



WESTERN ECHO

Wynyard, Sister's Beach, Stanley, Smithton, Marrawah, Waratah, Tullah, Rosebery, Zeehan, Strahan and Queenstown - The West's own newspaper

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Turn right in Tasmania!

For over three years now the Western Echo newspaper has been covering the West Coast region of Tasmania, but we are ramping things up.

A LOT!

With the closure of the Circular Head Chronicle and the Wynyard Pulse newspapers the Western Echo has extended our coverage area to include Burnie, Wynyard and all areas to the West and South.

BUT IT GETS EVEN BETTER!

We have decided to include the City of Burnie, and will have the Echo at the airport each month and, from this edition onwards we will have the Western Echo Newspaper available on TT Line's Spirit one and two every month as well as hire cars statewide from two companies (so far).

To that end, from this edition on we will be running a 'Turn Right' campaign to reach visitors coming to Tasmania and suggest they 'Turn Right' to the Northwest and West Coast region when they leave the TT lines ferries and the Launceston airport.

This will truly be a game-changer for not only the Western Echo, but businesses that rely on interstate tourists and visitors to our amazing state as well as those visitors themselves.

We did consider having separate sections for each region in the paper but decided against it, and have mixed up stories and articles from each area to try and bring all the communities that little bit closer together (this was the original aim of the Western Echo when we started).

Inside these pages you will find all sorts of stories including some from people who are travelling or have travelled to the western parts of Tasmania.

There are also stories about the state's amazing history, sporting events, festivals, clubs and organisations and, due to many requests, we now have a crossword and a kid's page.

There is more to come though, and we are looking into a weddings section as well as revamped 'What's On', 'Who can Help', 'Where to Shop' and 'Where to Stay' sections. We will also be featuring different towns and what they can offer in each edition, so stay tuned for that.

You may have noticed the font size in the Echo is bigger, and we have fewer columns than most newspapers. This has received many positive comments from those who find it a bit hard reading lots of text.

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Turn right in Tasmania

Continued from front page

We have increased print numbers from the original 3000 to 12,000 papers monthly (and expect this to increase still further). Our new coverage area is west from Burnie and Wynyard to Marrawah, including Smithton, Stanley, Sisters Beach, Boat Harbour etc. and the West Coast towns of Waratah, Queenstown, Strahan, Zeehan, Rosebery and Tullah.

The Western Echo is a monthly, FREE print newspaper that is available to read or download from our website www.westernecho.news

We would also love to hear about your trip to the western regions of Tasmania so we can share them in following editions.. Please see the contact details at left.

Don't forget, we also welcome 'Letters to the Editor' so if you have a gripe,

grievance or better yet, want to congratulate someone, or share a happy west coast experience we would love to print it for you.

We would like to know what you think of the Western Echo, and you can either comment on Facebook or email alan@westernecho.news and let us know your thoughts.

I once had an older fellow come up to me and say "Love the paper mate, it's a great toilet read."

I took that as a huge compliment but it really doesn't matter where you read it, I just hope you enjoy it.

Let's have fun within these pages, after all... this is YOUR newspaper!

Alan Jennison - Editor

Letters to the editor..

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

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

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Dear Editor,

Something must be done to stop greedy farmers from stealing water from the creeks, dams, and rivers in Circular Head. The unchecked use of bore water to fill massive dams is devastating the local environment and threatening the livelihoods of residents like myself.

I rely on Barcoo Creek for essential household water and fire safety, but last year, the creek that runs through my property dried up completely. This left me in a dangerous position during fire season and caused the tragic loss of wildlife—including platypuses, small fish, eels, lizards, and frogs. These ecosystems are being wiped out, and yet government authorities have ignored my repeated requests for intervention. Despite being assured that someone from Rivers and Waters or another department would investigate this theft, nothing has been done.

Even worse, my neighbour's actions appear to be a deliberate attempt to force me off my land by cutting off my water supply. As an Indigenous widow in my seventies, this should be classified as corporate bullying, elder abuse, and racial discrimination.

I have been reliably informed that a bore can deplete water from both above

and below ground within a 20-kilometre radius. From what I am experiencing, this is proving to be true. How long will authorities allow this theft to continue? Will it take a disaster before someone takes action?

I urge the relevant government departments to step in immediately and enforce fair water distribution before more lives—human and animal—are destroyed.

Sincerely, Valerie Blake

To the Editor,

Interesting to read PWS state fire manager Katy Edward boasting about the controlled burns that they had carried out before the wildfires. Controlled burns at Zeehan have done nothing to reduce the current excessive fuel loads around Zeehan. The burns were done on the wrong side of town again, when will the PWS ever get it right all the major fuel loads are situated at the north west end approach to Zeehan and we have pine forests and acres upon acres of gorse in the town. The recent fire that threatened Zeehan approached the town from the north west and the fire burnt through forest and over ground that was burnt in the previous fire that also threatened the town only 6 years ago as like the 1982 fire and

the 1978 fire. The 1981 fire was a lot different, it made it into town. The real reason why the recent fire didn't reach town is because of a sudden wind shift, we were very lucky again. It appears that the PWS are more focused on protecting the forests than protecting the towns.

Grant Hodge Zeehan.

Dear Editor,

RECYCLING BINS ON THE WEST COAST

I do really appreciate that over time the West Coast Council has been working to bring in more recycling options in our region, to bring us up to modern expectations and standards regarding the issue, this is particularly appreciated given our low rate payer base and the financial situation. It is though, disappointing that our current yellow topped wheelie bins for recycling have to be paid for if you want one, that really is no encouragement to recycle, but as WCC forges ahead I look forward to the day all households will automatically get a yellow bin.

In the meantime there is I assume a cheaper fix and an easier way to encourage recycling, this would be an upgrade to our on street rubbish bins. It seems to me that those lovely shiny yellow and red topped bins on Strahan Esplanade are only there as some sort of PR exercise to make the tourists see us as a caring clean and tidy region. When the reality is that as soon as you go to any other west coast

town we just have the standard mixed rubbish street bins. Maybe it's time for the council to brighten up our streets and place a yellow topped recycling bin next to the general rubbish bins. It'll be a good way to encourage good habits as well as making sure all west coast towns give the good impression of ourselves that Strahan does already.

S.Farr, Zeehan

Dear editor,

on behalf of the Country Women's Association in Tasmania Inc, we would like to commend General Manager Scott Riley on coming to the table to offer a way forward and solutions to our Strahan CWA branch, when circumstances beyond anyones control happened recently.

Scotts willingness to listen and suggest a way forward and engage, not just the CWA branch, but all key stakeholders in the nearly completed sports complex, helped immensely. We were pleased to de-escalate the situation, through no fault of Council or the Strahan branch of CWA but simply lack of communication from a third party.

Congratulations to the Strahan community on the new facility and your continued support for CWA.

Lucy Murfet
North-West Group President
CWA in Tasmania Inc



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Ex West Coaster, MP visits old stamping ground



Investing in new innovations and support for the region's main industries were the focus of Tasmanian Labor MPs' visit to the West Coast recently.

State Labor leader Dean Winter joined local Braddon MPs Anita Dow and Shane Broad to visit towns and local businesses across the region.

A highlight of the trip was a visit to Renison Mine, the largest tin producer in Australia.

Dr Broad, who is Labor's resources spokesman, said Renison operator Blue-

stone Mines Tasmania Joint Venture was doing exciting things.

"The Rentails project is particularly exciting. This would be a massive project that aims to recover tin and copper from the tailings stored on site," he said.

"This is a project that would help clean up an environmental legacy while recovering valuable metals and creating jobs. A real win-win."

Renison has been a key part of the West Coast economy for more than 130 years and its waste storage forms one of

largest tin deposits in the nation.

"The mine employs approximately 500 people including contractors," Dr Broad said.

"Innovative ideas like the Rentails project will make sure the mine operation remains strong into the future.

"We were really excited to hear about the plans for one of the big employers in the region," Dr Broad said.

The visit was an opportunity for the team to reiterate Labor's support for the main industries of the region, including salmon farming in Strahan where they caught up with locals and industry figures.

At the West Coast Wilderness Railway the MPs received an update on the iconic tourism attraction, which recently recorded its best passenger numbers in several years.

"Labor stands for good, secure local jobs for Tasmanians and we understand how important the visitor economy is," said Ms Dow, the party's deputy leader.

"It's wonderful to see visitors flocking to this special part of the state."

The MPs also met with West Coast Council Mayor Shane Pitt to hear about the recent bushfire emergency and its impact.

Mr Winter, who hails from Queenstown, received a special West Coast item.

His late father, Murray, was originally recruited from New Zealand to work on the Queenstown mine but also to lead the West Coast rugby club.

The last president of the club, Kevin Mathewson, gave Mr Winter one of the famous Green Machine jerseys dating back to the 1980s when Murray was still playing for the team.

"I was chuffed to take it home. It means a lot to me and my young family and I am so proud of my West Coast roots," Mr Winter said.



First glimpse at future North West Mental Health Precinct

The concept designs for the new Mental Health Precinct at the North West Regional Hospital have been released.

Minister for Mental Health and Well-being, Roger Jaensch, said the \$40 million project forms part of Stage 1 of the North West Hospitals Masterplan.

The new North West Mental Health Precinct will be located to the south of the North West Regional Hospital main entrance, on a greenfield site near the recently constructed Burnie Ambulance Station.

"The Mental Health Precinct will provide essential acute mental health services and will support contemporary, best practice models of care and reflect modern standards in mental health facility design," Minister Jaensch said.

"The design includes a 22-bed mental health inpatient unit plus a five-bed short stay unit to replace the current Spencer Clinic.

The inpatient unit will provide a safe and supportive environment for individuals in crisis, ensuring they receive immediate care and treatment."

The proposed building will feature access from the existing internal hospital road network to a welcoming main entrance foyer, providing direct access to acute services, clinical appointments, and inpatient visitors in a respectful and inviting manner.

Parking with easy access to the building is included, and the design will feature healing gardens to allow staff, patients, and visitors to engage with ther-

apeutic landscapes.

"The Tasmanian Government is delivering record investment to improve the mental health of our community as part of our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future," Minister Jaensch said.

"An enormous \$320 million is being invested in our Mental Health Infrastruc-

ture Program through the 2024/25 Budget."

