



A closer look at space

Having a closer look at objects from outer space is Thinula, age 9 from Zeehan
Photo by Alan Jennison



The West Coast Space Show recently completed its inaugural tour across Tasmania's West and Central Coast, visiting Strahan, Zeehan, Queenstown, Ulverstone, Devonport, and a school

in Burnie. Funded by the Australian Government through National Science Week, the event reached over 255 participants.

Our show featured a space-themed

presentation alongside interactive elements, including meteorite samples, impact glass (including the local West Coast 'Darwin glass'), and Lego models of the Saturn V rocket and Space Shut-

tle. Two telescopes - a Schmidt-Cassegrain and a new robotic Seestar S50 - were also part of the exhibit, though weather conditions limited their use.

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Bowsers flow again!

It was with great pleasure to see the Strahan BP station finally open. While it was a long time in coming, the end result has been one to be celebrated and appreciated, especially so in that in recent years so many regional and remote townships have seen the closure of full service stations, replaced by faceless, electronic swipe systems. The decision to keep the petrol station in Strahan as fully operational with service staff in attendance is commended and sets our township apart from so many; including services on the West Coast.

Having the 24 hour service is also a very welcome addition to the service offer and the retention of our mechanics shop is another aspect that is deeply appreciated.

The reopening of the flash remodelled premises is just in time for the opening of our tourism season- and I'm sure that the visitors to our little fishing and tourism village just like the locals, will welcome the services on offer. To all those involved in the remodelling and upgrading of our petrol station and services and the decision to maintain staffing for this important service, it's a big thank you!

Mad Rams

West Coast - Blown away

I have to admit to being blown away and not just by our recent wild weather! It is during times like our recent wild weather event, when one really sees the true grit and community strength in our community. To say thank you to our Electrical services, Police, Council personnel, SES and emergency services and volunteers seems somewhat inadequate when one considers the mammoth effort of so many to keep us safe and try and keep us connected, facing off dangerous, climatic conditions and trying to deal with the sheer volume of outages, trees felled, properties damaged, land slides and road closures with threats of flooding to add to coping with wild winds that threatened our communities and our homes.

What was also so evident during this time was the numbers of community members who stepped up and helped their neighbours, family and friends; as well as strangers. It is during trying times like these that one is reminded of the strength of our community in banding together to face the challenges that can arise especially for communities in rural and remote areas. One can say that the spirit of our community is pretty strong. The numbers of peo-

ple who cared and offered support for others during these storms was evident from those offering accommodation and the charging of phones, to the use of generators, to simply offering a warm bed, a cuppa, company and soup- these selfless acts are some thing which makes our townships on the West Coast so special. Services such as the Zeehan Study Hub and the local church group in Strahan, local Neighbourhood centres; offered support, hot soup and cuppas, along with our local Council who set up services and managed generators, there were many more unsung West Coast heroes who helped out, shared resources and checked in on vulnerable members of our community.

Resilient communities are defined as those that promote individual and community wellbeing and cohesiveness to strengthen their communities, especially during times of extreme challenges or times of threats or crisis. Over the past couple of weeks, so many in our

community reached out to help each other, provided support and practical assistance and our emergency services staff and volunteers did so under very dangerous circumstances...as we continue to work through the mess left behind from the storms, what is evident is that in times of crisis, so many people in our communities are a pretty wonderful bunch and despite the challenges of coping with dangerous weather events and working through the mess left behind. Despite the sense of desolation and isolation we can all experience at times and especially at times like these; one is reminded that the West Coast is a pretty great place to live because of individuals who are part of our community and the way in which during a crisis, we care about each other. In terms of community care factor, I think most of us would agree, West Coasters have these wonderful qualities by the bucket load!

Jane Delaney-John

Strahan servo up and running



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Stormy start to Spring-damage everywhere

Tough times bring out the best in Tasmanians. That's especially true of our incredible emergency responders.

The storm and flood event we've just lived through was severe and destructive.

Trees down everywhere, people trapped in their homes, businesses flooded, power off for more than a week with sadly more challenges remaining.

But in that adversity, we are reminded why this is one of the best places in the world to live, work and raise a family.

We are a community that wraps our arms around each other in times of need. As Tasmanians, we activated an army of helpers from all walks of life.

SES volunteers from the North West, East Coast and down the Tasman converging on Launceston to relieve their mates fatigued after many hard days in the field.

Police officers and firefighters working alongside each other to doorknock and evacuate vulnerable people in flood zones.

TasNetworks crews have been working around the clock to get the lights back on, returning to find their own homes without power too.

Surf life savers trading the beach for flooded rivers as part of our specialist swift water rescue team.

Family, friends and community groups who opened their doors to others

needing a cuppa, a hot shower and a place to charge their phones.

And the businesses who said to their staff to take the week so they could volunteer, forgoing earnings for the greater good. To all these people and many more, we say thank you.

The Tasmanian community has been incredible. For the most part we have done our preparations, followed instructions from emergency services and stayed safe.

The TasAlert app even reached Number 1 in its category in the App Store, with well over 40,000 downloads.

As the floodwaters subside and the winds ease, we have now turned our mind to the recovery.

The Tasmanian Government has activated assistance packages to support people with the cost of recovery.

Payments are available for short and long periods without power, for homes rendered uninhabitable, and we have also waived the landfill levy for goods spoiled by the storm and flood.

And if more support is needed, we won't hesitate to act.

This has been, and will remain, a Team Tasmania effort.

