



Rockcliff on track on the west coast

The Tasmanian Liberal Government today signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the West Coast Council and key industry leaders.

Premier Jeremy Rockcliff said the MoU was an important next step in progressing the Government's commitment to develop a Strategic Regional Partnership with the Western Region of Tasmania.

"We know by working together, by sharing ideas, by collaborating and most importantly by involving and listening to our community we can help grown and support our communities to be thriving, welcoming place to live and visit," the Premier said.

"This MoU cements our goodwill to work collaboratively toward a Strategic Regional Partnership to achieve those ends.

"Our Government has a vision for Tasmania's regions that ensures they have the infrastructure, services and people they need to thrive and attract investment for sustained growth and prosperity.

"The Memorandum of Understanding outlines how our Government will continue to work with the Council, RDA-Tasmania and industry to formalise our partnership."

The MOU outlines our commitment to:

Improve accommodation, infrastructure, and amenity of towns to attract and retain workers and families;

Provide better liveability, including through sustainability and wellbeing, and connection for local people and local industries;

Provide a diversified economy;

Provide a voice for the local community and demonstrate social benefits for residents, and, *Continued on page 3*



Pictured looking through the rear window of ABT engine number 3 is Premier Jeremy Rockcliff (centre) with Mark Robinson (Rail Operations Manager) and Ken Fairbairn (Workshop Supervisor). Photo by Alan Jennison

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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**

Dear Editor,

I learnt about the West Coast 50% vouchers that the State Government was offering. This was a huge incentive for me to return to the West Coast.

I also read about the August Events Activities being held in various places on the West Coast.

I subsequently booked for a night at the Hunters Hotel in Queenstown, which included a continental breakfast. Lovely quaint atmosphere and very friendly hosts.

Next day I drove to Strahan for the three-course Seafood Night at the West Coast Railway, in two carriages at the station.

This was absolutely delightful, with wonderful food and plenty of it. There was a cooking demonstration and tasting of raw Abalone.

However, the downside of my trip was lack of somewhere to eat/drink something light. In Queenstown only the Railway Station was open to offer light meals with a varied menu.

In Strahan, I found on Saturday morning the Visitor Information Centre was closed and I was unable to find information.

It was so disappointing to find eateries in the town were closed until October, although I appreciate winter is probably a good time to have a break but not at all the same time.

I found decent coffee and something nice at Mollys takeaway, where I sat and relaxed reading.

In the town centre, only Hamers was open but did not offer anything that I would describe as light or reasonably priced.

I am concerned that we are not meeting tourist visitor's needs.

Strahan is one of our main tourist spots and if I was disappointed, what do visitors to Tassie think and feel.

Christine Holden Devonport

Dear Editor,

Zeehan residents are resigned to the fact that we will never be rid of the gorse that inundates our town. There's not enough money in the state treasury but there should be no reason why we can't get rid of the pine forests that pose a greater fire hazard in and around our town on Frank Long Memorial Park, Queen Hill, Montana Hill and King Hill.

These pines have self sown and regenerated since the fire of 81 they should be harvested and sent to be chipped. It's time for a visit from the Chief of the state fire Authority and the minister for the Environment before its too late.

Grant Hodge

To the Editor,

Zeehan is neglected.

In west Zeehan there's hundreds of tonnes of rubbish that has been hoarded and left in piles on abandoned land and verges of roads, Dodds street and Hurst street are prime examples of an illegal dumping ground.

Abatement notices have been placed on other blocks around the town advising people to clean up and cut grass so why hasn't the same been applied for the removal of the rubbish, the real eyesores, also broken down and unregistered vehicles left for years parked on the nature strip it only adds to the eyesore that is unfenced and a big safety hazard. Why has the W.C.C allowed this to happen. Also 48 seat Buses and shipping containers Parked on weed infested abandoned land.

It's time for the minister for Environment to make a visit to our town and bring with him the Chief of the state fire Authority and a Health Inspector. This wouldn't be allowed to happen in Queenstown but because it's in Zeehan it's ignored.

Concerned local residents

Corinna Ferry out of action for a week

The Corinna ferry will be out of action from Sunday, 10 September to Sunday, 17 September 2023 for routine maintenance to make sure it continues to meet safety standards.

Vehicles will not be able to use the ferry to cross the river during this period. If you need to travel through the area during this time, please detour via the Murchison Highway.

This detour will take a significantly longer time, so please plan ahead and allow more time for your journey.

The ferry is privately operated by Corinna Wilderness Village.



