but when he tried, the ladder became unbalanced. Ginger suddenly toppled off the top rung and splashed into the yellow paint canister. He clambered out and tried to walk forward, until he discovered that he couldn't, and this was because the paint had dried and stuck him in place.

*By Jessika White, Grade 8*

## KINDER POETRY



This week the Kinder class have been learning nursery rhythms.

## THE GREAT GLOVE CARTOON



*By Breanna Reibelt, Grade 8*





# WE GROW

August Wild West - Wild Gardens  
*by Potty about plants!*

The recent storms are a stark reminder that choosing the right trees for our gardens is very important. The wild winds experienced throughout the West Coast resulted in many trees down and damage to houses, fences and other property.

Eucalyptus trees, while majestic, pose a real threat to the safety of people and property. At times trees and other plants can cause disputes between neighbours- relating to either plants that overhang, cause a nuisance, or overshadow property; or plants that interfere substantially with the use and enjoyment of your property. When we have wild weather as we have just experienced knowing who is responsible for the clean up of damaged or uprooted trees on or near your property is important.

Tasmania has the Neighbourhood Disputes about Plants Act 2017 which is designed to help Tasmanians resolve common neighbourhood disputes. A handy guide regarding this can be found on the Tasmania Legal Aide website: Fact sheet – Neighbourhood trees and plants (legalaid.tas.gov.au). While it is hoped that disputes over trees and plants won't occur between neighbour; sometimes it's unavoidable. Careful planting and growing in your garden will go a long way towards avoiding damage from felled or uprooted trees.

The wet winter that we are experiencing on the West Coast can also dampen the spirits of even the most avid gardener. Getting out in the garden can be challenging; however, we are still experiencing a few beautiful winter mornings which provide a wonderful window of opportunity for growing and sowing. Using the Peter Cundall's diary of growing the following gardening can be undertaken.

PLANT: Certified seed potatoes, Jerusalem artichokes, shallots, and garlic cloves. It is also time for divisions of chives, rhubarb, and asparagus crowns; and young seedlings of cabbage, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, lettuce, onion and one of my favourite's leeks.

SOW: Direct where they are to be grown seed of peas (including snow peas). Sow directly in the ground broad beans, turnips, swedes, Asian brassicas, English spinach, and onions. In warm, well-drained soil or containers it is time to sow silverbeet, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, and lettuce seeds.



# Fire Brigade and thieves hinder the clean up of Granville Tramway

The friends of Tracks and Tramways have been working hard in their spare time trying to clean up and get rid of the dead trees and debris from the tramway. The debris has been placed in small piles along the track numbering 31 in total so far the group to date have only been able to burn 6 of, the local fire brigade seems to be hell bent on extinguishing them why? These piles of rubbish are being burnt in a safe contained and controlled manner in the damp dank days of late Autumn when it's safe to do so. so if the young unexperienced members of the brigade were to stand back and take notice they would realise that it is better to burn

when safe to do so, or would they prefer a large out of control wildfire in the middle of summer. As the Bushmen say it's better to burn than get burnt. Also Safety Signage that had been put in place for the Safety of everyone has been stolen? Again the group are very disappointed why would somebody do such a stupid thing and Jeopardise the safety of other's? The sign reads (DANGER FORESTRY OPERATIONS IN PROGRESS) So if anybody knows the where abouts of our Safety Sign please don't hesitate to contact me Grant Hodge c/o Friends of Tracks and Tramways phone 0429114499. p.s any information will be appreciated.



This is the section of the Tramway formations at Dog Leg Creek from where the SAFETY SIGN shown in the back ground was stolen.



Our school community has been very privileged this week to have not one but two sets of basketball clinics run by visitors to the West Coast.

On Monday, all of our classes went to the Stadium in Rosebery for clinics with Jaylen Larry. Jaylen is an American professional basketball player who is currently playing in Tasmania. It's hard to know what our students found most impressive - his basketball skills, his accent or the fact that he's 203cm tall!!

On Friday, students in the primary school were treated to clinics with the Tasmanian JackJumpers mascot, Jack, and his sidekick Nick. Students from RDS were joined by students from St Joseph's Rosebery for a range of skills activities and games.