Our small state has shown again just why we love living in a close-knit community that truly cares for each other.
Felix Ellis, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management



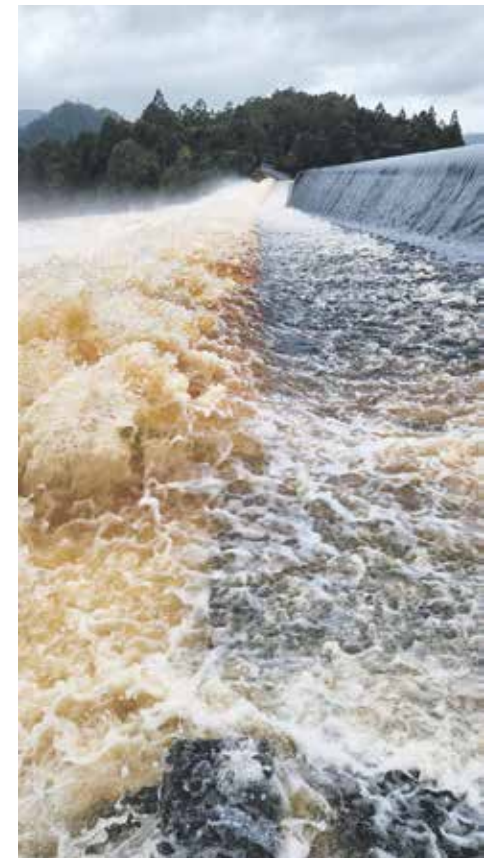
Emergency generator set up at the Zeehan Study Hub by the West Coast Council



Photos courtesy Leah Powell



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A message to West Coast residents

The Hydro has been a proud part of the West Coast for 40 years. Last year, our contribution to West Coast businesses and organisations through spending and donations was over \$530k. We also maintain boat ramps and campgrounds for locals and visitors to enjoy.

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Our profits are your profits.



Jesse Clark
Hydro Tasmania
(Graduate of Murray High School, Queenstown)

A closer look at space

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A notable highlight of the tour was the exceptional knowledge demonstrated by the West Coast children about rocks! It was amazing to see how readily the young attendees applied this understanding to grasp the composition and structure of the meteorites on display.



Their ability to draw parallels between terrestrial and extraterrestrial rocks was incredibly impressive.

The event also sparked in-depth discussions. Attendees posed thought-provoking questions on diverse topics, from the practicalities of living in space to the broader philosophical implications of space exploration. There was particular interest in Australia's future involvement in space missions, including the Artemis program, which is working to establish a permanent moon base, and a human mission to Mars in the coming decade. Attendees were also fascinated and inspired to hear about Tasmania's deep connection with the history and practice of radio astronomy.

The depth and range of questions we received were remarkable, and it's clear that there's a genuine curiosity about space among West Coast residents of all ages. The West Coast Space Show is part of our longer-term larger initiative to eventually operate a 'West Coast Space Centre' in Strahan (see <west-coastspacecentre.com>). This centre will act as both a science education facility and a community learning space—offering displays, documentaries, public talks, and community resources. While the physical centre remains very early in the planning stages, we intend to continue our outreach efforts in the meantime.

Future plans include potentially incorporating a portable planetarium dome into their tours, and developing a podcast documentary about space history in Tasmania. To that end, we're particularly keen to hear about any memories or existing artefacts from the CSIR observation of the solar eclipse, conducted from Ocean Beach in Strahan

in the late-1940s.

For space enthusiasts inspired by the show, several upcoming astronomical events may be visible from Tasmania, weather and other conditions permitting:

- September 17: *Conjunction of the Moon and Saturn*

- September 18: *Full Moon, Partial lunar eclipse, Lunar occultation of Neptune*

- September 21: *Neptune at opposition*

- September 24: *Close approach of the Moon and Jupiter*

- September 25: *Moon at Last Quarter, Conjunction of the Moon and Mars*

Visibility of these events will depend on local conditions, and some may require specialised equipment to observe, but many of these are likely to be visible with the naked eye, or a good pair of binoculars.

The West Coast Space Show and the proposed Space Centre project align with increasing focus on STEM education in regional areas. We hope these initiatives will contribute to existing scientific curiosity in the region; the passion, intelligence, and interest of the community in space and space science was clearly evident during National Science Week!

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Rosebery Mine

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Premier visits Rosebery Mine

Premier Jeremy Rockliff met with Rosebery Mine General Manager Steve Scott last month.

We discussed our ongoing commitment to finding a solution to extend the life of the mine along with the important role we play in supporting our local community and the broader Tasmanian economy.

Image (L-R): Steve Scott - GM Rosebery and Jeremy Rockliff - Premier of Tasmania

AusIMM Student event

MMG Rosebery attended a AusIMM Tasmanian Student Chapter 'Mining Minds Mixer' event in Hobart.

Senior Manager Development, Kevin Robinson and Manager Environment, Community and Closure Adam Pandelis spoke to students about the importance of diversity and inclusion, job opportunities in mining, tips on entering the workforce and the benefits of working in the mining industry.



Image (L-R): Chris Winskill - CRA-Projects, Steve Scott - GM and Adam Pandelis - Manager Environment, Community and Closure.

Vinnies Sleepout

MMG's Rosebery Mine threw its support behind the Vinnies CEO Sleepout at Burnie.

The event, organised by Not-For-Profit Family Based Care Tasmania, raised \$6,000 to help break the cycle of homelessness. The money raised will go directly to the local Vinnies organisation.

The Vinnie's Food Van provided soup and sandwiches for those sleeping over and their representatives spoke about their work with the homeless and the number of meals they had provided during the week.

MMG Rosebery is pleased to be able to support important fundraising efforts across our local communities.

Future You Study Hub Careers Expo

The Study Hub West Coast showcased local careers and opportunities to 120 local students as part of the Spring into Education and Employment Expo last month.

The MMG Survey and Environment teams displayed the drone technology used for underground mapping and offered advice about career options in mining.



Image: (L-R) Adam Pandelis, Michael Crawford, Superintendent Environmental Projects and Luke Czaban, Senior Surveyer.

Reminder



Round 2 of MMG Rosebery Sponsorship closes on 30 September, with a review of applications by the Rosebery Community Consultative Committee at the end of October. Funding will be delivered at the end of 2024 for 2025. Please contact Jill Richardson, Community Liaison Co-ordinator, Ph: 1800 767 664 or Email: jill.richardson@mmg.com.

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Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area access upgrades complete

Works to replace the Cassiterite Creek Bridge as well as repair and upgrade shack node roads in the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area are complete.