Dear Editor

My name is Carol Jodrell and I am house sitting in Zeehan for my brother and sister in law while they are away. I am from Perth and have a friend there who asked if I could enquire about a friend she made and has lost contact with. Is this something that could be put in the Western Echo?

The friend was Stephanie Morrison from Strahan who she met in Greece many years ago. My friend's name is this is her email address.

bilrani@yahoo.com.au

I will be here with my husband Don White until 23 September.

Thank you for any advice you can give me on the best way to help my friend.

Kind regards - Carol

History in miniature tracking well

As many of you know, I am creating a "History of the West Coast" in miniature with lots of interactive dioramas, trains etc and hope to have stage one open in the not too distant future (think mid-October).

To that end, I was wondering whether anyone has any old train sets, track, scenery items etc. that they would like to part with?

If you have anything like that sitting in a box in the shed or taking up space in a cupboard please let me know.

Cheers all - I look forward to seeing you when I open the display up in Zeehan's main street.!



Daffodil Day fundraiser a huge success

The Queenstown Cancer group concluded our Daffodil Day fundraising last week, at the Queenstown Golf Club. We had standing room only, with around fifty people attending.

Our hamper raffle was won by Peter Alexander, with second place won by Kerri Bugg.

We, as a group, can't thank our community enough for the support given to our group & Cancer Council Tasmania.

We raised a staggering \$3,005.55 for Daffodil Day.

What an amazing achievement for our small community.

Special thanks go out to, Radio 7XS, the Queenstown Golf Club & the Western Echo for their promotion of our events. To the people of the West Coast, your generosity is second to none, thank you is not enough.

Geraldene, The West Coast Cancer Action Group, (the Queenstown Girls)

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Cancer Council Tasmania

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leverage private industry investment to deliver benefits for the community.

“Our Government is committed to our long-term plan to make Tasmania the best place to live, work and raise a family,” the Premier said.

“Last week I announced our next regional partnership will be with the East Coast region and I will have more to say on that in time.

“This is another example of our Government’s commitment to invest in our regions, which are the lifeblood of this state.”



Premier Rockcliff took time out from his busy schedule to drop into my shop in Zeehan and have a play with the model trains I have in there. Work is progressing very nicely and the ‘West Coast History in Miniature’ should be open to the public in October.



Premier Jeremy Rockcliff with West Coast Council Mayor, Shane Pitt at Miners Siding. Photo by Alan Jennison

What does the future hold for Mt Lyell mine?

It seems that there is significant anticipation surrounding the future of the Mount Lyell Mine in Queenstown, Australia. The mine has been inactive since a series of workplace fatalities in 2013 and 2014, but there have been ongoing efforts to improve the situation. Currently, South African-based mining company Sibanye-Stillwater is poised to make a decision about whether to acquire the mine from its current owner, Vedanta Resources. This decision is expected to be made before November 5, 2023.

Australian-based company New Century Resources had also shown interest in acquiring Mount Lyell, with plans to resume copper mining or extract minerals from existing tailings. However, Sibanye's successful takeover of New Century has added complexity to the situation. Sibanye is now in the final

stages of its assessment of Mount Lyell's feasibility.

The copper market's positive outlook and strong supply-demand dynamics, along with the ongoing feasibility study on Mount Lyell, have left industry leaders like Ray Mostogl, the CEO of the Tasmanian Minerals, Manufacturing and Energy Council, hopeful about the mine's future. It's suggested that Sibanye's interest in copper and the positive findings from the Mount Lyell study are indicative of a potential revival for the mine.

As of now, there is a significant level of interest and activity surrounding the Mount Lyell Mine's potential acquisition and reopening, and industry experts are cautiously optimistic about the positive signs that have been emerging.



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Cutting edge council verging on decision

The West Coast Council is considering ending its unique practice of maintaining nature strips outside dwellings and is seeking public feedback on a draft policy that would shift the responsibility of nature strip maintenance to residents.

Unlike most Tasmanian councils, where residents are expected to look after nature strips themselves, the West Coast Council has been maintaining them at an estimated cost of over \$200,000 per year. This practice originates from the historical context of mining towns, where mining companies used to own and maintain various aspects of the towns, including nature strips and house maintenance.

The proposed draft nature strips policy outlines several key points:

Responsibility Shift: Under the new policy, residents would be responsible for maintaining and mowing any lawns or vegetation on the nature strips adjacent to their properties.

Safety Considerations: Residents would need to ensure that any vegetation on the nature strips doesn't obstruct the line of sight for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Height Restrictions: Vegetation, except for street trees managed by the council, should not exceed a height of 90 centimeters.