Subject to achieving the necessary approvals, construction is expected to begin in late 2025 with completion in 2027.

For further information visit www.health.tas.gov.au/priority-projects



MIRIAM BESWICK MP
MEMBER FOR BRADDON

WILL BE VISITING THE **WEST COAST** ON
14TH - 17TH APRIL

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Heritage listing for visitor centre

The West Coast Visitor Information Centre in Strahan has received a permanent listing on the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

In November 2024 the Centre was provisionally entered on the Heritage Register, with the listing made permanent in late February.

The listing relates to the building itself, the Reflections Exhibition inside the Centre, and the amphitheatre where The Ship That Never Was is performed.

As a result of the permanent listing the planned refurbishment as part of the Strahan Waterfront Precinct Redevelopment has been adapted to meet new requirements.

The heritage listing requires specific approvals for internal and external works, including those that would bring the Centre up to modern accessibility standards.

Council is looking at what works can proceed within the parameters of the heritage listing, with options to be considered once we have a better understanding of the timeline following engagement with stakeholders.

Council is now considering:

How to move forward with refurbishing the Centre to ensure it is safe and accessible

How to preserve and reimagine the Reflections Exhibition, with some items in very poor condition

How to fund any approved future works, with current funding not enough to cover expected new project requirements

The impact of a longer closure on the operations of the West Coast Visitor Information Centre, who have moved to operate out of a smaller, temporary location

Council will continue to seek advice and move forward as much as possible to ensure the Centre can be reopened.

It is important to note that the broader waterfront redevelopment project is proceeding as scheduled.

Full details of the listing can be found on the Heritage Tasmania website: <https://heritage.tas.gov.au/heritage.../search-the-register>

More project information, including the project background and concept plans, is available at West Coast Council's website: www.westcoast.tas.gov.au/.../strahan-wharf...



PERMANENT HERITAGE LISTING: STRAHAN VISITOR CENTRE

- The Strahan Visitor Centre building, including the Reflections Exhibition and amphitheatre, has been permanently listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register
- The West Coast Visitor Information Centre continues to operate from a temporary location at 29 The Esplanade (opposite cruise terminal)

Helping Tasmanians make their home more energy efficient

More than 6100 loans have been processed to help Tasmanians make their homes more energy efficient.

Minister for Energy and Renewables, Nick Duigan, said it was exciting to highlight the success of the Energy Saver Loan Scheme, which are delivering real and tangible energy savings to Tasmanians.

"Since 2022, the scheme has seen more than 6100 successful loans, which is a fantastic result," Minister Duigan said. "This scheme allows energy efficiency upgrades to be accessed by a wider variety of consumers, with a wider variety of budgets.

The Scheme is helping Tasmanian's reap benefits sooner, allowing consumers to achieve immediate energy savings upon installation, whilst paying off upgrades with no-interest, over a 3-year loan term.

The Australian Energy Regulator recently said Tasmania has some of the highest uptake rates of rooftop solar in the country, and it's schemes like this that are making that happen.

"Energy affordability is a key part of our Government's 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future. I am pleased to see and hear the positive impacts that our policies are having on consumers," Minister Duigan said.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Planned Burning Program 2025

What is a planned burn?

Planned burns are carried out by Sustainable Timber Tasmania to regenerate harvested forests, in a similar manner to the natural regeneration process that follows a bushfire.

These burns also help to enhance community safety by reducing fuel loads in Tasmania's public production forests.

How many burns are there?

This year, approximately 140 burns are planned across Permanent Timber Production Zone (PTPZ) land.

Why are planned burns undertaken in autumn?

Autumn is the optimal time for planned burns. The conditions are safer, with lower risk of fire escaping due to cooler temperatures and reduced extreme weather.

It is also the ideal time for eucalypt seedlings to grow, because of the warm temperatures and onset of regular rainfall.

What happens during a planned burn?

The Program is managed to prioritise safety and minimise impact to neighbours and local communities.

Each individual burn is carefully planned for safety, smoke dispersal, protection of assets, infrastructure, special values, and consideration of known local events. These factors are documented, reviewed, and approved along with individual risk assessments.

Planned burns are only undertaken when weather conditions are suitable for managing and containing the fire to the prepared boundaries.

How is smoke managed?

Sustainable Timber Tasmania coordinates its planned burns with other agencies and private forestry businesses with the aim to manage smoke levels in accordance with the Coordinated Smoke Management System, administered by the Forest Practices Authority.

Wherever possible, smoke dispersal is planned away from populated areas. Although smoke may be visible, it is usually travelling at height and impact to local communities is minimised.

On days when poor smoke dispersal is anticipated, burning is postponed until suitable weather conditions prevail.

How will I know when planned burns are happening?

Before any burns occur, Sustainable Timber Tasmania notifies and engages with immediate neighbours during the planning stage. Stakeholders who have registered interest in specific burns, including those in the wine and tourism industries, are also informed. Public advisories are shared with local media and posted to Sustainable Timber Tasmania's Facebook page twice daily. Additionally, updates and the full Planned Burning Program are available on the "What's Burning Now?" page at www.fire.tas.gov.au.



How can I find out more?

Sustainable Timber Tasmania welcomes and encourages stakeholders to contact its engagement team at stakeholder@sttas.com.au or on (03) 6169 2800 with questions about its Planned Burning Program.

For additional information, please visit www.sttas.com.au.

Honey saved by firefighters



Tasmanian and interstate firefighters saved the Leatherwood Honey industry from the worst of Tasmania's recent West Coast bushfires.

During summer the northwest and west coast regions of Tasmania host around 20,000 beehives.

Tasmanian Beekeepers Association president, Lindsay Bourke, said "the 2024/25 summer has been very difficult for the producers, with low nectar production by the Leatherwood trees, leading to low honey volumes.

Thanking the Minister for Parks and Environment, Nick Duigan and Tasmania Fire Service District Officer, Mark Brownrigg in person, Mr Bourke said the firefighters literally saved the industry. "The West Coast bushfires have compounded matters, with smoke affecting the bees and, in some cases, fires consuming the hives.

"The west coast fires are not only a direct danger to bees but can also be devastating to the leatherwood trees and the fragile rainforest environments in which they are found. Heavy smoke also affects the bees, as they can't navigate to find sources of nectar.

"Through the amazing efforts of firefighters, almost all hives have come through the fires relatively unscathed.

"At this point, only eight hives have

been confirmed as lost. When you consider how many hives there are in the region, this is an amazing result and an absolutely stellar effort by firefighters.

"Sadly, though, some groves of Leatherwood trees have been destroyed and reduced to ash.

"This is a long-term loss that will take generations to replace, which confirms how rare and fragile our unique Leatherwood resource really is.

"We can't thank the Tasmanian and interstate firefighters enough, they put themselves in harm's way to literally save our industry.

"I know all the members of the Tasmanian Beekeepers Association extend their heartfelt thanks to the dedicated people who saved the day for us and our industry." Mr Bourke said.

Mr Bourke said all Tasmanians and the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Felix Ellis can be truly proud of the firefighting efforts over the summer.

He added that Leatherwood honey producers are very resilient, and they will be working hard to rebuild where possible.

Honey lovers can be assured that supplies of Leatherwood honey will not be affected, as beekeepers have stock in reserve.

West Coast communities benefit from Hydro Tasmania funding

Three community organisations working hard to bring lasting benefits to their local communities are the recipients of Hydro Tasmania's West Coast Funding Program.

The Zeehan Netball Association, Thrive Group Child Care and Early Learning and Zeehan Golf Club each shared in a total of \$10,000 towards community-based projects and programs.

Children on the West Coast will have access to six mobile playgroup sessions through the funding provided to Thrive Group.

Thrive Group CEO Ed Beswick said the organisation would be partnering with Playgroup Tasmania to deliver the sessions in Zeehan, Strahan and Rosebery.



"We are thrilled to receive this support from Hydro Tasmania, which allows Thrive Group and Playgroup Tasmania to build on the amazing work already being done by these services on the West Coast," said Mr Beswick.

"By working collaboratively with local services and playgroups, we will provide additional professional support, resources and early learning opportunities for children and families."

The Zeehan Netball Association runs netball programs for women and children across the West Coast.

Zeehan Netball Association Treasurer Aleisha Maskell said their allocated funds would be used to assist with stadium hire, purchase new equipment like netballs, whistles and bibs, and provide new players with uniforms featuring the Hydro Tasmania logo.

"It gives the kids something to look



forward to in the colder winter months and it keeps them active, fit, healthy and happy," said Ms Maskell.

"We like to keep the junior program free to remove any financial barriers for parents and encourage kids to have a go, and this funding helps tremendously."

The final funding recipient, the Zeehan Golf Club, will use its allocated funding to upgrade facilities used to host community events.

The West Coast Funding Program is part of Hydro Tasmania's Community Benefit Sharing Program.

The program is designed to help fund grass-roots community initiatives and recognise the importance of Tasmania's West Coast communities for Hydro Tasmania.

Confidence boost for West Coast salmon industry workers

Petuna welcomes the passage of amendments to the Environmental Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act through Federal Parliament last night – a much-needed step to restoring certainty for our people, our community, and the broader salmon industry in Macquarie Harbour.

This outcome is set to bring an end to more than 18 months of uncertainty for the families and workers in Strahan who have continued to show resilience and strength throughout a period of intense scrutiny.

We stand alongside Salmon Tasmania and our industry colleagues in welcoming this decision and the recognition it brings to the science-based regulation underpinning our operations. The latest

EPA monitoring confirms the Harbour is in its best condition in over a decade, and Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies - IMAS research shows Maugean skate numbers are back to their long-term average.

We thank the Federal Parliament for listening, and especially acknowledge the advocacy and leadership of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Senator Anne Urquhart, Senator Jonno Duniham, Richard Colbeck, Senator Helen Polley and Senator Tammy Tyrrell for their commitment to the people and communities of Tasmania's West Coast.

We remain focused on what matters most – caring for our fish, our people, and the place we proudly call home.