Lunch time saw a round of 3 v 3 games between teachers and students. It was fairly even on the scoreboard but the students definitely prevailed with youth and fitness on their side!

The RDS community thanks both Jaylen and the JackJumpers for giving us their time for these clinics. Our students (and staff!) had a great time.





# ROSEBERY MINE

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2023

### MMG Rosebery Service Awards

MMG Rosebery held its annual awards night on Thursday 20 July at Rosebery Toorak Football Club to recognise 33 employees for their years of service to the company.

We'd like to congratulate:

- Electrical Staff: Ryan McGowan (15 years), James Dallas and Andrew Singleton (10 years).
- Fixed plant maintenance staff: Peter Jordan (40 years) and Robert Prost (15 years)
- Mine Maintenance staff: Brendan Viney, Leon Jones and Shaun Price (10 years)
- Mining staff: Leon Gardam (45 years), Michael Coleman, John Apted, Mark Woods (40 years).
- Andrew Nisbet, Nicole Ashwood (15 years)
- Damien Rooke, Joshua Colgan, Byron Lee, Zane Prouse, Adam Moore, Roger Cameron, Alan Garner, Leighton Ling, Hayden Stevenson, Grant O'Neill, Andrew Maine, Jason Dossett, Robbie Sears and Jason Chandler (10 years)
- Planning and Reliability: Peter Partridge (35years) Joshua Burke (10 Years)
- Processing: Lisa McMullen (15 years)
- SHEC: Ricky Hilder (15 years) and Colin Atkinson (15 Years)

A special thank you to Rosebery Toorak Football Club, Event Avenue, Rosebery RSL Ladies Auxiliary, event organisers Vicky, Josie and Jill and Nigel Coulson for being our MC. It was a great night.



### Rosebery Community Consultative Committee meeting

Our next RCCC Meeting will be held on Monday 14 August, starting at 3:00pm until 4:30pm at the MMG Rosebery Community Information Centre.

Please contact Community Liaison Co-ordinator, Jill Richardson, if you would like an invitation to attend the meeting or join the committee.

Details below:

**When:** Monday 14 August, 3:00 - 4:30pm

**Arrive:** 2:30pm for afternoon tea and networking

**Where:** Arthur Street (opposite BP), Rosebery, Tasmania, 7470

**Phone:** 1800 ROS MMG (1800 767 664)

**Email:** [ROSCommunity@mmg.com](mailto:ROSCommunity@mmg.com)



Rosebery has several open positions at the moment.

For more information, visit:

[WWW.MMG.COM/CAREERS](http://WWW.MMG.COM/CAREERS)

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### New feedback portal

We recognise it's important that we regularly listen to our community's feedback. In recent years, MMG Rosebery has used surveys and town meetings to ensure we are hearing the voice of our community. This feedback is highly valued and helps to inform the work we do.

The portal allows ease of access from your device to provide feedback on how we can improve our work. It can be an anonymous process and we look forward to hearing from you about anything mine related that you believe is important for us to know.



Visit Rosebery's feedback portal here:

[mmg.boreal-is.com/portal/mmgrosebery](http://mmg.boreal-is.com/portal/mmgrosebery)

### Christmas in July - Rosebery Neighbourhood House

Each week our Community Liaison staff attend the Rosebery Neighbourhood House to work with volunteers. We assist in the preparation of the community lunch, which is held on Thursday for \$5, with everyone welcome.

The lunch took on a 'Christmas in July' themed event on 13 July with a special four course meal, which included a choice of prawn cocktail or melon cocktail, followed by a baked traditional lunch with all the trimmings. There was pudding, coffee and a selection of slices for dessert.

As the cost-of-living rises, these events are an important way that MMG Rosebery can continue to support the local community to ensure access to food, health and wellbeing.



### Don Rocks

In the deep dark depths of the Rosebery Mine (actually 1.4km), our intrepid miners recently came across a large crystal of Witherite.

Witherite is a mineral consisting of the element Barium ( $BaCO_3$ ). It is relatively soft, and heavy. It is translucent yellow, and it fluoresces blue under ultra-violet light, which means it glows!