Assistance for Inability: Residents who are unable to maintain their nature strips to

an acceptable standard can apply to the council for help.

Nature Strip Gardens: The draft policy would allow for nature strip gardens, subject to specific conditions.

Prohibited Items: Certain items would be banned from nature strips, unless the council issues a permit. These include sculptures, fencing, synthetic turf, declared weeds, prickly or poisonous plants, plants that commonly cause allergies, and irrigation systems.

Native Species: The draft policy provides a list of native plant species that residents could consider planting on their nature strips.

Notably, root vegetables would be prohibited from being grown on nature strips, likely due to potential issues with obstruction and damage to underground infrastructure.

The West Coast Council's consideration of this policy change reflects a move toward aligning with the practices of other local government areas, where residents typically maintain their own nature strips. The decision would not only impact the council's budget but also promote community involvement and responsibility in maintaining their immediate surroundings.

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Strong winds reveal another waterfall

The recent strong winds that we experienced have downed trees revealing another waterfall on the Granville Tramway.

This waterfall is situated at the terminus of the six mile creek where it joins with the Pine river.

The site consists of very steep terrain and is best viewed from the Zeehan side of the river. This will require a three kilometres return walk across the button grass ridges..



Snippets from the past

Experienced gold prospecting men from all across Australasia and the world at large, tried their luck at the Queen River field, at their own peril of course, but it was their Savage River prospecting expertise, in first identifying outcropping iron lodes, hidden in the rainforests around the steep shoulders of the Savage River gorge as early as 1879, that eventually led to similar magnetite/amphibole outcrops being identified at Main Creek, Heemskirk, Granville, Trial, Avebury, Zeehan, Dundas, Blythe River, Takone, Guide, St. Valentine Peak, Hampshire, Dial, Mt. Lyell, Hercule's, Colebrook, Mt. Lindsay, Mt. Farrel, Darwin, Kara, Kara east, Ellen, Orieco and a whole host of prospective others

Abalone on the menu in Strahan



Shane Wilson bringing up a great catch of Black-Lipped Abalone from the bay

On Saturday 26 August, West Coast Wilderness Railway and Linda Café hosted the final ALONGSIDE event experience at Regatta Point Station in Strahan.

Featuring freshly caught abalone and a demonstration from Shane Wilson, of Tasmanian Wild Seafood Adventures, the event was a hit with locals and visitors alike.

Attracting visitors from Devonport, Hobart and further south, the Wild Seafood ALONGSIDE event was the last of six events hosted across Regatta Point and Queenstown Stations throughout the month of August, during the railway's winter maintenance period.

"Hosting six events in one month was a brave undertaking by the team and I'm proud of the way the team pulled together and not only successfully hosted the events, but made sure everyone had a wonderful night out" says Ian Robertson, General Manager for West Coast Wilderness Railway. "We thought the

concept, presented by Zara Trihey from Linda Café, was fabulous and we were keen to do what we could to partner with and support other local businesses. We were pleasantly surprised at how everyone supported the events and the team worked together to make each event a roaring success."

Other events included partnerships with Matthew Evans and Innes Distillery, as well as bringing performers such as Mamma Rosa and Urshula Leung into the region.

The first and last event stood alone, while the remaining events were hosted in Queenstown on Friday nights in August and Strahan on Saturday nights.

When asked if future events may be on the cards, Mr Robertson was reserved, "We certainly have much more confidence around hosting and planning events, but our core business is our absolute priority and we're very focused on re-opening a safe, reliable and memorable heritage rail experience for the



Denver Ward cooking up a huge pan of seafood paella for the nights festivities

businesses that depend on us, as well as eager ticket holders".

"We know that winter has been tough around the entire state and, despite some strong results compared to other regions, the West has not been immune to the seasonal downturn. The best thing we can do now is to focus wholly and solely on reopening the railway, which is at a point where we can now engage our Commercial team and have them working on a reopening plan. Once this

is in place and we have met the required infrastructure project milestones, we can start talking about a phased reopening and dates."

Mr Robertson was recently appointed officially as General Manager, after acting in the role from January 2023.

*Story by Emily Hopwood WCWR
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Zeehan Study Hub catch up - so much happening!

Spring is in the air, the days are getting longer and as more students register, the Study Hub is a hive of activity!

Study Hub West Coast would like to offer heartfelt congratulations to Mountain Heights Year 10 HASS students who entered this year's Anzac Day Schools' Awards and were the Tasmanian winners of the award. The theme for the competition was 'Commemorating Australia's Vietnam War service'.