STATEMENT:

"Salmon Tasmania welcomes the passage of amendments to the 'EPBC Act', intended to end uncertainty for our workers and their families in North-West Tasmania"

Luke Martin,
CEO, Salmon Tasmania



Soroptimists sharing the dignity in Smithton

Soroptimist International of Circular Head (SICH) has participated in the bi-annual Share the Dignity (an Australian charity founded in 2015) Drive in March, an initiative aimed at addressing period poverty. The drive involves collecting and distributing menstrual products to individuals who lack access due to financial hardship, homelessness, or domestic violence. Share the Dignity works to alleviate these challenges by ensuring that no one must manage their period without dignity.

Period poverty remains a significant issue in Australia and globally. It affects individuals' ability to attend school, work, or participate fully in society. Many are forced to choose between purchasing period products and other essential items. The Share the Dignity Drive aims to mitigate this issue by ensuring that essential period products are accessible to those in need.

The campaign calls for donations of products such as sanitary pads, tampons, reusable period products, and incontinence aids which can be dropped off in

pink collection boxes in participating retail stores and community spaces. These items are then distributed to over 3,000 charity partners across the country, ensuring that individuals in need have access to the products they need.

Soroptimist International, a global volunteer movement focusing on women's empowerment and equality, actively contributes to this drive. Their participation highlights the shared goals of both organizations in addressing period poverty, reducing the stigma surrounding menstruation by raising awareness, and advocating for menstrual equity.

SICH urges the local community to get involved and contribute whether by donating, organising a drive, or spreading the word. Community involvement plays a crucial role in the success of these drives, and in tackling social issues that occur silently around us every day. Together, our efforts can ensure that those who are vulnerable have access to the basic necessities they need, and, by supporting this initiative, you can help improve the quality of life for those af-

ected by period poverty.

In 2024, Share the Dignity collected tens of thousands of period products, highlighting the power of collective action.

Drives are ongoing and donations can be made at designated collection points in March and August. For more information on how to participate in Share the Dignity's drives and to locate your nearest collection point, visit sharethedignity.org.au. Every donation, no matter how small, can make a difference in supporting those in need.

For information about SICH events and initiatives, follow Soroptimist International of Circular Head on Facebook.



Circular Head Men's Shed fires up the grill with MasterChef's Pezza

The Circular Head Men's Shed came alive with the sounds—and smells of a good old fashioned BBQ recently, as community members gathered for a laid-back taste-testing event with MasterChef Australia 2024 runner-up Josh Pezza (Pezza).

Pezza, known for his passion for Tasmanian produce and easygoing style, showcased a selection of quality regional meats. He shared a few simple tips around seasoning including his own signature rubs before stepping back and letting the BBQ do the talking.

The event was about more than just great food. It was also a chance to celebrate Everyday Neighbour Day (March 30) and bring people together through conversation, laughter, and community spirit. The Men's Shed buzzed with friendly banter, the swapping of stories, and plenty of shared appreciation for a perfectly grilled piece of meat.

In partnership with Relationships Australia Tasmania, this event was funded by the Tasmanian Government through the Healthy Tasmania Fund. The initiative focused on promoting wellbeing and

social connection, particularly among people who may be at risk of isolation by using familiar spaces like the Men's Shed, to bring the community together in meaningful ways.

Circular Head Men's Shed president, Ray Dunston, said the day was a hit:

"Josh brought so much energy and inspiration. The guys loved hearing his stories, tasting local meats, and just having a yarn over the BBQ. It was a great way to mark Neighbour Day and remind ourselves how important community is."



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Close shave for Queenstown fire brigade members

Eight members of the Queenstown Fire Brigade shaved their head and facial hair in support of the Worlds Greatest Shave.

Thank you to everyone who supported the cause and came along to cheer on the fellas. A special thank you to Belladonna Hair Lounge and the Queenstown Lions Club for their involvement.



The shaggy mob above soon lost their locks and turned into these smooth-pated firefighters below.



New leadership at Salmon Tasmania

Salmon Tasmania recently announced a changing of the guard in its leadership, with Dr John Whittington to succeed Luke Martin as Chief Executive Officer.

Chairman Lyall Howard said the industry was thrilled to have secured someone of Dr Whittington's calibre and experience to build on Luke's leadership.

'Luke has been an outstanding advocate for our industry over the past two years,' Mr Howard said.

'He has led our industry with passion, skill and determination whilst navigating the challenging circumstances with Macquarie Harbour. Without him, the west coast community would be facing an uncertain future.

'Luke will leave Salmon Tasmania with the respect and thanks of our industry from the very highest levels of our companies to the thousands of salmon workers and their families across the State.

Mr Howard said the time was right to welcome Dr Whittington to the role.

'Dr Whittington is one of Tasmania's most experienced executives as the former Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment, and currently CEO of the Blue Economy Cooperative Research Centre.

'John has extensive experience with

our industry's regulatory and policy environment, and we are delighted that he will lead the industry through the exciting next chapter.

'There is no doubt we have had a difficult few months with the mortality event in the South-East and the intense activism focussed on the Federal Election.

'Dr Whittington is a highly respected and credible leader in our industry who is well placed to lead the industry through our next period. Following a fantastic couple of years with Luke, there is no one better to do the job.'

Dr Whittington is expected to commence in the role in the coming months.



McCain Smithton: Growing Together with Our Community

A big thank you to Minister and Deputy Premier Guy Barnett and his team for making time to meet with us.

It was a great opportunity to share McCain's commitment to our people, our growers, and the Smithton community.

We shared the positive impact, opportunities and the challenges we face.

The Minister and his team were really engaged and recognized the strong connection McCain Foods has with Circular

Head & Tasmania—one that's been built over decades through jobs, local partnerships, and our shared commitment to regional growth and innovation....

And in a great full-circle moment, we learned that Minister Barnett was there when the site first opened in 1980s!

We're proud to be part of a community that continues to grow, adapt, and look to the future—together.



VOLUNTEER at the Circular Head Resale Shop!

The Circular Head Resale Shop operated by City Mission is looking for volunteers.

Opportunities are available to fit all lifestyles and schedules. So, whether it's five times a week or once a month, we invite you to come join the team and play your part in helping your community!

Contact volunteering@citymission.org.au or (03) 6335 3000 for more information.




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Community Newsletter

April 2025



Image: MMG Rosebery's Mine Technical Services team

Bikes donated to local children

MMG Rosebery will donate five new bicycles to children in the local community.

The were assembled by the Rosebery Mine Technical Services team as part of a development program aimed at enhancing communication, collaboration and an understanding of psychological safety.

46 team members were involved in the hands-on exercise to build the bikes.

MMG has worked with the Rosebery Neighbourhood House to identify the recipients of these bikes.

Preserving our rich heritage

MMG Rosebery has been working to build the capability within our local community to preserve the town's history.

We worked with the Rosebery Development Association (RDA) on an application for a grant from the Arts Tasmania Roving Curators program.

The grant was successful and the passionate volunteers at the Rosebery Heritage Centre are now being trained on how to professionally care for some of our significant mining heritage items, which are an important part of the history of our community.

Ten members of the community are learning how to archive, curate and exhibit the town's long history for future generations.



Image (L-R): MMG's Chris Winskill shares Rosebery history with members of the RDA.

Easter message



We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter period.

We hope you enjoy some time with family and friends over the break.

Please remember to stay safe on the road, drive carefully and look out for one another.

Enjoy the holiday and stay safe!



Preparing for ANZAC Day

We are pleased to again support local preparations for ANZAC day commemorations.

A dawn service will be held on Friday 25 April at 6am followed by the main service at 11am at the Rosebery Cenotaph.

The ANZAC Day march will begin at Rosebery District School at 10.50am.

We provide the local school libraries with books about ANZAC Day, so they remember the sacrifices of those who fought in all wars.

Rosebery Festival

The Rosebery Festival finally kicked off and was a success after a delay caused by recent bushfires in the region.

Rosebery Mine has been sponsoring the event for 20 years and also provides in kind support through raffle prizes, marquees and helium.



Image: Raffle winner Charlie Mawer

Explore the west on a red boat



A friend and I went for a cruise down the Gordon River on World Heritage Cruise's 'Red Boat' recently and loved it.

Being an ex deckhand on quite a few different ones, I have always had a thing for boats and this one is a beauty.

Built in Tasmania, the 'Harbour Master II' is a very comfortable way to explore Maquarie Harbour and the river system here in Strahan on Tasmania's West Coast. Not only is it built for comfort but with huge wrap-around windows it is the best way to discover the waterways and stay warm and dry at the same time.

Sit back, relax, enjoy a glass of wine or two, have a delicious lunch of fresh Tasmanian produce or get up and have a wander around the decks, maybe even head topside and chat with the captain..

A very knowledgeable fellow this Captain, and very friendly, he even let me stay on the jetty at one of the stops so I could grab some photos of the boat from the other direction, (luckily he came back for me as it would have been a cold night alone otherwise).

Landing on Sarah Island is one of the highlights of the trip (as if wine on a big red luxurious boat isn't enough) and the walk around the island is very interesting, if not a little humbling, when you realise what the convicts went through at the hands of our ancestors. A walk through the forest, a trip out to Hell's Gates and all the stories that you will hear about the region's past make this a pretty amazing trip, and I highly recommend it to everyone.

ANZAC Day 2025 – Circular Head Tribute

This ANZAC Day marks 110 years since the Gallipoli campaign, as we commemorate Australians who have served in peace and war.

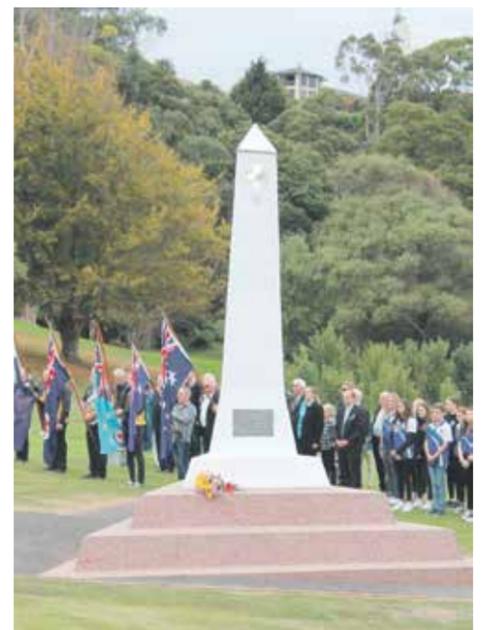
The Circular Head RSL have been successful with their application for a guest speaker for the ANZAC Day Services in Smithton, Stanley, and Marrawah.