Minister for Parks and Environment, Nick Duigan, said the bridge is now open and will provide ongoing secure access to the historic mining town of Balfour for residents and visitors to the area.

"The new bridge, which was cast in Ulverstone and installed by Hazell Bros, has a 100-year lifespan and its load capacity has increased to modern standards as a result of the works," Minister Duigan said.

"The replacement also allows continued access by Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service staff so they can maintain this area, which holds natural and historical value.

"Additionally, upgrades to improve shack node roads in the Arthur-Pieman region are now complete, including vegetation clearing, new road culverts and re-gravelling, with new safety and advisory signage planned to be installed. These works supported the regional economy through the engagement of local contractors including sourcing materials from local quarries.

"The bridge replacement and road maintenance works represent a

\$900,000 investment from the \$10 million Tasmanian Government commitment to support sustainable recreational off-road vehicle opportunities in the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area, and the wider West Coast region.

"An important part of our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future is to continue to build on Tasmania's reputation as a world-leading tourism destination, highlight Tasmania's unique experiences, and ensure that the visitor economy continues to have a positive impact on Tasmania's environment, economy, and way of life.

"The Tasmanian Government acknowledges how special the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area is, containing outstanding natural values and part of the Western Tasmania Aboriginal Cultural Landscape National Heritage Place. Ensuring access and maintenance of roads in the region is important to enabling safe and sustainable enjoyment of this area by Tasmanians and visitors."

Arthur-Pieman Conservation Management Committee Chair, Lochie Avery, welcomed the upgrades.

"As part of our role in representing the local community, we have worked closely with the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service to support the delivery

of improvements to shack node roads, providing safer access for the community to key areas of the APCA," Mr Avery said.

"It was great to see upgrades to a range of areas, including West Point, Bluff Hill, Airerys Roads, Nelson Bay, Sarah Anne and Couta Rocks."

For more information on the Off Road Vehicle Project, visit the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service website: Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area and West Coast Off-Road Vehicle Project | Parks & Wildlife Service Tasmania



Bridges, old (above) and new (below)



PressWEST's 'Mass equals Pigment' Art Workshop

There is a new book rolling out by the author/historian Lou Rae. The book is titled 'The Lost Province'. The new volume is a compendium of mining developments on the West Coast of Tasmania.

It's a story of prospecting, sifting, washing, digging, exploding & tunnelling the rocky, mineralised ground. The story of an 'expanding field' of glittering, shining, pigmented and precious



textures.

PressWEST's recent workshop (23-25 August) aimed to encourage all participants to engage with these concepts and reflect on them with specific materials. There are both qualities of beauty and concepts of the abject toxic possibly in this gritty 'expanded field'. There is a

sense of refinement in the forging, extruding and polishing of material. There is also a giving up to chance, possibly the chaotic, in the kaleidoscopic rearrangement of the materials.

'Value adding' is a buzz phrase for government but in its simplest form it was a mantra for artists attending this workshop in Queenstown. Take something and do something with it!

UTAS Field placement student with PressWEST Jane Addison commented on her experiences: 'A field trip to Mt Jukes mine and the inspiration of Tasmanian artists sparked learning, experimentation and enthralling art making on a winter weekend at the Mass Equals Pigment workshop at PressWEST.

With an invitation to experiment and iterate, a group of 18 participants worked with artists Penny Mason, David Marsden, Emma Magnusson Reid and Michael Muruste to produce a large collaborative piece combining indi-

vidual inspirations, interpretations and experiments.



Together we carried a big sheet of paper to the Mt Jukes mine and ventured deep into the mountain, leaving the paper to the elements. Soaked with rain, ochres and inks, the paper became the basis for a collaborative work that evolved over the weekend. Drawing on the experiences, artefacts and stories of the landscape and its geological and human history, participants produced a beautiful and diverse collection of relief prints, watercolour paintings, Suminagashi, collages and drawings.

Great company, conversation, food and the generosity of those sharing their work, stories and enthusiasm to get on with making made it a fabulous weekend. More to come at the next workshop in October. The Mass Equals Pigment workshop was supported with an exhibition, attended by participants and members of the Queenstown community'.



Taking a spin around the state

World'Spin in Public' day will be held on Saturday, 14th September, 2024.



Throughout the world, this day is celebrated to remind us of the artisans who were instrumental in laying some of the heritage foundations of modern civilization, the spinners.

This is evident in the abundant use of thread in our personal lives, homes, industry and beyond.

Throughout Australia, groups known as Guilds, of women and men meet to practice the many skills and techniques involved in spinning, with ongoing interest shown within communities of people wishing to learn the art and craft of spinning.

Guild members are only too pleased to mentor, not only adults, but also welcome young girls and boys. Members

within the guild may also be proficient in weaving, dyeing of fibres felt, making, knitting and crochet, far from a dying craft and art.

We have 27 hand Weaver spinners and dyers groups around our state of Tasmania, predominantly wool is spun, but also alpaca, possum silk, cotton, mohair and flax, wallaby and baby camel. However, other fibres are now available, including some made from banana, seaweed, rose bush, bamboo, nettle, corn, wood, tinsel and hemp.

There are other fibres to which we have access, and some of the preceding is spun also with wool. Currently in far north Queensland, the fibres from coconuts are being spun. Here in Tasmania, Guild members are fortunate to have access to superfine Merino and other high-quality fleece.

World 'Spin in Public' day will be celebrated in parks and other venues around the state. We have been fortunate here in Zeehan to be able to set up our spinning wheels under cover outside the Western Echo office at 127 main street Zeehan, opposite the museum.

In addition, we will have a portable, modern loom with us and our two-meter high, freestanding replica of a stone

weighed ancient Jewish loom made by local spinner, Rob Pearn with unmilled local timber. This loom has no nails, screws or glue used in its construction and well worth viewing. We will be spinning from 10.15am, to 2:30pm on Saturday 14 September, subject to weather conditions, namely wind, and

we'll have an extra spinning wheel and loom with us for anyone who would like to share the experience of times, embedded in ancient history.