Guided by Nicky Bolt and Queenstown RSL President Linton "Harry" Harris, the effort and dedication invested by these students are a testament of their commitment to keeping the memories of those who served in times of war alive. Their eagerness to participate in these Awards fills us with pride and hope for future generations knowing that the spirit of the ANZACS and their legacy will continue on through our children and our children's children. Their official plaque and \$3000 prize money will be awarded in the coming weeks.

The Study Hub, in partnership with Transtegic Training is hoping to run an Industry Leadership Program - Certificate IV in Leadership and Management commencing in October. Targeted at current or emerging leaders and managers, this proven program consists of five, two-day workshops run over eight months, with 6-week intervals between each workshop.



This allows time for participants to apply effective leadership and management principles and techniques learnt in the workshop, back in the workplace. This course will be customised to include companies' policies, procedures, systems, and practices.

If you're interested in participating in this program there are great financial incentives available for your company. To register, contact Transtegic directly info@transtegic.com.

Our Outreach Support program is going really well. For those students who cannot make it to the Study Hub we now come to you. This means that we can provide that wraparound student support to our wider community. We coordinate consistent visitation to the

various West Coast towns and students are always welcome to connect with us between visits.

Take up for the fully funded Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability) has been fantastic – currently there are 12 people studying this qualification through St. Michael's Training. Next Monday, trainers from St. Michael's Training will meet with enrolled students at the Study Hub and discuss blended delivery of training which is exciting.

The Study Hub works hard to address regional workforce needs and we really value the continued support we receive from community and industry. We are happy to initiate any training required and our carefully chosen training

courses are consistently full.

The future ignores stereotypes - the future is FEARLESS.

The annual Fearless Festival, held in early August in Devonport, promoted the range and diversity of employment and career choices in Tasmania for young and not so young women. It gave them the opportunity to meet, hear and mingle with super successful women from all kinds of jobs.

People were able to consider careers and opportunities previously not thought about such as mining, renewable energy, maritime, STEM, advanced manufacturing, aerothermal dynamics and turbines.

Nicky and Yolande from Study Hub West Coast attended the Fearless Festival and then dinner and found it to be really empowering for young adults and mature women (see photo).

The vibe at the dinner was incredible and so powerful to hear stories from a range of diverse women.

Hats off to the organisers and you can be sure that we will be attending again next year!

Interested in studying? Not sure what your study options are? We are here to help you explore the many education options available.

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Best practise mining in Tasmania's west



The Renison Tin Mine's future is looking promising with the opening of a new waste treatment and recycling facility, representing an investment of \$39 million.

As Australia's largest tin producer, the Renison Tin Mine plays a crucial role in supplying tin, a vital mineral used in various applications including electronics manufacturing, corrosion-resistant packaging, and alloy production for items like bearings, statues, and musical instruments.

Moreover, the mine is a significant source of employment in regional Tasmania.

Minister for Resources, Felix Ellis

(pictured above on right with Mark Recklies, Renison Chief Operating Officer on left), said that the opening of the newly constructed paste fill and wastewater treatment plants provided significant improvement to efficiency and environmental protection at the mine.

"The new facilities will maximise the re-use of waste and minimise the waste storage needs to support the new high yield Area 5 project at the site," Minister Ellis said. "Already employing 340 people and supporting an extra 240 contractors, the Area 5 operation will be the lifeblood of Renison through to 2030 or beyond.

"With reserves sufficient for around 10 years of operations at current rates, it is pleasing to see Renison's continued contribution to the West Coast and broader Tasmanian community continue.

"I congratulate the entire Bluestone Mines Tasmania Joint Venture team for their commitment and effort in realising this project. "Investments such as this underpin our mineral industries' confidence in Tasmania's prosperity and stability as a place to do business.

"With assessment of the Rentails project also progressing, these new facilities could greatly improve the outlook of the feasibility study which

is currently in the process of being updated.

"Should Rentails go ahead it would mean not only significant investment in the region but the creation of hundreds of new jobs new on the West Coast, initially for construction but also for the life of the project.

"With business having the confidence to invest, mines re-opening, mineral exploration booming and increasing global demand for minerals produced right here in Tasmania, the future for our mining sector is bright.

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The Unconformity 2023 festival program revealed

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The Unconformity festival program was unveiled at PressWEST in Queenstown on Wednesday 30 August 2023, attended by approximately 100 artists and community members.