The guest speakers bring 54 years of experience in the RAAF, husband, and wife team Warrant Officer Scott Helbig – CETECH (Communications Electronics Technician) and Flight Sergeant Nicole Helbig – Logistics. Warrant Officer Scott Helbig joined the RAAF in January 1991, Scott's career includes nine postings throughout NSW, Cocos (Keeling Islands) Indian Ocean, Darwin NT, Amberley QLD, deployments include Iraq, UAE, Afghanistan, and Germany. He is currently posted as OPS Warrant Officer at the 29 Squadron Anglesea Barracks, Hobart. Warrant Officer Scott Helbig enlisted in 1991 and has given 34 years of service.

Flight Sergeant Nicole Helbig joined the RAAF in September 2005, Nicole's career has included postings at Richmond NSW, Williamstown NSW twice, Darwin NT, Amberley QLD and has been deployed to Kuwait, Afghanistan and UAE and is currently posted as Logistics and Driver Training Manager at 29 Squadron Anglesea Barrack's Hobart. Sergeant Nicole Helbig enlisting in 2005 has given 20 years of service. Breakfast will be available at the Senior Centre, Smithton after the Dawn Service and a

light lunch following the main service, in the afternoon there will be live music by Damon Pyke. At Stanley, following the Stanley Dawn Service a Gunfire Breakfast will be available Marley's at 06.30. At Marrawah breakfast and lunch will be available at the Marrawah Hall.

Circular Head, like all rural communities, has made significant contributions to past conflicts and the Defence Force. The Circular Head RSL, under the leadership of President Terence Holland, continues its efforts to strengthen and rebuild its sub-branch and provide support to veterans and their families. This ANZAC Day promises to be a meaningful day for reflection, community, and remembrance.



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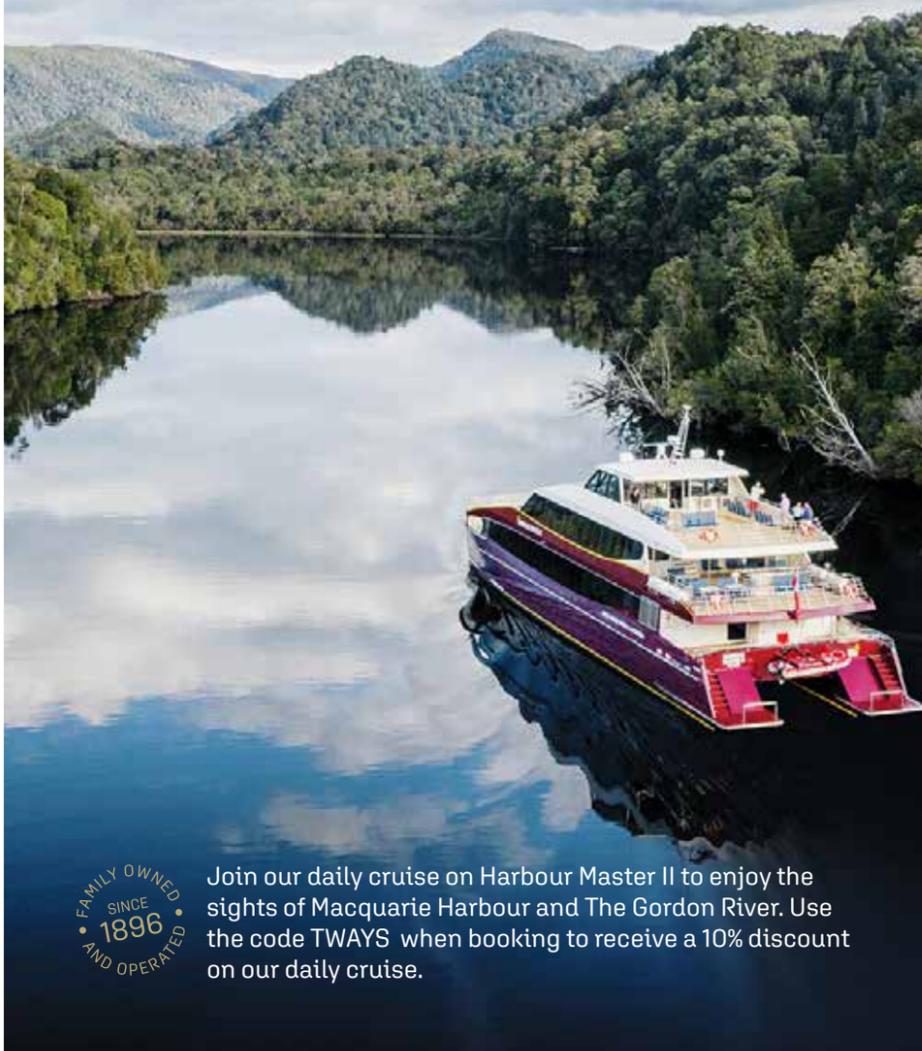
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THE RED BOAT

QantasLink's New Era Takes Off at Burnie Airport

Wynyard, Tasmania

Burnie Airport welcomed the arrival of its first QantasLink Dash 8 Q400 aircraft on Sunday, 30 March, marking a major step forward for regional air travel on Tasmania's North West Coast.

The 74-seat aircraft replaces the older Q300 model and brings faster travel times, lower emissions, and significantly more passenger capacity. The move is part of QantasLink's shift to an all-Q400 fleet.

Airport infrastructure has been upgraded to support the new aircraft, enhancing both safety and performance. The increased capacity is expected to benefit tourism, especially eco-travel to destinations like the Tarkine and Cradle Mountain, while also supporting future FIFO demand from major renewable energy projects.

The new service will add more than 6,000 seats per year between Burnie and Melbourne, strengthening Burnie Airport's role as a key transport hub for the region and boosting accessibility for visitors and businesses alike.



Community Grant Supports Future Lifesavers at Boat Harbour Beach



Boat Harbour Beach, Tasmania

The Boat Harbour Beach Surf Life Saving Club (BHBSLSC) has received a welcome boost to its junior training program, thanks to a \$2,000 Community Activation Grant proudly presented by Waratah-Wynyard Councillor Kevin Hyland.

The funding has enabled the club to purchase ten foam training boards for its youngest participants—known as the "Periwinkles."

The program is an important stepping stone for nurturing water safety skills and surf awareness in the region's youngest residents.

Twelve Periwinkles took to the waves each Sunday morning throughout the season, supported by a dedicated team

of volunteers and parents. The junior program also saw strong participation overall, with 45 local children enjoying the benefits of beach-based education and fitness.

At the helm of the Periwinkles is 16-year-old coach Nina Vincent, a shining example of the club's impact. Nina first joined BHBSLSC as a Nipper at age seven and has recently achieved her Bronze Medallion—an important milestone in lifesaving proficiency.

While the surf lifesaving season has concluded, the club remains an active and valued part of the Boat Harbour Beach community. Locals are encouraged to stay connected and show their support by following the Boat Harbour Beach Surf Life Saving Club on Facebook.

YOUTH WEEK 2025
 FREE EVENT

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- COLOUR AGILITY COURSE

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GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!
THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2025
3-5 PM

Council Office Closures & Kerbside Collection Changes

Please note the following changes to Council services over Easter and Anzac Day. Kerbside collections scheduled for Friday 18 April will take place on Thursday 17 April—please put bins out the night before. All other collection days remain unchanged.

The Wynyard Waste Transfer Station will be closed on Good Friday

(18 April) and Anzac Day (25 April), open as usual on all other days.

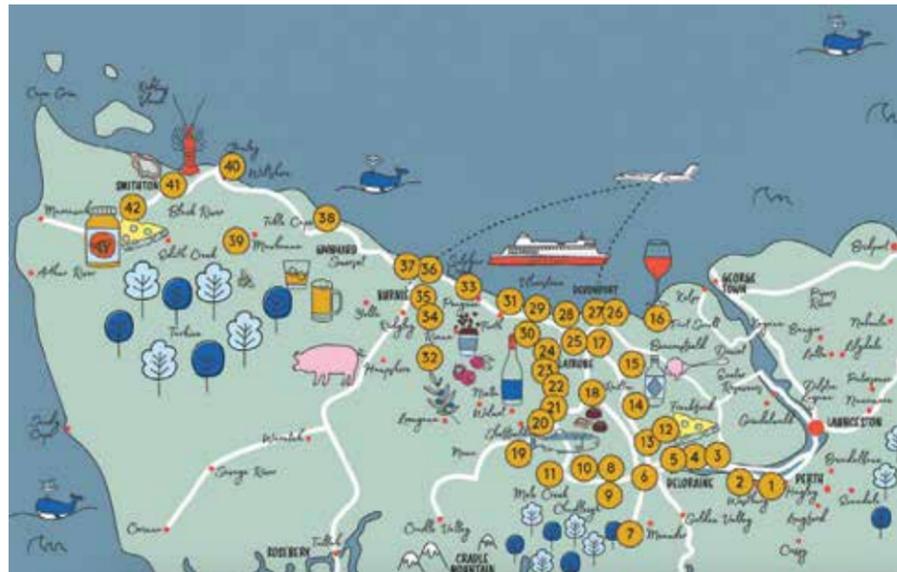
Council offices will close at 5:00pm on Thursday 17 April and reopen at 8:30am on Monday 28 April. For urgent matters during this period, contact (03) 6443 8333.

Anzac Day service details will be published on Council's website.

Discover the Flavors of Tasmania: The North West Tasting Trail



Tasmania's renowned North West Tasting Trail is once again inviting visitors and locals alike to indulge in an unforgettable journey through the region's rich culinary landscape. With over 40 distinctive events and participating businesses, the Tasting Trail showcases the very best artisanal food, beverages, and produce that North West Tasmania has to offer.



Tasting trail connects North West Tasmania



One standout destination along this celebrated trail is Alchymia Distillery, nestled at Table Cape near Wynyard. Alchymia, founded by Matt and Sarah in 2016, has earned acclaim for its premium handcrafted spirits, including single malt whisky, gin, and vodka. Visitors can experience immersive tours of the distillery, guided personally by

head distiller Matt, followed by a tasting session to savor the subtle complexities and craftsmanship behind each spirit.