**Stratie Stratford-Pearn - Co-ordinator
Wild West Coast Branch
Hand Weavers, Spinners and Dyers
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MTB trails open again

TRAIL UPDATE: After an epic effort from our trail crew and volunteers, all West Coast MTB trails are now open. However with windy conditions still forecast and a lot of saturated soil, please be mindful of falling trees and report any issues to West Coast Council on 03 6471 4700

Some minor clean up still needs to take place but we're stoked to get you back out there and hoping for some magic spring conditions soon.



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UTAS update September 2024

It's a busy time of year for anyone involved in education as the school and University year starts to gather pace.

University students are working hard on assessments before the final exam period is upon them. Children's University members are also completing extracurricular activities to gather their final points for graduation.

So many fantastic events have been taking place this year on the West Coast and we still have lots to go in 2024!

Recent Events:

Investing in knowledge can pay off – Future You Expo a success!

Study Hub West Coast, The University of Tasmania and their numerous stakeholders, West Coast industry, Defence, first responders, schools, and other community representatives together hosted 167 children for the Future You expo! We received great feedback on the event and this year it was wonderful to have our upper primary schools involved. There were lots of interactive opportunities and fun science and maths activities as well as learning more about our oldest living culture. There was so much for children to take in on the day, from fun STEM activities, learning about careers they may never have thought of, to the plethora of courses you can study at university and through numerous other pathways such as Tafe, traineeships and apprenticeships. The MMG drones were a total hit but, most of all, the opportunities for future learning and career opportunities really highlighted what you can do on the West Coast as well as away from home.

Thank you to all who were involved in the event and made this a really successful day.

Telescopes, Science and fun - West Coast Space Show

What a blast this tour was – our West Coast Space Show highlighted so many things about space, the wonder of the night sky, and just how much space junk is really up there! Attendees were able to see and touch space artefacts, including meteorites and Darwin glass sourced from meteorite impacts to the earth, as well as learning so much about our amazing solar system and beyond. We will again host our fab scientific duo Mars and Paris at the upcoming free entry open day at West Coast Heritage Museum on Thursday 10 October 2024 – don't miss the chance to chat to them about space and science - and how you

can explore it right here on the West Coast!

Community session and school visits for Young Tassie Scientists

Once again, our Young Tassie Scientists took the West Coast schools by storm, and they also squeezed in time for a fun community event at Queenstown Library. Thank you so much to the University of Tasmania Science outreach team and in particular our Young Tassie Scientists, James, Katy, Jared and Sadhani for making time to visit the West Coast. We know it's a whirlwind, but we love having you visit!

Water testing and healthy harbour chat – Strahan Primary

Our wonderful Earth science team combined with Cradle Coast NRM (Healthy Harbour Project) to undertake an outreach activity with Strahan Primary school recently. It was great to see the interest and engagement by these students (photo below), in why the health of the harbour is so important and why water testing is integral to ensuring a healthy environment for aquatic life and the many species that live in the harbour. Thanks so much to our Lecturer in Environmental Geology Dr Owen Missen, Pratichee Mondal one of our enthusiastic PhD students, and Jason Cullen from Cradle Coast NRM's Healthy Harbour Project Team, who spoke to children about the endangered Maugean Skate, its captive breeding program and lots more about the aquatic environment of Macquarie Harbour. In particular, we would all like to thank the wonderful students, Principal and staff from Strahan Primary – it was such a pleasure to host for this event and to also obtain some local knowledge from the students about their impressive home environment.

Upcoming events:

School Holidays Term 3 - West Coast Heritage Museum Open Day – Thursday 10th October!

Don't miss the free Open Day at West Coast Heritage Museum, lots of activities and a free BBQ lunch!

Healthfest West is coming to Queenstown – Sat 19th October 2024 – STAY TUNED!

If you want to know more about learning and education opportunities on the West Coast, contact - belinda.martin@utas.edu.au

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Who's who at the Galley Museum

Each month we'll be introducing you to some of the wonderful volunteers from the Galley Museum in Queenstown.

RALPH BURNS

After finishing work and volunteering with various other organisations Ralph got a bit stir crazy at home and started volunteering at the Galley Museum fifteen years ago.

"I look forward to my shifts each week, one is with my daughter which is great," Ralph said. "Along the journey I have worked with wonderful people and made many lifelong friends. If you're thinking about volunteering, do it. You won't regret it."

As the oldest volunteer amongst the team, Ralph loves to share stories of his life on the West Coast, from growing up in Gormanston to working for many years at Mt Lyell mine.

Ralph doesn't have a favourite room amongst the over 25 in the museum, enjoying them all as they each have story to tell about the West Coast.



JULIE MASSEY-ROSS

Julie loves the beauty, remote quality and community of the West Coast and started volunteering at the Galley Museum soon after moving to Queenstown over a year ago.

A writer of poetry and prose, Julie has created miracles in the museum Reading Room, spending time sorting a plethora of materials from maps and photographs to reports and newspaper articles.

Julie's volunteering work is a fine example of the flexibility offered to the museum volunteers, where she is able to dedicate time when she is able and in an area she is passionate about.



STAN BURNS

After working at Mt Lyell Mine for forty-six years sitting at home was not an option for Stan, who started volunteering at the Galley Museum over ten years ago when the mine closed.

Stan has served as President of the volunteer management committee and is often seen up a ladder painting or repairing something that needs some tlc.

"I look forward to my two four-hour shifts at the "Galley" each week," Stan said. "To everyone who is looking for a change, please consider the "Galley."

Stan's favourite rooms amongst the over 25 in the museum is the "War Room" located on the first floor, which recognizes all our heroes, including Vietnam Veterans.



LEIGH PETTY

A long-time Queenstown resident, Leigh is a trained mechanic who worked for many years at Mt Lyell Mine.

Leigh is well-known in the community for being a long-serving Lions Club volunteer and is one of the newest volunteers at the Galley Museum.