The Unconformity festival will take place from 19–22 October 2023 in Queenstown. The four-day festival will include a broad range of artforms and artists reflecting the history and changing stories of the West Coast through their work. Festival highlights include live music, visual art, geology tours and immersive art experiences for audiences of all ages.

The Unconformity Art Trail features the work of more than 50 West Coast artists, including painters, sculptors, jewellers and photographers, hosted in venues throughout the streets of Queenstown. The Art Trail invites audiences into unique spaces to view and purchase the creative work of local artists.

Just outside of Queenstown, Linda Hotel will be the canvas for West Coast artist Annette van Betlehem's work, *Neorama*. From sunset each night of the festival, Annette's oil paintings will be projected onto the historic ruins of the hotel.

After dark, The Paragon Theatre will be the place to be for three nights of extraordinary live music. Catch alt-country dad rocker Andy Golledge, Melbourne punk band Press Club, and the garage punk sounds of Slaughterhäus Surf Cult, alongside local favourites and late night DJs.

The Unconformity Kids Trail is a great way for children to experience the festival. They can also get involved in *Whispering Between Worlds: Workshops for Young People*, curated by artist Sara Wright.

Audiences of all ages will enjoy Earthshine, a seven-metre moon which will illuminate the old limestone quarry in its celestial glow. Luke Jerram's *Museum of the Moon* will be accompanied by live musical performances, enveloping the quarry in phases of light and dark, reflection and transformation.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

More than 80% of the festival program is free to access. Ticketed events are now on sale via The Unconformity website, in-person in Queenstown or by phone. Details below.

In-person sales:

35 Cutten Street, Queenstown
Mon–Fri: 9am–12pm and 1pm–5pm

Phone sales: 03 6471 1026

Mon–Fri: 10am–5pm

To view the festival program and purchase tickets, visit theunconformity.com.au ■



Press Club | Photo credit: Nick Manuell



Colin Wilson's rock characters, a feature in The Unconformity Art Trail.



Earthshine featuring *The Museum of the Moon*, courtesy of Luke Jerram.

Embedding accessibility and inclusivity into The Unconformity's work

The Unconformity is pleased to share its Access and Inclusion Action Plan.

This three-year plan has been developed in collaboration with access consultant Morwenna Collett, and in consultation with the local community, artists, stakeholders and audiences.

Our vision is to inspire creativity, inclusivity, engagement and learning through art and artists. The plan outlines a number of items that will be actioned by the organisation over the next three years to embed access and inclusion principles across all aspects of our work.

The organisation acknowledges the challenges in holding a unique arts event in a remote setting and it is continually working to improve its approach to accessibility by removing as many access barriers as possible.

The Unconformity looks forward to realising the vision outlined in the Plan and extends its sincerest thanks to Morwenna Collett for her expertise as well as everyone who contributed through the consultation process. Read the plan at theunconformity.com.au/access ■



Artistic Director Travis Tiddy launching the festival program in Queenstown.



Pick up a festival program around the West Coast.



Activities for children return this year. Photo credit: Jesse Hunniford

THE **UNCONFORMITY**

Unconformity Festival launch a huge hit

I dropped in to the Unconformity Festival launch at PressWest last week and caught up with a few old and a few new friends. The wine flowed, the nibbles kept appearing and the Unconformity Festival was soon launched, to a great round of applause.

This looks like being a great festival so I urge you all to get out there and enjoy it.

Alan - Editor





Rosebery Mine

Community Newsletter

September 2023

State-of-the-art technology enhancing safety at Rosebery mine

Rosebery is the first mine in Australia to introduce Hexagon's fatigue detection technology in its underground mine operations.

The camera technology sits on the vehicle's dashboard and will send alerts through audible sounds and seat vibration when it detects fatigue and distraction.

Rosebery mine worked with Hexagon to install the technology in 11 underground trucks with 81 operators now registered to use the system.



Image: Rosebery mine underground truck operator Chantelle Moretti logging into Hexigon's Operator Alert System.

MMG projects update

We have been updating affected Rosebery residents with letterbox drops on:

- blasting at the 2/5 Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) dam area
- development blasting for further exploration drilling.

Design and Assessment Works for the South Marionoak Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) have been published on the EPBC Public Portal inviting comments. We await a decision from the Federal Government on next steps.

The Rosebery Heritage Centre and Replica Miner's Hut is expected to reopen for the community before Christmas after it was damaged by fire. MMG is working with builders to complete the repairs.

Rosebery Community Consultative Committee meeting

In August, we discussed the foundational pillars of MMG's Sponsorship allocation.

We reviewed the work already underway to ensure it aligns with the United Nations, Sustainable Development Goals.