But the delights don't stop there. Along the Tasting Trail, you'll also discover a wide array of local artisans offering everything from delectable cheeses and chocolates to fresh seafood and locally brewed beverages. Each stop offers a unique insight into the dedication and passion behind Tasmania's thriving food and beverage scene.

Beyond merely sampling extraordinary products, the trail fosters connections between visitors and the producers themselves, providing intimate glimpses into the careful processes and person-

al stories that make each offering special. From farm gates to stylish cellar doors, each destination is a testament to the innovation and authenticity characteristic of Tasmania's North West.

Whether you're a food enthusiast, a spirit aficionado, or simply curious about Tasmania's gastronomic treasures, the North West Tasting Trail promises something extraordinary for everyone. Explore Tasmania's North West and discover firsthand why this trail continues to captivate visitors from near and far.

For more information and to plan your visit, head to tastingtrail.com.au.



Pictured: Grant Jacques, Larry Arnol, David Johnston, along with Jamie Bonde, Rodney Wright from Sons Contracting.

Keeping Our Community Safe and Scenic

Waratah-Wynyard Tasmania

As another successful slashing season comes to a close, Council would like to recognise the incredible efforts of our dedicated Works & Services team. Their hard work ensures our municipality remains not only beautiful but safe for everyone.

Slashing plays a vital role in our community—it's about much more than just clearing vegetation. This essential maintenance reduces bushfire risk, improves road visibility for drivers, and helps keep our public spaces looking their best.

We also extend a sincere thank you to the many residents who took the time to share their positive feedback with us. Your support and appreciation mean a lot to the team.

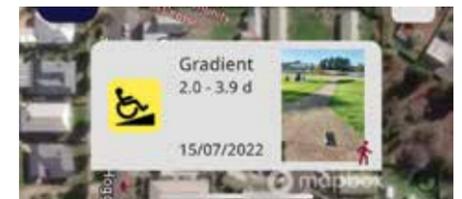
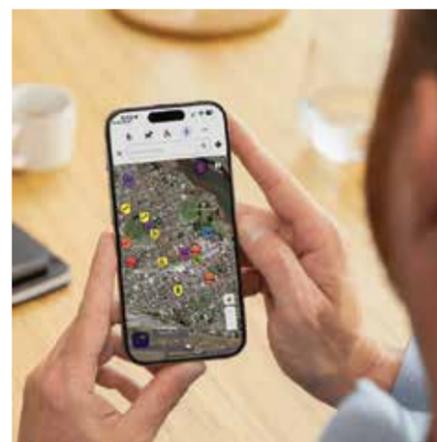
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Wynyard is now a Smart Access city



We are thrilled to announce that Wynyard has been integrated into the Smart Access app, significantly enhancing accessibility for residents and visitors.

This initiative offers safe and tailored journey planning for disabled individuals, older adults, and young families, enabling them to navigate the area with greater ease and confidence.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to

the members of Council's Accessibility Working Group for their invaluable contributions to this project. Their dedication and expertise have been instrumental in making Wynyard more inclusive and accessible for everyone.

Download the Smart Access app from the App Store or Play Store, or visit smartaccess.enterprises to experience these new features.

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy at the time of publication; any errors will be corrected by notice on the Council website. Articles by Waratah-Wynyard Council, 21 Saunders St (PO Box 168), Wynyard TAS 7325, with office hours from 8:30am to 5pm Mon-Fri (after-hours calls are taken on call). Please note that some event details are subject to change at short notice, with notice provided on the Council website. For feedback, please email council@warwyn.tas.gov.au.

Lots going on at Wyndarra

Wyndarra SDA Units Project: Building Inclusive and Independent Living Options in Circular Head

Wyndarra is proud to share the progress of our Specialised Disability Accommodation (SDA) Units Project—an exciting initiative that will provide safe, purpose-built homes for people with disability in the Circular Head region.

These new homes are designed to meet the needs of individuals offering great-



er independence and choice in how they live. Our focus is on creating a supportive and inclusive environment where residents feel connected, secure, and empowered.

This project is about much more than just accommodation. It's about offering people with disability the opportunity to live life their way—close to family, friends, and the community they know and love.

Wyndarra is committed to ensuring this vision becomes a reality, but we need your help to make it happen. We're planning a series of fundraising events in the coming months and warmly invite everyone to get involved. Whether you can attend an event, volunteer your time, make a donation, or buy a raffle ticket, your support will go directly towards building and equipping these much-needed homes.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the businesses, community groups, and individuals who have al-

ready contributed so generously. Your kindness and commitment are helping to bring this important project to life, and we are deeply grateful.

For more information about the Wyndarra SDA Units Project and how you can be part of this important communi-

ty initiative, please contact our team or visit our website www.wyndarra.org.au/specialist-disability-accomodation.

Together, we can create a more inclusive and supportive future for Circular Head.



The 'right' decision in Tassie

Story and photos by Kellie Hancock



Heading across Bass Strait on the Spirit of Tasmania ferry, I sat on a sunlit chair with a map in front of me. While I had a rough idea where I wanted to go on my Tassie tour, there was still one key decision to make. When I disembark in Devonport, do I turn left, straight ahead or right?

I made the 'right' decision. Ten days touring from Devonport to Hobart gave me a fantastic experience immersed in the western wilderness of Tasmania. Pristine lakes and rivers, fern-filled valleys, craggy mountain peaks and historic towns provided plenty of spectacular scenery.

Not far out of Devonport in the hamlet of Wilmot is a lookout with the quintessential Tassie view of craggy mountain peaks over a lake.

Further south west of Cradle Mountain, the tiny town of Tullah was an unexpected treat. With a cute cottage full of teddy bears, a tiny steam train, a quirky café

and a lakeside lodge, along with Lake Rosebery and Lake Mackintosh, Tullah offered more than one would expect from such a small place.

Rosebery has a community garden and opshop overflowing with quirky trash and treasure items that could make a unique souvenir. I found some delicious, dehydrated meals there for a bargain price. Weeks later I still wish I'd bought the lot.

If you've ever watched the ABC series Bay of Fires, then you'll recognise some familiar sights in Zeehan, Strahan and Queenstown. Yes, there's the cruises, the big railway trip, the local community theatre production and other well-advertised tourist attractions.

If you're like me though, you will appreciate the small, quirky, random, offbeat nature of each town.

Like I said to a friend. "The west coast of Tasmania is like a cross between Virgin River and Northern Exposure. The famous Tassie hospitality and friendliness combined with a dash of wild west attitude and individuality."

The best travel experiences are usually the ones we stumble into, not the ones we meticulously plan. That was certainly the case in the wild west of Tassie. Things like:

- Coming across a mountainside apiary surrounded by forests, the beehives stood in a circle like a honey-themed Stonehenge
- Finding a huge pile of serpentine mineral rocks with layers of striking green



colours flashing through them in the sunshine

- Taking a ride on a tiny steam train through fern-filled gullies; Searching through quirky treasures in tiny town opshops
- Having an entire lake to myself while kayaking, and
- Sipping on a local cherry cider while taking in views of old growth forests as far as the eye can see.

Ticking off the big-ticket tourist spots on the map is one way of travelling. While that is part of any trip, for me, taking the road less travelled, slowing down, and appreciating the unexpected moments of discovery along the way is the right decision.



Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

A single Anzac soldier interred

The First World War (1914-18) saw many men (perhaps around 500) from Zeehan enlist in the armed forces. Sapper William (Billy) Birch was one of them. Born in Launceston on 9 April 1865, he married Fanny Hills in 1891 and together they had three daughters - Leah (1892), Ruth (1898) and Maud (1903).

In 1914 the family was living at the corner of Adams and Shaw Streets, Zeehan. In November 1915, then living at 297 Main Street, William enlisted in the army.

He was 5ft 5ins (165cm) tall and weighed 10 stone 7 pounds (67 kg). A miner by trade, a preliminary medical examination found him to be 'Fit for Active Service in Mining Corps only'. He was considered to be "Unfit for military infantry service - tachycardia (fast heart rate) - perhaps due to excessive smoking."

On 16 December 1915 at Claremont, William was appointed to 3rd Company Miners and on 18 December he left Tasmania for the Casula Camp near Liverpool, New South Wales where the 1st Mining Corps was forming up and training. Following a farewell parade in the Domain, the Australian Mining Corps embarked from Sydney on the 20 February 1916 on board HMAT Ulysses. The Mining Corps comprised 1303 members at the time they embarked being a Headquarters of 40; No.1 Com-

pany - 390; No.2 Company - 380; No.3 Company - 392, and 101 members of the 1st Reinforcements. The Ulysses arrived in Melbourne on 22 February, and departed on 1 March, then sailed to Fremantle, where a further 53 members of the Corps were embarked. Following an incident and a delay of about a month for repairs, the Ulysses sailed for the European Theatre on 1 April 1916.

The ship arrived at Suez, Egypt on 22 April, and the men continued to Hazebrouck in France where they arrived on 8 May 1916.

As a "Mining Corps" did not fit in the British Expeditionary Force military organisation, the Corps was disbanded, and three Australian Tunnelling Companies were formed. No.3 Company became the 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company (3ATC).

William was on active duty with 3ATC from May 1916 for about eighteen months. During this time his unit was involved in the battle of Fromelles, and at Laventie-Fauquissart, Givenchy, Loos, Lens, Double Crassiers and Vermelles and other places on the Western Front.

On 27 November 1916 at the 'Black Watch Sap', Hill 70, an explosion occurred which killed 20 members of William's company, while the next day two more men were killed.

William reported sick on 9 August 1917 and was admitted to the 11th Canadian

Field Ambulance with chronic bronchitis. He was discharged and rejoined his unit on 14 August.

He again reported sick on 26 September 1917 this time with myalgia (muscular pain caused by strain, inflammation or heavy exertion) and after treatment he returned to his unit some three weeks later.

Eight days later William again reported sick suffering from rheumatism. He was transferred to an Ambulance Train, then to a General Hospital, a Convalescent Depot, and then to the Australian General Base Depot. On 31 October it was decided to evacuate William to England for 'permanent base duties' due to his age and rheumatism. On 12 January 1918 he sailed for Australia on board Hospital Transport SS Port Darwin.