The size of the crystal (more than 2 metres) suggests it has been sitting and growing in a large hole (called a vugh) in the ground for a very long time.

Witherite was used as a rat poison back in the 18th Century, however, today it is used in steel making, adding to cement and in the process of glazing of porcelain. Its value depends on the purity, clarity, crystal shapes and size.

For MMG Rosebery, this is an interesting find, but not a commercial one.





# Hello from St Joseph's

## Welcome to St Joseph's, Queenstown Echo!

In 2023 we are blessed to have five classes: Kindergarten, Prep, Grade 1/2, Grade 3/4, and Grade 5/6. Our intimate class sizes allow every student to learn in a supportive, inclusive way so they can successfully access many opportunities. Every moment we strive to be courteous and considerate through our acts of kindness.

### A TIME TOGETHER

Our whole school assemblies, led by our school captains, have been a great way to come together to share a prayer and celebrate our success every fortnight. Classes have opportunities to showcase their learning and we acknowledge the effort and care placed into each one.



### A TIME FOR LEARNING

From pencils to touch screens and paper to hands on, St Joseph's students engage in learning through an explicit teaching approach. Our daily reviews are becoming second nature as we strive to move our learning into our long-term memory. Learning is shared online with our families so they too can celebrate.



### A TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE

At St Joseph's we paid our respects to our First Nations people during NAIDOC week by sharing in cultural activities like storytelling, creating yarn turtles, animal dance, letters to Mathinna and a collaborative leaf project. Students in Years 3-6 also had the opportunity to visit our local library for some cultural activities.

A big thank you to the library for inviting us along!



### A TIME FOR RETURNING

At St Joseph's we have returned some of the good will we experience by connecting with our community regularly. In addition to our Lyell Wing visits, our students have been busy supporting St Vinnies by gathering items from home to donate to those in need. Students, also on the last day of Term 2, wore blue and brought in an additional non-perishable item to give away. We thank all our families and community for helping with this cause.



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# WEST COAST-DIRECTORY-WHERE TO EAT?

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**Rosebery Neighbourhood House**  
**Wednesday, 23rd August**  
**10:00 AM - 10:30AM**

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**Rosebery Neighbourhood House**  
**Wednesday, 23rd August**  
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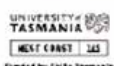
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## Public Notices

### LAFFER Gordon



Family, friends, SES, fire service members are welcome to say farewell to Gordon on the 12th August, 1pm at Zeehan Fire Station.



Tasmania Fire Service

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I am a huge fan of reality shows like Survivor, Hunted, Traitors, Rush, Amazing Race, etc. I regularly apply for these shows and have had some callbacks and even a live interview in late stages. As the second season of Hunted Australia is now well under way, I am aware they usually advertise for applications for the upcoming season, at the end of the current season.

I'm wanting to apply for season 3, but need to find someone to team up with, and in my little social group in Rosebery, I don't know anyone who is willing and capable to take on the challenge. So I am wanting to get word out to anyone in West Coast Tasmania, that I am needing a capable partner to go on the run with and elude the Hunters.

I am highly capable and prepared, as I am former US military, have an extensive sporting background and worked in a prison for nearly 17 years, so I know all the tactics criminals try, to avoid being captured and what does and doesn't work.

The person who wants to team with me on this once in a lifetime adventure should have the following traits:

- 1) Be able to work well in a team situation - 2) Have a positive, no quit attitude
- 3) Be physically fit and mentally determined - 4) Be willing to meet to train and plan for our time on the run - 5) Be willing to sleep anywhere, go anywhere and do anything that can keep us from getting caught. - 6) Be able to sever all ties from family and friends, except to use as assets when needed, for the duration of our time on the run. - 7) Be mentally strong enough to handle the pressures of being on the run and constant paranoia while keeping a clear head and being ready to switch plans in an instant.