This ensures we can better assess sponsorship applications against the impact they will have.

Working together award winner

We're proud of Mitch Turner who was recently recognised by MMG globally for its values of 'We want to do better/We do what we say'.

What do you love about your job? There are many aspects I enjoy about my job but the two main things are the team I get to work with, and the diverse and unique projects I get to manage and deliver.

What is something you love about the West Coast?

Being an outdoorsy type of person the west coast delivers an endless amount of activities all year around, the rugged untouched places you can see is like nothing else you would experience elsewhere.



Image: Rosebery employee - Mitch Turner

Veterans post Robert 'Bob' Cartledge - Part three By Linton 'Harry' Harris

In our final instalment of Bob's story in the Western Echo, we reflect on Bob's amazing life including his current status as resident artist at Q-West.

On conclusion of Bob's tour, he returned to Australia. Australia's involvement in that war, wrapped up a short while later, so a second tour of duty to Vietnam, was never really contemplated.

Bob had served for around four years at this time, and continued in service to Australia, for a comparatively uneventful 13yrs altogether.

On discharge from the army, continuing his chosen career path, he became an enrolled nurse. Despite his experience he found himself ill prepared for civilian nursing, in the mid 1980's.

Bob often found himself reverting back to the unorthodox methods on the battlefield; techniques learnt through desperate necessity, but were frowned upon in civilian nursing.

Having said that, he garnered begrudging respect from his peers when it worked.

Subsequently, doors opened for Bob, that meant a rich and diverse career path ahead. Moving between jobs within the Australian health system, he gathered skills and sometimes adapted them through techniques well beyond what should be expected of a nurse. This garnered him the respect of his peers, and eventually saw Bob move into the role

of Ward Master.

These diverse range of experiences, left Bob in good stead to be 'cherry-picked' by those who appreciated the skill and adaptability that came naturally to Bob. Bob found himself living the Expat life, as the director of nursing in a major Saudi Arabian emergency hospital.

It's hard to imagine what it must be like to live in a secular country like Saudi Arabia, particularly given that it wasn't even close to as moderate as it is nowadays. The expat life in Saudi, to my understanding is often lived in compounds specifically made for westerners, however the nature of Bob's work, meant that he had plenty of exposure to the local population.

Bob regales snippets of information being fed to him by trusted locals, such as, 'stay home this weekend'... seemingly innocuous statements that would turn out to be the key to staying safe, with localised banditry and terrorism oft occurring on these same weekends.

Bob talks of late night excursions to Medina, one of the most sacred cities in Islam, just to get some cigarettes, going

places no westerner should, just to serve his vice!

The increased targeting of westerners saw the eventual end of Bob's life as an expat. With a reaction bordering on boredom and certainly complacency, a bomb rocked his home in the middle of the night; it was a bit 'ho-hum' to Bob, but his wife was on the floor in a millisecond!

Old soldiers are rarely rattled when everyone thinks you should be; but to varying degrees harbour the ghosts of their past military life and keep these things locked away, until one day they are not; harbouring rage that is often bordering on homicidal, such is the way for war-caused PTSD.

Back in Australia, Bob resumed his career, working in regional Victoria, but found himself in a toxic environment, not quite settling in. I

n this time period he put forward an expression of interest as the clinical manager of Queenstown hospital, taking up the position in 2008. During this time, Bob was key in making a number of rapid changes; some that weren't popular, but found their place within the

hospital, due to respect for Bob's lived experience.

Around the same time, Bob's inner demons were catching up with him and eventually led to him being sent on stress leave. Bob's manager made an undiagnosed statement, being, 'Bob came to us with PTSD', mitigating the Tasmanian health systems responsibility in the reasons for his stress. The consequence of this saw Bob being formally diagnosed with war caused PTSD and subsequently pensioned off, attaining the gold card at 60yrs of age.

To Bob's credit, he has now found his peace. Buddhism being the key; he still enjoys some of the things the purist followers of Buddhism would frown on - enjoying the odd steak, and a tiple. Nowadays, Bob also leads Tai Chi classes and as a graduate of the University of the 3rd Age, he stays busy with his passion for art, creating sculptures of many different shapes and themes. Not surprisingly, we see respect for veterans past and present, in his work. Thank you for your service Bob.