Disembarking at Melbourne on 4 March 1918, William then travelled by steamer to Tasmania and returned to Zeehan on 6 March 1918 where he was welcomed home by Warden Fisher at the Zeehan railway station. The Warden congratulated him on having responded to the Empire's call, and also upon his safe return and trusted that his health would improve. Three cheers were given, and William, with his wife and family, were driven home by Mrs George Dunkley.

William was discharged from the A.I.F. on 4 April 1918, classed as 30% disabled and entitled to a pension. Having "done

his bit" and more.

William passed away on Saturday, 19 January 1924 at his residence, 48 Counsel Street, aged 59 years, his early death possibly hastened by his arduous service in France. His funeral took place at 4 p.m. on the following Monday afternoon, with the Methodist Reverend R. Jackson



A. YATES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Yates



officiating. His wife Fanny wore black mourning clothes from that day for the rest of her life and visited his grave every Sunday. William's headstone, although damaged, is still visible today.

One other Anzac soldier is remembered in the cemetery. There is a memorial plaque to Alexander Yates who was killed in France on April 5th, 1918.

This is an abridged excerpt based on an article by Kay Wagland and taken from books edited by Malcolm Reedy, Burials at the Zeehan General (Pioneer) Cemetery.

What's happening at the Circular Head Heritage Centre?



SMITHTON IRISHTOWN TRAIN

The latest exhibition is "Circular Head Rail and beyond"

This exhibition includes wooden tramways and trains used by the first timbermen of the region. Also, the Marrawah tramway which was converted to rail about 1925.

The regions rail lines began in Stanley to Wiltshire and eventually linked to Myalla and Wynyard approximately 1922. The other line also meandered its way through farmland at Wiltshire, through Mengha to Fahey's Lane to Irishtown, through Edith Creek to Roger River as the Trowutta Station. Then the missing

link from Irishtown to Smithton was created in 1921.

The rail system of Circular Head was very busy though out the 1930s,40s, 50s and 60s. This included freight and passengers.

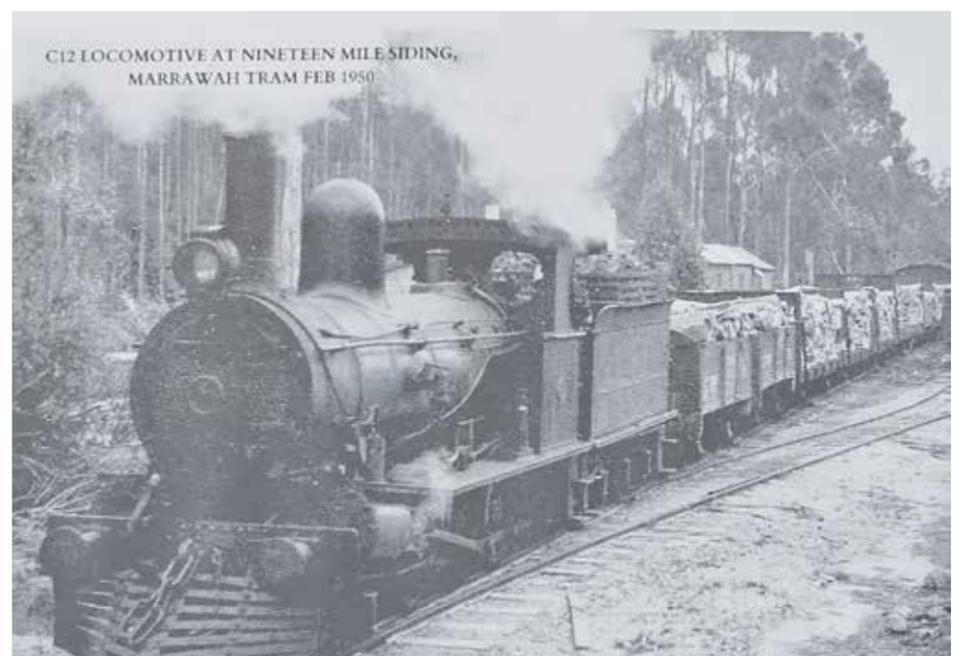
Unfortunately, as better roads and more affordable vehicles became popular, it became unviable for the government system. Throughout the 1970s and early 80s, cargo consisted of superphosphate and logs. Eventually road transport took over the movement of freight and the rail closed.

We also have on loan from Dale Kings-

ton, a small Garratt engine. During the period of 1984 to 2000, the Kingston family had a public railway called Cuba Park Railway. This was extremely popular with visitors, and we also have a video from that time. The Kingston family were exceptional engineers and created all their own engines and rail.



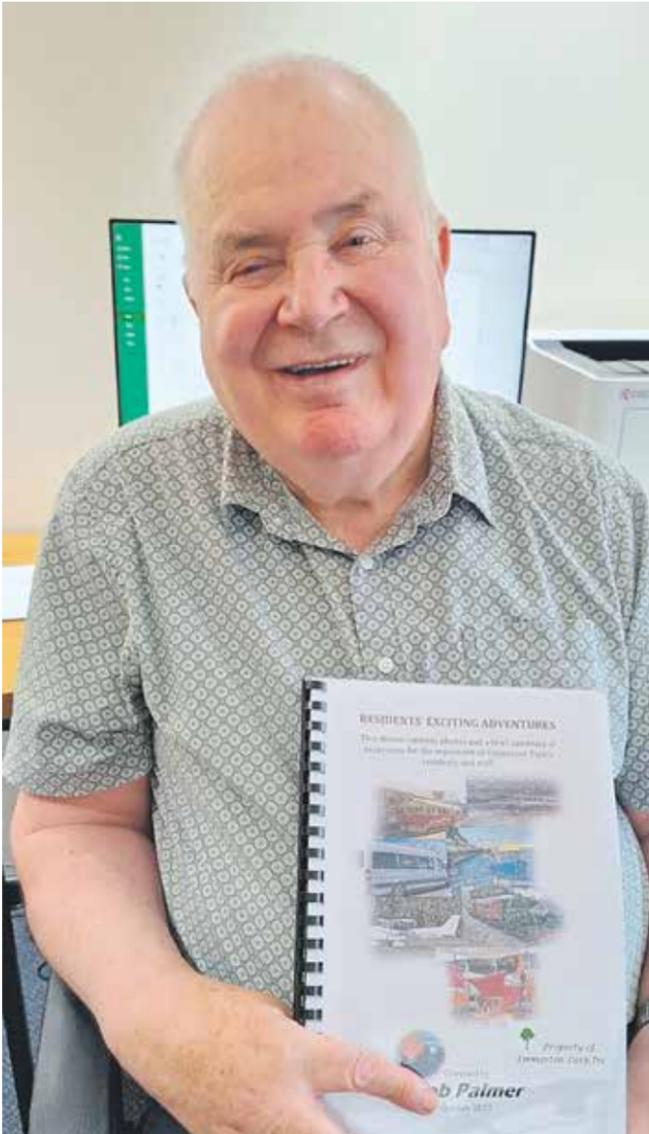
Call in to the Circular Head Heritage Centre and check it out



C12 LOCOMOTIVE AT NINETEEN MILE SIDING, MARRAWAH TRAM FEB 1950

Tales from Emmerton Park - meet the residents

Robert Palmer: A life full of Adventure and memories



My name is Robert Palmer, a long-time Queenstown local, I was born in 1945 and have lived a life brimming with unforgettable experiences. Growing up in the picturesque town of Queenstown, I recall my childhood with fondness, especially the family bushwalks and picnics, taking the billy of course for a cuppa.

"I had a pretty normal upbringing." "Queenstown was a lively place back then. There were five or six hotels, an RSL, and a thriving local business scene."

I attended St Joseph's School and Murrays High School, where my days were filled with growing up and making memories. After finishing school, I began my career with an apprenticeship at Mt Lyell

Butchery, where I worked for four to five years. Later I worked at the Four Seasons Motel, where I was assistant manager for a time.

I met Wendy Anne Reid, a local girl, whom I married in 1970. Together we shared a love of old-time dances and raised two sons, Damien and Wade. Together, we enjoyed a beautiful 54 years of marriage, until Wendy sadly passed away last year.

Later, we all relocated to Tullah, continuing my work as a butcher at the Farmers Supermarket there. My family and I later moved to Stanley, I continued my butchery work there, but unfortunately in 1982 I suffered a stroke which brought different challenges my way. In 2013, I relocated to Emmerton Park, where I have since found new adventures.

During my time at Emmerton Park, I have embarked on a project to capture my experiences in a way I had never done before: writing a book. "Residents Exciting Adventures" contains 27 chapters, filled with photos and summaries of the excursions and overnight trips that I and fellow residents have enjoyed. The book was launched last year, and during the launch, the Smithton Library presented me with a certificate to Honor all my efforts. They even purchased a copy to be archived in Hobart.

Currently, I am working on my next

book, Memories of the Park, which will hopefully be released next year sometime. "I'll be going on another two-night, three-day trip to Launceston and St Helens at the end of this month, I'm sure it will make for an interesting chapter in both my life and my book."

My life has been a series of adventures, each one leaving its mark. From my childhood in Queenstown to his recent adventures at Emmerton Park. "There are many more adventures to come."

**More from
Emmerton Park
next month.**



SALMON WINTER PIE



INGREDIENTS:

- 500g Skinless salmon portions, cut into 3 cm pieces
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 1 Cup milk
- 3 Tbsp chopped dill
- 2 Tbsp capers
- 4 Spring onions, finely chopped
- 2 Sheets puff pastry
- 1 Egg, beaten

PREP TIME 10 MINS ⌚

EASY 🍴

SERVES 4 🍴

METHOD

Preheat oven to 200 degrees.

Over a gentle heat, melt the butter in a medium saucepan, add the flour and stir until smooth. Using a whisk, add the milk stirring continuously until thoroughly mixed and there are no lumps. Increase heat to medium and cook the mixture for 3 minutes, while keeping stirring. Add the salmon, dill, capers, and spring onions. Remove from heat, season to taste and set aside to cool.

Remove the puff pastry from the package and allow to soften. Place one piece of the pastry into a lightly greased 25cm pie dish. Gently pour the milk and salmon mixture onto the pastry. Cover the pie with the second piece of puff pastry dough. Fold the edges over to seal and crimp the edges. Brush the top of the pastry with beaten egg then bake for 30 minutes until the pastry is golden.