"I enjoy meeting people and had a few hours free each week and thought it would be good to help at the Museum to do my bit to help keep it open," Leigh said.

As a new volunteer Leigh was mentored to learn the ropes and now has his own regular shift and also offers to cover shifts when other volunteers aren't available.





MACQUARIE HARBOUR UPDATE



Conservation ecologist Barry Brook

Scientist Calls for Revised Predictions on Maugean Skate Population

Predictions regarding the decline of the endangered Maugean skate in Macquarie Harbour have been overstated, and further research is urgently required to guide conservation efforts more accurately, according to a University of Tasmania scientist.

Conservation ecologist Barry Brook, commissioned by Salmon Tasmania, reviewed existing projections of the skate's population over the coming decades.

In a letter to Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek, Professor Brook emphasised the need for more comprehensive research to provide a clearer outlook on the skate's future.

Brook noted that the 2023 Population Viability Analysis (PVA) of the Maugean

skate was hampered due to a methodology that may have exaggerated the projected decline in population.

"My analysis found that the reported outcomes from this modelling were essentially 'baked in' by the choices made when selecting the baseline parameters for the 2023 PVA," he said.

"This meant it was not predictive, and did not allow for proper assessment of either the causes of decline or the likely impact of conservation-management interventions.

In essence, Professor Brook argued that the outcomes of the 2023 PVA were predetermined and unreliable for drawing firm conclusions about the skate's future. He stressed the need to overhaul the entire process to ensure a more accurate and effective conservation plan for the species.

Brook recommended that the federal government fund two workshops to refine the population forecasts and conservation strategies.

Macquarie Harbour Oxygenation Project

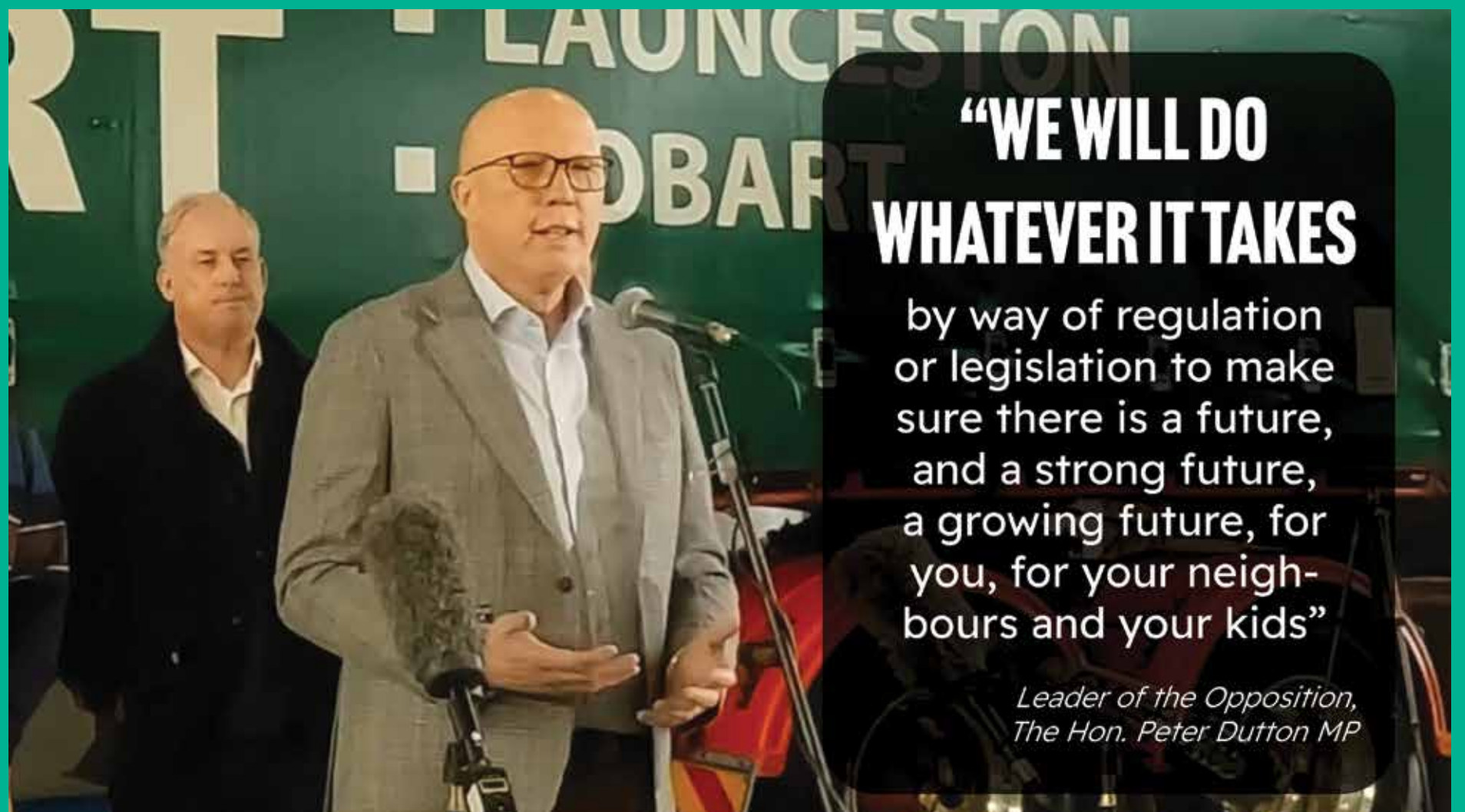
The University of Tasmania recently announced that the Macquarie Harbour Oxygenation Project had successfully delivered and retained oxygen at depth, a development expected to benefit the Maugean skate.

"The loads and scale of delivery and effect are now quite significant, especially in the context of potentially improving bottom-water dissolved oxygen levels in target areas that are important Maugean skate habitat, and for offsetting the estimated demands of salmon aquaculture," IMAS Associate Professor Jeff Ross said.

On August 30, Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Peter Dutton MP joined salmon workers in North West Tasmania so show his strong support for our industry.