EVENTS OCCURRING QUEENSTOWN RSL

September & October



Sep 29

7pm Soldiers Swapping Stories

Oct 5

TBC Open Arms Outreach Services

Oct 6

Karaoke Night with Skirvo

Oct 11

4pm Qi Gong with Bob Cartledge

Oct 18

1pm Clay Modelling with Q West

Oct 25/26

9am-4pm MHFA (Industry Minds)



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THE WRITER'S GUILD

The forest was like a maze of long spears, bamboo plants to be exact, the plants stretched further than the eye could see. And in the very heart of the forest, was a house. In the distance a piece of paper flew gently on the wind, it followed the direction of the wind to the small house, the window was open, and with that it flew inside and landed straight on her face. As she read the paper; she read the coordinates to a mysterious place, called the Writer's Guild.

In her room it was spacious, but space was filled with a fluffy carpet, a Japanese bed, a dining table, a mirror, a bird cage, an aisle, and lastly an overflowing bin that she meant to take out around last Thursday. So, with reading the note, she decided to head off to the coordinates, but first she needed to pack supplies. It was only a few minutes before she was ready to leave, but she was ready with plenty of daylight.

By Breanna Reibelt, Grade 8

CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT: BRAIN FREEZE

Earlier today, Ginger was sleeping on the couch when suddenly, he heard bells and saw a truck drive past, so he left to follow it. Further down, he saw the truck and the door was left open. He leaped in and started scratching at the boxes. One box was open, and he was curious, so he leaped onto the pile and eyeballed the contents. He ripped the packaging open and gnawed at the ice-creams for a while, after finishing, he then clambered behind the pile and started to get a brain freeze. Soon it was too much, and he drifted into a deep sleep.

By Jessika White, Grade 8

PREFECT REPORT

As we get to the second half of term 3 the prefects have a lot to report.

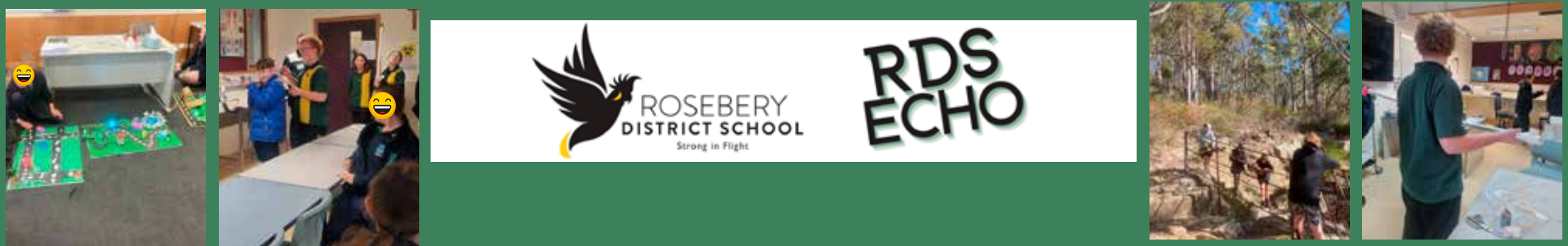
On the 8th of August we held Red Nose Day, this day was very successful, we raised \$371.79, and this will be donated to the Red Nose Day foundation.

We cannot thank the Teachers Assistants and Teachers for all the support, this would not have been possible without this help.

This Friday the 1st of September the Sport captains have organised a Basketball game at 5:30pm, for more details on this please contact the school!

The prefects have organised a crazy sock and crazy hair day for the end of term 3. Stay tuned for more details regarding this event!

By Shelby Wedd, Grade 10



Last week our Years 4,5,6 and 8 students went on a camp for the It Takes A Spark conference. On the first day we mostly travelled but when we got to Hobart we went start to the Hobart aquatic centre and had a swim then after that we went to the accommodation and got settled in. After we got ready we had an amazing dinner at the Ball and Chain, then we got back to the accommodation and settled in for the night.

On Thursday we had an amazing time at Bounce and had a scenic walk through the mountains. After a little rest we headed to the movies to watch Haunted Mansion and from there we headed to the Brick Factory to have another amazing dinner.

On the third and final day we went to the It Takes A Spark conference, where we learnt about different parts of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Each student did at least 3 different workshop and some of our students got to run one of the workshops, teaching other students to use the Spark Robots and how to block code. We had some inspiring and amazing lectures from some of Australia's great scientists.

A big thank you to all the teachers and the It Takes A Spark people for organising this trip and the conference.

Written by William, Year 8.



Hello From St Joseph's Queenstown

St Joseph's
Catholic School



What a Week!!!

We have had a marvellous three weeks of school as we have celebrated our Catholic Education Week, our Science Week and Book Week! And, within the weeks we had the special celebration of our Sacrament of Confirmation.