Nurses swim to raise funds for breast cancer research

Seven nurses from the Smithton District Hospital formed a team and have swum during the month of March as part of the Big Bold Swim challenge and to raise funds for breast cancer research.

It started from a post on Facebook about the swim challenge, that led to a message sent out on our nurses social group to see if there was interest to participate.

The cause is close to everyone, with all of us knowing someone that has been affected by breast cancer.

This is a way we can do our part to raise funds towards research to potentially reduce the numbers of people affected by breast cancer.

With seven participants, we formed the team called "Pink or Swim", registered with the Big Bold Swim challenge, set individual swimming goals for the month, a fundraising target and began swimming at our local pool at the Smithton Wellbeing Indoor Recreation & Leisure centre.

Swimming predominantly every-day during March, we have swum over 100kms of our target of 125kms. The staff and community at the pool see our pink Big Bold Swimming caps bobbing up and down the pool and have been very supportive. With a fundraising target originally set at \$500 we have raised over \$8800, and set a new target \$10,000. Our team being the 4th highest fundrais-

er in Australia. The Smithton community and SDH co-workers have all generously got behind our challenge and have supported us every lap. Pink or Swim team members are absolutely in awe of the generosity our community, and find it unbelievable what we have achieved and cannot thank everyone enough.

Our fundraising page closes on April 30th, so there is still plenty of time for people to donate. Just follow the link. www.fundraise.breastcancertrials.org.au/fundraisers/PinkorSwim



Photo at right: Team members from front left: Tara Kay, Sasha Davies and Ebony Popowski. Back from Left: Jenny Hyde, Sandra Kay, Janice Cameron and Melena French.



Hydro Tasmania and Workskills team up to deliver on-site work experience

Hydro Tasmania and Workskills Tasmania have joined forces to deliver a hands-on work experience program to introduce young people to career opportunities at Hydro Tasmania.

Nine young people aged 17-25 attended the two-day work exposure program, which included a power station tour,

size, or the chance to explore a power station," said Mr Giudici.

"This program is designed to provide young people with insights into a range of trades and professional roles and give them the confidence try something new."

"We know we need more young people working across Tasmania's industries to

Assistants Jordan Ling and Libby Watts, and Cadet Hydrographer Isobel Hodge were on hand to answer questions and talk about what it takes to keep a power station running safely and efficiently.

Attendees also participated in speed careering and had the chance to learn about what it's like working for Hydro Tasmania and get tips on applying for a job and navigating the interview process.

Workskills Youth Programs Manager Sophie Calic said many program participants had left school early and missed out on similar opportunities.

"Hydro Tasmania has collaborated with us to create an experience that meets participants where they are at, offering real industry exposure, skill-building, and a glimpse into career possibilities they may not have considered," said Ms Calic.

"This program is a great example of how industry can play a crucial role in giving young people exposure to the labour market, insight into what employers need, and the confidence to take their next steps."

Sophie Sproule, 18, said the program had opened her eyes to the many career possibilities at Hydro Tasmania and she was now interested in a career as a maintenance assistant.

"You get to experience new things that you didn't think you'd be interested in.

That has opened my mind a lot because you don't realise how many jobs there actually are within the one industry," said Ms Sproule.

"I would like to try a maintenance assistant role, I think there are lots of different opportunities within that."

Day two saw the group make the journey to Edgar Dam, an important part of the mighty Gordon-Pedder hydropower scheme where a major upgrade is currently underway.

Participants were given the unique opportunity to shadow real jobs within the power station and around the dam site with roles like dam maintenance, on-site labour tasks, drone flying, civil construction, water testing and environmental controls, and project planning and engineering.

Tasmanian contractor Hall Earthmoving is carrying out the upgrade at Edgar Dam and Director Chris Hall and Site Supervisor Tim Barker were there to give attendees hands-on experience of a live worksite.

Martin Bennett, 24, said the program had shown him career pathways he hadn't considered before.

"I didn't know anything a couple of days ago, now I know a lot about dams and how they work," said Mr Bennett.

"There are definitely a couple of different pathways there that I can see a career through – it's good. I can see myself working here, there are a lot of great people who support each other."



speed careering and shadowing staff at the Edgar Dam Upgrade works.

Hydro Tasmania Project Manager Oliver Giudici said the program was focussed on introducing participants to different roles within the business.

"It's not every day you get an up-close look at an infrastructure project of this

meet the demand of the future and this is a fantastic way to show the opportunities available to them."

Day one saw the group go behind the scenes at Cluny Power Station where they learnt all about how a power station turns water into electricity.

Hydro Tasmania Trainee Maintenance



Help Shape the Final Vision for West Esplanade Foreshore Park!

Smithton Tasmania

Circular Head Council is thrilled to unveil the draft Master Plan report for the exciting transformation of West Esplanade Foreshore Park, crafted through extensive community input from workshops, online surveys, and interactive engagement activities involving hundreds of residents, students, and local stakeholders. This community-driven approach has ensured the creation of a space that truly meets the diverse needs and wishes of our vibrant community.

Thanks to the enthusiastic participation from primary and secondary school students, local families, and community groups, the draft Master Plan report includes a wide array of recreational and leisure amenities. Highlights include a popular and thrilling pump track for bike enthusiasts, innovative and inclusive playground spaces suitable for all ages, flying fox, clearly defined accessible pathways, and enhanced recreational facilities designed to boost the park's appeal and usability.

The design emphasises key themes identified through community feedback—accessibility for everyone, enhancing biodiversity, and strengthening the park's connection to the local environment, culture, and heritage. Care-



Artists concept of the West Esplanade Foreshore Park, Smithton.

ful attention has been given to creating safe and welcoming spaces that invite both relaxation and active play, making the park a go-to destination for residents and visitors alike.

But the journey isn't over yet—we still need your input to finalise this shared vision! This is your opportunity to review the detailed draft report and

offer your valuable insights and feedback. Whether you have participated before or are new to the process, your perspectives matter and can help further refine this exciting project.

The follow-up survey is a crucial step to ensure that the final design aligns closely with community expectations and desires. Your continued involvement

ensures that West Esplanade will become not just a park, but a beloved landmark and inclusive community space for years to come. Don't miss this chance to be part of shaping a legacy for our community.

Complete the survey online by 11pm, Friday 18 April 2025. More info and survey links on Council's website.

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Youth Fest Returns with Music, Food and Laser Tag Fun!



Youth Fest is back and shaping up to be bigger and better than ever! Set to take over the Riverbend Youth Centre on Friday, April 11 from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, this free event is packed with entertainment, great food, and plenty of chances to get involved.

Fan favourites Lynden's Laser Tag and the North West Snake Catchers will be back, bringing their usual mix of excitement and awe.

Whether you're into high-energy games or curious about reptiles, there's something for everyone.

Live music will be a highlight of the night, with Damon Pyke taking the stage, plus an open mic session giving local talent the chance to shine. Step up to the mic for your moment in the spotlight—and maybe walk away with a \$100 gift voucher!

And don't forget to bring a few dollars for some seriously tasty eats. With food from Blakey's Bites, the Smithton CH Lions Club, Flowerdale

Caramel Apples, and Riverbend Youth Centre, you definitely won't leave hungry. Youth Fest is a great opportunity to hang out with mates, meet new people, and celebrate the amazing young people in our community.

Mark your calendars: Friday, April 11 from 5:30–9:30pm at Riverbend Youth Centre. See you there!

Council Office Closures & Kerbside Collection Changes

Please note the following changes to Council services over Easter and Anzac Day.

Kerbside collections scheduled for Friday 18 April will take place on Thursday 17 April—please put bins out the night before. All other collection days remain unchanged.

The White Hills Tip will be closed on Good Friday (18 April) and Anzac Day (25 April), open as usual on all other days.

Council offices will close at 5:00pm on Thursday 17 April and reopen at 8:15am on Monday 28 April. For urgent matters during this period, contact (03) 6452 4800.

Anzac Day service details will be published on Council's website.



Harmony Day Lights Up West Esplanade

Smithton Tasmania

More than 350 people gathered on Friday 21st March at West Esplanade for Harmony in the Park, a vibrant celebration of community, culture, and connection.

The free event, held as part of Harmony Week 2025, featured live music, mouth-watering food, and dazzling performances from local talent — including high-energy Samoan dancers and elegant Tango performers who wowed the crowd.

Co-hosted by Smithton Library and Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation, alongside numerous community groups, the night was a powerful reflection of unity in diversity.

Organisers have thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the evening, with special appreciation to all who came along to celebrate.



Basketball Court Upgrade Enhances Facilities at SWIRL Indoor Centre

Smithton Tasmania

The basketball courts at the SWIRL Indoor Centre in Smithton have recently been upgraded with the installation of competition-standard backboards, providing improved facilities for both senior and junior athletes in the community.

The new backboards feature an adjustable design, allowing them to be lowered for younger players and moved back against the wall when not in use.

This flexibility ensures the courts can accommodate a range of activities,

including emerging sports such as Pickleball.

The upgrade reflects a broader commitment to supporting community sport and enhancing recreational infrastructure in the region.

It is expected to benefit not only local basketball teams, but also a variety of sporting groups who regularly use the SWIRL Indoor Centre.

Smithton continues to build on its reputation as a regional sporting hub, with the improved courts likely to attract further use by visiting teams and community events in the future.

Stanley & Tarkine Forage Festival Returns with Culinary Delights

Stanley Tasmania

Stanley is set to host the annual Stanley & Tarkine Forage Festival from May 15 to 18, 2025, celebrating the rich culinary heritage of Tasmania's north-west region.

This year's festival features an array of events designed to tantalise the taste buds and showcase local produce. The Stanley Street Feast will transform Church Street into a vibrant outdoor dining experience, offering attendees a chance to engage with the community amidst live music and entertainment.

A highlight of the festival is the

Taste The Region Dinner, a multi-course meal curated by Master-Chef Australia 2024 runner-up, Josh 'Pezza' Perry. Hailing from nearby Smithton, Perry brings his passion for local ingredients to the table, promising an unforgettable dining experience.

The festival also offers meet-the-producer events, providing insights into the region's renowned offerings, including world-class beef, crayfish, oysters, abalone, honey, cheese, and a burgeoning micro-distillery scene.