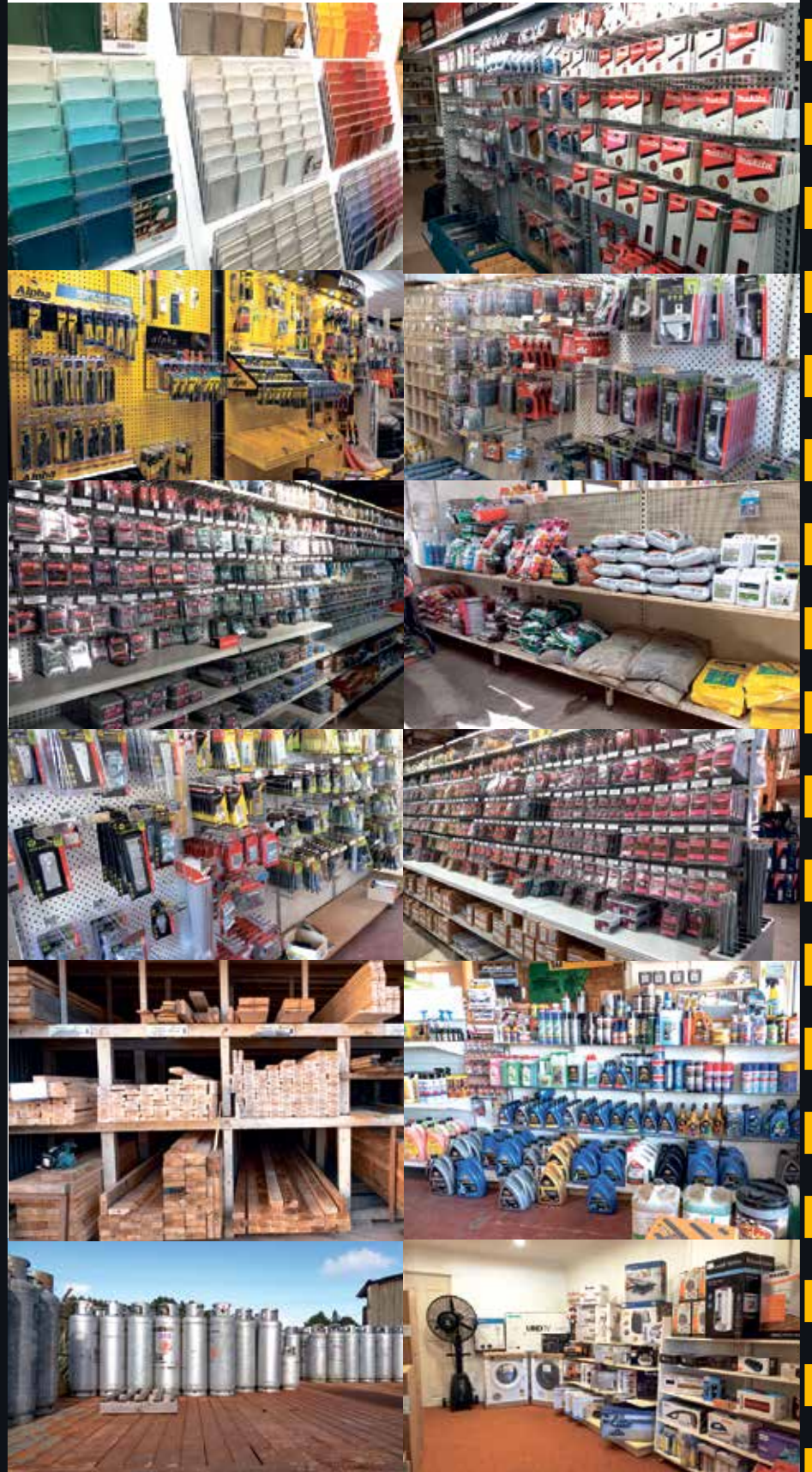
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# September 6

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Writeup by Toby Lutwyche

Photos by Alan Jennison

## Reserves

### Crows fly high in retro round

In the last round of the DFA season for 2023, the Queenstown Crows wound back the clock and acknowledged one of its past clubs, the Lyell-Gormanston Lions by wearing their old kit for the day.

In the seniors, it was an onslaught from start to finish with the Crows winning 213 to 18. Sam Newson, hit favourite to win his first club best and fairest and second DFA Ewington medal, kicked 7 goals in a complete performance, with Matt Newson and Brodie Dennis also having big days kicking 6 goals each. In a great team effort with all players doing their role the seniors now have earned a week off and will play for a spot in the grand final on August 19th at the Wivenhoe

Showgrounds.