Hello From St Joseph's Rosebery



The Right Ingredients!

St Joseph's Rosebery students have been busy, busy, busy in and out of the classroom! Our school has stepped out of grounds to walk around the block as part of our Move Well, Eat Well Initiative. We have come together to experiment during Science Week with the help from the Young Tassie Scientists. And, finally we have showcased our love of reading and books during book week by dressing up as our favourite character. Every minute of every day, St Joseph's has a great mix of learning and fun!



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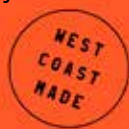
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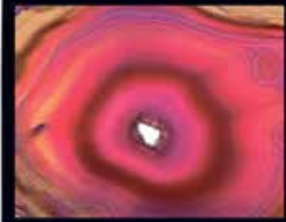
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Youth Week Colour Run

4th of October 2023

You are invited to join the Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre in conjunction with the WC youth to celebrate National Youth Week

Zeehan Golf Course

10am

10am- Registration

10:15am - LH, prep, Kinder

10:45am - 1,2,3

11:00am - 4,5,6

11:30 - Youth, high school, Hellyer

12pm - 18+

BBO/Show Eggs, prizes, music throughout the day.

Zeehan Golf Club



Waratah

“Welcome to Spring”

Pot Luck Luncheon

WHEN: Saturday Sept. 16, commencing at noon

WHERE: Elma Fagan Community Centre
a.k.a. Men's Shed

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Paid members will be contacted and have the opportunity to vote for the 23/24 Management Committee.

The AGM is open to all community members.

For further information please contact the ZNC on 64716108.

Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre AGM 2023

PO Box 72, Zeehan TAS 7469

Email: manager.znc@zeehan.net.au

West Coast MTB club

AGM on 26th September, 6.30 at West Coast Ride
Anyone welcome

The Zeehan Golf Course is under new management

The new team looks forward to turning the paddocks back to a playable golf course and we welcome past and new members to join us.

The clubhouse amenities are getting a makeover to create a more family friendly venue with a new eight ball table, widescreen television and infants change room. A working bee will soon be announced shortly when machinery and weather improve (BYO lawn mowers and brush cutters).

The team hopes to bring golf back to the course with both adult and junior competitions and memorials back to the West Coast golfing calendar.

We sincerely appreciate the help that has been offered already by the businesses in the local area. Avebury Nickel Mine - new windows and till. Williams earthmoving - drainage and scrub clearing and Zeehan Hardware with building supplies.

A special thank you to the team who cleaned the mess a after the club rooms were flooded recently. *Keep it on the fairway - Shane Douglas*

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19th – 20th March 2024 (Workshop 4)
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Writeup by Toby Lutwyche

Photos by Alan Jennison

Crows fall short in pursuit of flag

It was an enthralling battle that played out in the DFA Grand Final between Queenstown and South Burnie, with South Burnie running over the Crows in the second half to claim the premiership.

South were the first team to settle and got out to a 23 point lead in the second quarter before goals to Sam and Josh Newson reduced the margin to 8 points at half time.

With everything to play for, some undisciplined play from the Crows meant they played majority of the third quarter with one player sent off the ground, and a period with two players off, South got out and running and led by their freakish full forward Rohan Baldock, they kicked out to a 7 goal lead at 3/4 time.

From then South did what they had to and won the game by 57 points with Baldock winning the best on ground medal.

For the Crows strong performers were Sam Shea and Micky Keogh. Although not the result the Crows were looking for it has been a successful season, playing in their 3rd consecutive senior grand final.

Well done to all involved and looking forward to seeing the Crows back on top in 2024.





WE PLAY ZEEHAN NETBALL

Grand Final

Photos by Alan Jennison

Zeehan Junior Netball hosted a competition for our west coast kids aged 8-13

We saw four teams battle it out over seven weeks.

Showing amazing talent, ball skills, making new friendships and putting on fantastic games which left us all in suspense, who would take out the championship

After a goal for goal semi final, team yellow took the win to compete against team green, in the Grand Final

Team yellow pushed hard, with strong players through their centre third, and quick ability to use each player to get the ball to the goal, eventually taking out the win for the 2023 competition

We saw some brilliant defence from opposite team Green, Koby Nicholson, and Avalon Wagner stopping Yellow in their tracks at times

Goal for goal shots were taken by Jasmine McCudden & Coben Bennett from team yellow.

Our overall Best & Fairest award went to a player who shows outstanding sportsmanship, gives it 110%, is consistent and helped his fellow juniors - Raymond Scott Keating (team Green)

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