Minister Dutton addressed a rally of salmon industry workers at DeBruyn Transport in Wesley Vale where he made it clear that he would do whatever it takes to ensure salmon farming continues to have a strong future in Macquarie Harbour.

Scan the QR code to watch



"WE WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES

by way of regulation or legislation to make sure there is a future, and a strong future, a growing future, for you, for your neighbours and your kids"

Leader of the Opposition, The Hon. Peter Dutton MP

STUDY HUB UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2024

What a miserable start to SPRING! This wild weather really threw everyone for a six as we battled through a grueling few days of no power, no internet, downed trees and powerlines. Finally the sun shone and power was restored – YAY! The Study Hub was utilized by West Coast Council as an emergency relief centre. They kindly booted up a generator and the Study Hub provided refuge to those without power – enabling people to charge their phones, grab a cuppa, have hot soup and toasties, and take a shower!

August was an exciting month for us! The Future YOU Expo in Zeehan for grades 5-10 was really successful with 120+ students entering the Study Hub over two sessions. We had 17 exhibitors and some fantastic interactive activities. Many thanks to our local exhibitors and those who travelled from far and wide to support the expo on our West Coast.

It was a fantastic day and we look forward to doing it all again next year with a different theme.

In mid-August, Nicky, our Regional Manager and Tony from our Smithton site travelled to Coffs Harbour for a Regional University Study Hub Symposium and National Conference for Regional, Rural and Remote Education. Though we took miserable rain with us, we joined colleagues representing Study Hubs across Australia, universities, VET and school sectors to share knowledge, skills and experiences gained through our diverse local communities. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase education access and opportunities for people living in regional, rural and remote Australia.

We even presented at the Symposium, showcasing our West Coast Childcare initiative. Other Study Hubs were really interested in what we were doing and

perhaps they will be able to address their community child care needs using our blueprint with their own unique twist.

The key takeaways from this conference were how united we all are in raising education aspiration; how creatively and innovatively we are identifying and addressing barriers to learning. It was so inspiring to be surrounded by passionate individuals who collectively and collaboratively are committed to driving positive change in education by empowering regional communities with greater access to education.

We are also excited to announce that we have become part of the Australian Learning Communities Network (ALCN). This is exciting because it's part of a bigger picture of connecting learners, communities and learning partners globally. Eventually we would like to incorporate the broader West Coast community as Learning Neighbourhoods and create a Lifelong Learning Festival.

We offer huge congratulations to two graduating students - Jessica from UTAS and Pauline from Murdoch Uni

. Well done ladies, you are such inspirations in our community. We wish you every success in your future careers!

Thinking about studying or are you a current student? We would love to support you through your study – please contact us.

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Belinda – belinda.martin@utas.edu.au



Tassie contingent at conference

parkrun at Zeehan going strong

Zeehan Golf Club parkrun started on 10th February 2024.

Since then 419 participants have completed 628 parkruns covering a total distance of 3,140 km, including 83 new Personal Bests.

A total of 77 individuals have volunteered 239 times.

We are continuing to get strong interstate interest with 3 Sydney-siders coming to complete their Alphabets!

Event is on each and every Saturday at 9:00am at Zeehan Golf Club!

Go to www.parkrun.com.au to sign up!

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PIN DESIGN COMPETITION

Calling West Coast locals and those with a strong connection to West Coast Wilderness Railway. Help us celebrate 125 years of Regatta Point Station!

In November 1899, Marion Sticht hammered the very last dog spike into the line at Regatta Point Station. Help us celebrate this milestone achievement of innovation and perseverance by designing a lapel pin. West Coast Wilderness Railway will fund the creation of two winning designs into a collectable lapel pin, to be sold during the month-long celebrations.

Your simple design should represent what the railway means to you, either in the past or present and be submitted by mail along with the entry form. Designs to be submitted by Friday 20th September and winners will be announced on Friday 4th October. One adult and one child winner will be chosen.

Grab your entry form and more information from the Queenstown or Strahan Stations, or scan the QR code.

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BOOK WEEK COSTUMES

One of our costume winners dressed as the Rainbow Fish!



BOOK WEEK COSTUMES

Every year we are seeing more elaborate costumes! We are particularly impressed with the home-made ones!



CHICKEN SOUP

Was a terrific winter-warmer to have some Chicken Soup for lunch recently! Thanks Miss Sharon for putting this together!



TEACHER ASSISTANTS

National Teacher Assistant Day was celebrated at ZPS recently! We very much appreciate their input with supporting student outcomes!



ZPS BOOK FAIR

After a long hiatus, the ZPS Book Fair was back this year! Thank you to families who supported this fundraiser!



UTAS-STUDY HUB CAREER EXPO

Students in 456 were able to see what career opportunities exist for them at the Career Expo, hosted at the Study Hub here in Zeehan.



TRIVIA AFTERNOON

Thank you to our School Association Committee for running an exciting afternoon of Kids Trivia! Was great to have everyone together for this fun occasion!



STADIUM CRICKET

John House has been visiting West Coast Schools to introduce Stadium Cricket, an inclusive, all-ages and abilities and all-weather variant of the game of cricket!



Book Week Dress-Up

Students at RDS celebrated the magic of reading by dressing up as a character from a book of their choice.

Congratulations to Dixie and Kayden for being nominated for best dressed. At the end of the day, students participated in a whole school scavenger hunt. Students worked in teams to solve the hints and find the book characters who were hiding around the school.



Pyjama Day

Students at RDS wore pyjamas at school to raise funds for the Pyjama Foundation. The school raised a total of \$68.80



Future You - Zeehan Study Hub

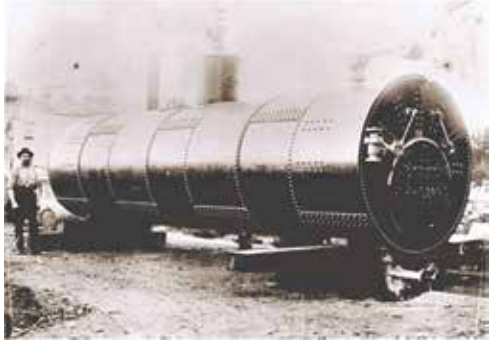
Students from RDS in grades 5-10 were given the opportunity to learn about potential pathways for their future. Students were able to learn about what the day to day experiences may be like for employees. Blaine thought, it was good to see the potential pathways for different career choices. There are so many options for all of us which is exciting for our future.



Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

SON OF ZEEHAN MINE INSPECTOR DIES IN TRAMWAY ACCIDENT.

The citizens of Zeehan awoke on the morning of Friday, 17 February 1899, to the dreadful news that overnight Edward Bawden had been killed, another man badly maimed, and several others injured, all caused by a burst of steam at the New Mount Zeehan mine. Mine Manager Mathew Hosking was the grievously injured man and he passed away in the hospital at 9:15a.m. that morning.



Edward Bawden had been born in Cornwall in 1857, and had lived in Australia for 17 years, and Zeehan about eight months. His death had been instantaneous, as the jet of steam was found to have passed right through his body. One terrible aspect of the incident was the manner in which his two daughters, aged 16 and 18, first heard about his death. It was Bawden's very first shift at the mine, and his daughters prepared his supper for just after midnight, his anticipated finishing time. When he didn't arrive, and thinking their father was working a double shift, they went to bed. A little after 6 o'clock the next morning they got up to welcome him home, only to read of his sudden demise in the daily newspaper which had just been delivered!

Mathew Hosking was also a Cornwall na-

tive, and had been a resident of Zeehan for seven years. He was a Justice of the Peace, and was also heavily involved in the A.M.A., the Mine Managers' Association, the Loyal Orange Lodge, and the Primitive Methodist Church.

The New Mount Zeehan Mine was situated right in the heart of Zeehan, near the Frank Long memorial.

An inquiry was held that afternoon at the Hospital before coroner Mr E.L. Hall, a jury of seven, lawyers for the mining company and for the A.M.A., and James Harrison, Inspector of Mines.

The inquiry heard from three witnesses – William Richardson, Thomas Grubb and Christopher Hooper about the incident, and from William Calder about its aftermath and recovering the casualties.

Thomas Grubb, working mate of Bawden, said they were both about to knock off when Hosking called them over to assist. There was a loose pin on one of the safety valves of the boiler, and they attempted to bypass the valve by holding it down with four men leaning on two separate levers. Two attempts were made to put the pin in its place. On the third attempt after about two or three seconds a terrible explosion of steam took place. Grubb later saw Mr Hosking about 20 yards away from the boiler, and he was in a terrible condition. Hosking said he thought he was done for.

William Richardson, engine driver, said he did not examine the boiler to see if everything was right when he started his shift, but he thought that even if he had he would not have noticed the loose pin. It was only later on in his shift that he noticed the pin was loose. It was not possible for him to knock the pin into its place by himself.

He saw Mr Hosking and explained things

to him, and witness suggested the holding of the valve. Mr Hosking was the person who ordered the levers to be used. He remembered attempting to replace the pin and then nothing afterwards. At the time he thought it was safe to hold the valve down. He had changed his mind because two men were dead. He wished to God he had raked the fires out instead.

Christopher Hooper, engine driver, said he lit the fire in the boiler about 2 o'clock. It was his duty to inspect the boiler after firing, but that day he was too busy to have a proper look. He would have cut the boiler off and drawn the fire if he had discovered that the pin was out of place.

In reviewing the evidence Coroner Hall said the accident had not happened because of the loose pin, but from the method used to replace it. The engine driver admitted that one of his duties was to make an inspection on taking charge of the engine, and he had told Mr Hosking that he thought they could fix it without shutting the boiler down. If the jury thought the driver was reckless in adopting the means used without taking precautionary measures he was, in his opinion, responsible for the fatality.

After three quarters of an hour the jury returned their verdict which was condensed by the coroner to the following - "That the deceased came to his death through the negligence of the Mine Manager (Matthew Hosking)." The censuring of the engine drivers was added as a rider.

The funerals of the two men took place on the following Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., with about 3,000 mourners, by far the largest attended funeral at Zeehan to that date. The Rev. J. Williams officiated both at the Primitive Methodist Church, and at the cemetery, where they were buried side by side.



After the church service, the Rev. Brother Heath read the impressive burial service of the Loyal Orange Lodge, the comrades of the deceased standing around the graves in a circle with two vacant places. The grave sites are known but neither has a headstone.

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



Dinosaurs to Deloreans

Work is very much underway on the newest series of dioramas at Western Echoes in Main Street, Zeehan and this one sees dinosaurs and cave people all throughout the first scene. The dinosaurs will lead into ancient Egypt, then the Roman Empire, Vikings, knights, the Wild West, the 50's, the space race, both world wars and maybe even world war three and the aftermath. The whole thing will be over 20 metres long and full of quirky things to discover. Think Daleks, Bugs Bunny, the Flint-

stones, zombies and much, much more. Running through the entire timeline will be the Delorean from Back to the Future (I have to paint another Delorean because my dog ate the first one). This huge diorama will take quite some time to finish so in the meantime I am working on a 4.5m model layout with trains, cars and planes for you all to come in and play with very soon.. This is all lots of fun and I get to play with toys everyday. Does it get any better than that?