In the reserves, it was their most complete game of the season winning 148 to 27. Jarrod McKenna was dominant all day kicking 5 goals, Flynn Tueon bagging 6 goals, Jack Bradshaw 7 and Lynden Thurston running around gathering kicks at will. The reserves will now play on August 12th against Yeoman in an elimination final and need to keep winning to keep their finals dreams alive.

It was a great day for the football club with lots of past players from the Lyell-Gormanston football club attending and it was great to see two big wins for the Crows to finish their year on the gravel for 2023.





**Seniors** Photos by Alan Jennison





# The Unconformity 2023 festival program coming soon



Photo credit: Keelan O'Hehir

The Unconformity 2023 festival program will be revealed in Queenstown on Wednesday 30 August.

We invite the West Coast community to join us at the program launch event from 6pm–7:30pm at PressWEST, 20 Bowes Street, Queenstown. Capacity is limited so RSVPs are essential. To RSVP, please visit [theunconformity.com.au/launch](https://theunconformity.com.au/launch)

The program will be available to view on The Unconformity website from 1pm on Thursday 31 August and tickets will go on sale at 9am on Wednesday 6 September.

## Presale festival tickets for West Coast locals

West Coasters will have the opportunity to purchase presale tickets to festival events before they go on sale to the general public. These tickets will be available to purchase in person from 10am–5pm on Monday 4 September at The Unconformity Hall, 35 Cutten Street, Queenstown.

For more information on West Coast presale tickets, please visit [theunconformity.com.au/west-coast-presale](https://theunconformity.com.au/west-coast-presale)

## West Coast Artist Commission launch

The Unconformity is proud to reveal Grace Helen Garton's West Coast Artist Commission piece: *A Day At The Footy, Rosebery Park Oval*.

Grace was awarded the \$5000 commission in 2022 and her completed artwork was unveiled at Soggy Brolly Gallery on Monday 24 July 2023.

"In 2022 and 2023, I attended the Rosebery Football Club home games. I photographed and made quick sketches of the players in motion and the environment surrounding the oval; I became inspired to

tell the game's story through a diptych, depicting the start and a moment of play in the 'mud'. This encounter between the Rosebery-Toorak Hawks and the Motton Preston Demons, and the iconic surrounding environment of Rosebery, became the subject matter for my commissioned artwork. I visited the 'Hawks Nest' (Rosebery-Toorak's club museum), which gave me insight into this proud club's history from the visual impacts of old photographs, verbal accounts and records."

Grace is the fifth recipient of the annual acquisitive West Coast Artist Commission, a program supported through Arts Tasmania by the Minister for the Arts. ■

## Crib Road: Road closures and information

During The Unconformity festival, Orr Street is transformed into Crib Road: a social space creating a food, music and entertainment precinct in the town centre.

Crib Road is a central festival hub to meet with friends and enjoy a variety of food and drink or to stop and pause before heading to the next event experience. Crib Road will offer undercover and open seating, firepits and free live music and entertainment as well as industrial displays reflective of Queenstown's unique heritage and culture.

### The opening hours for Crib Road are:

- Thursday 19 October 2023: 3pm–11pm
- Friday 20 October 2023: 3pm–11pm
- Saturday 21 October 2023: 9am–11pm
- Sunday 22 October 2023: 9am–2pm

### Residents may be impacted by the following planned road closures:

- Sticht Street (between Hunter and Orr Streets) will be closed from 12pm on Tuesday 17 October 2023, reopening at 5pm on Monday 23 October 2023.
- Orr Street and Sticht Street (between Orr and Little Orr Streets) will be closed from 6pm on Tuesday 17 October 2023, reopening at 11:59pm on Sunday 22 October 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns about Crib Road, please email festival Production Managers, Sean Le Rossignol and Alison McCrindle, at [production@theunconformity.com.au](mailto:production@theunconformity.com.au) ■



Planned festival road closures marked in green.



Grace Garton and her commissioned artwork.