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Opposite the Heritage Centre museum in Zeehan
Entry is FREE



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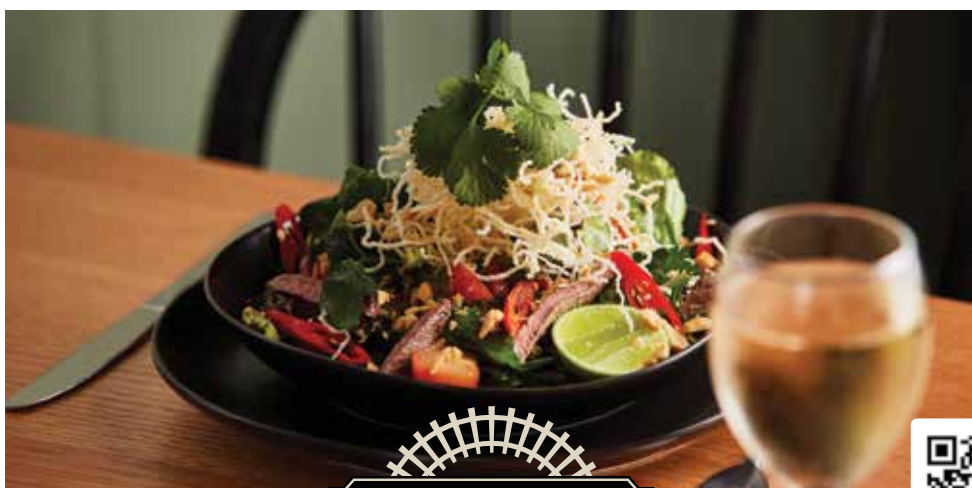


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New shop opening in Zeehan!

Zeehan's newest shop will be opening on Saturday 14th September at 10am. This will be the Animal Welfare Centre op shop and is full of brand new gift lines as well as second hand items. Call in and see what you can find!
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SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER FATHER'S DAY!	SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER MAKERS & CREATORS	SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER LOCAL & VISITING STALLHOLDERS
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Zeehan Primary School Market

The school will host a market on 14th September 2024 from 10am to 2pm, in the school stadium to help raise funds for the Grade 456 camp excursion to Hobart.

As part of the event, students will sell baked goods at a stall, a sausage sizzle will operate outside, as well as a garage sale of surplus school equipment from the bus shed.

The school has received donations to be used as prizes at the event and are willing to accept further donations for this purpose.

Students are seeking support from families of the Grade 456 class to cook or contribute to the market event in any way they can.

The market will operate with help and support from the Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre.

Enquiries regarding market stalls can be made through Kayla Ling, on 6471 6108.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

September 2024

ARE YOU OK?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FATHERS DAY	2 PANTRY	3 PLAYGROUP	4 PANTRY/HAMPER	5 COMMUNITY LUNCH	6	7
ADULT LEARNING WEEK			ADULT LEARNING WEEK		ADULT LEARNING WEEK	
8	9 PANTRY	10 PLAYGROUP	11 PANTRY/HAMPER	12 COMMUNITY LUNCH 'R U OK DAY'	13	14 GARDEN WORKING BEE 11AM SOUP LUNCH PROVIDED
15	16 PANTRY PRIDE COFFEE	17 Closing at 2pm PLAYGROUP	18 Closing at 2pm PANTRY/HAMPER NO CENTRELINK SERVICES	19 Closing at 2pm	20	21 ROSEBERY MARKETS 11AM - 3 PM ROSEBERY HALL
22	23 PANTRY	24 PLAYGROUP	25 PANTRY/HAMPER	26 COMMUNITY LUNCH A.G.M.	27	28 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN
29	30 PANTRY	1 COMMUNITY LUNCH MENU: 5 th : Beef stew & Bread & Butter Pudding, 12 th : Lasagna & Black Forest Gateau, 26 th : Silverside & Vegetables & Cheesecake				
6	7	Notes UP COMING EVENTS OCTOBER: Kids Club School Holiday Program, Mental Health Week, HIPPIY Birthday Street Party, Anti-Poverty Week, Children's Week, and Halloween				

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WE PLAY NETBALL

GRAND FINAL - FLAMES VS PANTHERS

Photos by Alan Jennison

Flames & Panthers battled it out all season to become the two top teams to compete in Zeehan Netball Association marvellous show

Each quarter was filled with extraordinary ball skills and flexibility to defend leaving the crowd looking left to right every second

Goal for goal quarters, Flames rising up by 2 only for Panthers to quickly fire back and leave the scores as equal for a majority of the game

The last minute came fast and as the final whistle blew teams were left in suspense A tie, even, it's a draw !!!

The crowd went wild, the players were a nervous wreck

Extra time needed to played and what a spectacular ending to an amazing season it was

Flames taking out our 2024 season Winning by 1 point - the stadium erupted with cheer

Well done Flames

Well done Panthers

Our season would not be what it is without the teams and their players so massive shout out to Clueless & Sapphires on your awesome sportsmanship & efforts making our 2024 season one to remember

The committee would like to thank Ochre Health for their support, The Heemskirk Hotel, Zeehan Primary, Morrisons Huon Pine Sawmill and the Western Echo- All volunteers & umpires and most importantly all players and their families



WE PLAY NETBALL

GRAND FINAL - FLAMES VS PANTHERS

Photos by Alan Jennison



The crowd was on the edge of their... seat?



WE PLAY JUNIOR NETBALL

GRAND FINAL

Photos by Alan Jennison

Zeehan Junior netball 2024 has proven that we have what it takes to make it big in the sporting world

This season we saw 4 teams battle it each week to make it to the final show down , team blue had the ability to rise to the Grand proving to us all that we should never give up - Darbby Bennett made outstanding passes and intercepts leaving the crowd in awe , Makayla Lloyd should be very proud of her efforts and sportsmanship as she took out her team best award

Jaxx Armstrong played an amazing game , defending to the best of his stretching ability along side him Sydney Grey helped push team Green over the finish line and take out the Win -winning by 5 goals (16-11)

Heidi Gallagher could not wipe the smile off her face when she won Best & Fairest for the season and she deserves that glory , she played each game with courage , strength and the determination of a true winner

Zach Smith equally as brilliant taking out runner up

Team Red pushed through the season on equal fields with team yellow , Skyla Ling & Peyton Smith making it hard for opposite teams to score

All up a fantastic effort by each and every one who played in this comp

A massive thank you to everybody for their support , taking your time to travel from all over our beautiful west coast and to Ochre Health for your support

We try to make this event free for all kids so without help from these local businesses , it can be challenging.

Thank you once again...
See you all next time.

Coaches
Aleisha Maskell & Jess Bonner