For more information and to plan your visit, visit foragefestival.com.au.

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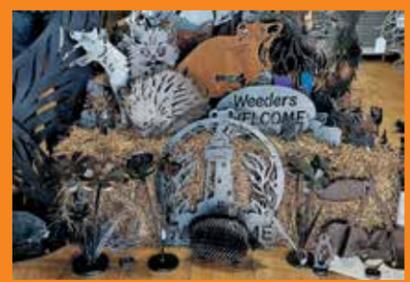
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PARTON ME JOLENE! - OPENING NIGHT REVIEW

by Dayna Dennison



“Cradle Coast Theatre presents PARTON ME JOLENE!”

Conceived, written and directed by Northwest Theatre stalwart, Sid Sidebottom, Parton Me Jolene! opened its 10 show season to a generous and supportive audience at Devonport’s Town Hall Theatre on Friday night. Sidebottom’s solid understanding of what attracts a Northwest audience continues with this third instalment off the back of Cradle Coast Theatre’s highly popular ‘Ring of Fire’ in 2022 and ‘On the Road Again’ in 2023.

The ‘Concert Theatre’ genre is narrated by well-known performer, choreographer, director and playwright, Michelle Best. Her character, ‘Lynetta’ guides the audience by providing facts, opinions

and insight into the origin of each song. Best masterfully weaves the audience around her little finger through banter and her quick-witted humour. Best states that she has always been drawn to creative and unconventional theatre and here, she is in her element! I felt like we were sharing a cuppa around her record player as she treated us to her favourite playlist.

The 30 sad, glad and badass song celebration of the best of US Women of Country begins with cast member Sherry Rand, born with Country Music pulsing in her veins, as she belts out the first verse, effortlessly, of Dolly Parton’s 1974 smash hit, Jolene. The fact that Rand’s impeccable vocals are the first we hear is not wasted on those that are

fully aware of her country music roots.

From the first notes the audience are tapping their feet, shimmying shoulders as the wave of familiar tunes wash over them.

A simple set created by Max Darvell and Belinda Gunson reflects the earthiness of country with wood grain frames featuring vibrant faces of US Women of Country. The audience is also treated to a full view of the polished, tight, professional 7-piece onstage band capably led by Musical Director, Wayne Rand.

A strong sense of celebrating community talent goes beyond just the performers and musicians we see onstage to the crafty digital imagery designed by VCA graduate and home-grown theatre designer, Theo Viney. These audio-visual effects assist the audience to connect the themes of infidelity, marriage, raising a family, substance abuse and the overall resilience of women to the lyrics of the selected musical numbers.

But the absolute standout of the show is without a doubt, the immense vocal talent of the five cast members, Sherry Rand, Annette Dawes, Tash Turner, Libby Dobson and Laura Auton. Wow!!! Adorned with a carefully selected wardrobe of belt buckles, tassels, bell bottom jeans, fringed vests, hats, denim, leather and lace, these ladies looked as good as they sounded!

Highlights are certainly ‘Delta Dawn’, the first time we hear all five voices together, with the ‘cherry on top’ being the

moments of sublime acapella. Other absolute show stoppers amongst the immense catalogue of numbers are Laura Auton’s rendition of ‘Here You Come Again’, Libby Dobson’s, ‘D.I.V.O.R.C.E’, Tash Turner’s ‘Walk the Line’ and ‘House of the Rising Sun’ and the powerhouse that is Annette Dawes with her rendition of, ‘You Light Up My Life’. What a voice. And... we all need a pair of red high heels, if you know what I mean!!!! Sass!

There is no greater definition of ‘couple goals’ than when Sherry Rand mesmerises us with, ‘He Stopped Loving Her Today’, accompanied by Musical Director, Wayne Rand with his acoustic guitar, topped off with stunning harmonies by Annette Dawes.

I did tear up during ‘Bonfire at Tina’s’, watching such a tight cast who clearly trust and know one another so well, give themselves over fully to the moment. Harmonies to die for.

Although they are presenting a show about U.S. female country music powerhouses, you can’t help but feel a sense of pride for what these five local women are capable of, in the middle of their normal, everyday lives. There is so much talent here, on our doorstep, and Cradle Coast Theatre have served it up on a platter for us to enjoy. Get along and support them. Yee Ha!!!

Dayna Dennison, Don College Theatre Teacher/Performer.”

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Tommy Quick was 12 when his life changed forever. The last thing he recalls is lying down with a headache. When he woke up five weeks later Tommy couldn't speak, and he had to learn to use his body again. He'd had a stroke.

A stroke occurs when blood cannot get to all parts of the brain. It can happen at any age and can injure the brain of impacted individuals. Childhood stroke affects more than 500 children and babies in Australia every year.

In recent years Tommy has cycled to the four points of Australia to highlight the incidence of young stroke, covering 9,889 kilometres in total.

During his four points ride in 2021, Tommy was hit by a car. He sustained significant injuries and learned to walk for the third time, but Tommy won't let anything hold him down. He's back and already cycling the three points of Tasmania – his toughest challenge yet!

Bendigo Bank's, Ashdon Capp, State Manager, Regional Victoria and Tasmania is joined Tommy's Tasmania ride on Thursday 20 March for the trip from Penguin to Wynyard on Tasmania's North West Coast.

Ashdon met Tommy ten years ago and has been following Tommy's work to raise awareness and funds for stroke

victims.

"I have learnt through Tommy that strokes are something that affect young people as well as older Australians, and that the long-term effects can be devastating. I want to be involved in creating a greater understanding of this condition, and particularly the need to support those affected by stroke at a young age," says Ashdon.

"I have a close friend who had a stroke at age 23 who was able to make a reasonably full recovery due to the quick actions of others at the scene who recognised the symptoms."

BEN is proud to sponsor Tommy's ride, and our 18 Tasmanian branches are contributing an additional \$5000 donation. We also held a Plain-Clothes day on Friday 14 March, with our local Tasmanian branch teams wearing green - the colour of the Stroke Foundation - to raise more funds.

"Twelve of our branches along the route are also assisting in other ways. And around 30 BEN employees will be supporting Tommy at various events in stages of the trip."

"Tommy is very focused on sharing his story - and the fact that stroke in young people and their care is an issue that deserves more attention. I encourage you to visit the 4 Points website, donate if you can, and learn more about young stroke and Tommy's personal journey," says Ashdon.



Above right: presenting a donation from The Smithton & Districts Community Bank as he left the coast at West Point



Above: Redpa Primary School students at Marrawah on day one

Z cars travelling the west



Myself and Stuart Williams originally from Circular Head - just completed a 12 day tour of Tasmania with the Zephyr & Zodiac Club Of Victoria Inc.

We have had a wonderful time doing a lap of this beautiful state. While here we have enjoyed wonderful food and beautiful weather and unbeatable scenery.

Whilst in Circular Head we got some amazing photos with our vehicles, particularly at the Tier Hill lookout and at Highfield in Stanley. We have enjoyed talking to every person that stopped to admire our cars and tell us of their own personal experiences with the lovely Zephyr cars. Thanks Tasmania - guarantee we will be back to see even more of this beautiful place.

Katrina Williams

Queenstown Serenity Gardens



The Queenstown Serenity Gardens are situated on the corner of Cutten and Bowes Street Queenstown, Tasmania, with support from West Coast Council and Press West Gallery.

We have been growing teas, culinary herbs and vegetables, fruits and berries adopting permaculture principles and design. This includes principles of caring and sharing, composting to restore soils, companion planting, intercropping, and bushland regeneration.

Come along on Sundays at 10am and consider adopting a garden and cultivate foods. Some regular jobs to do include weeding, mowing, whipper snipping, mulching, composting, planting, seed collection, propagation, pruning, potting, harvesting, and watering. There's no expectations to work and can work to your own ability. It is also a place for relaxation, sculpture and art and it is hoped people will embrace the gardens and utilise the space. Contact Mic Galvin on 0455341194. Revised 19/03/2025









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STUDY HUB Study Hub update April 2025

West Coast news!

The Study Hub West Coast is progressing and diligently striving to support the Community with their learning requirements.

We have helped enrol several students in funded distance education programs for Certificate III and Diploma in early childhood education and care, facilitated by our collaboration with Hydro Tasmania and Workforce Development.

We held our first WSH for Managers and Supervisors workshop in March. Everyone enjoyed their day, and the session proceeded smoothly.

We are excited to collaborate with Tas TAFE to enhance and introduce more workshops of this kind to the West Coast.

Starting in the April Easter Holidays BITLINK BYTES Regional Roadshow 2025, the Study Hub will host 2 events on the 13th April, more information on this on our Facebook page.

Students and groups are making use of our Study Hub rooms by reserving our facilities.

In the near future, we are focusing on hospitality training, Chainsaw safety, Confined space, and additional First Aid training.

Our confined space course has been rescheduled from March to May to give

more participants the opportunity to enrol, as we require a certain number to conduct this course.

We will be holding an information table at the Zeehan Neighbourhoods Street Market on the 12th April, come along and say hi.

March also saw us say goodbye to Belinda Martin, our UTAS Regional Learning Officer for the West Coast. Belinda will be missed by us all and we wish her well.

Circular Head news!

Study Centre Circular Head had a busy March, starting off with a visit by work placement students from Smithton High School to see how the Study Centre can support their future study or training re-



quirements.

We welcomed the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture for a two-day Pasture Management workshop. Other courses facilitated at the Study Centre include First Aid/CPR course and Work Safely at Heights.

In addition, the Danish Wind Power Academy conducted the Advanced Platform Theory course for Wind Turbine Technicians. The Study Centre is very proud to have the opportunity provided by Woolnorth Renewables as the venue to host their international training in Circular Head.

The Study Centre has of course also been busy with registered students utilising the free facilities now that semester

one has commenced.

If you are wanting advice on study options and pathways, or if you are undertaking tertiary or vocational studies through any Australian university or registered training organisation, please come down to the Study Centre and see either Tony or Patsy to discuss registering to use these free Federally funded facilities. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page or website for upcoming events and training opportunities at the Study Centre.

King Island news!

March has been a busy month of networking for Study King Island! While we've been busy behind the scenes with organising training opportunities for the island and continuing to organise our move. Our student services officer Emily, also took part in a Changemaker workshop hosted by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation. This workshop provided a fantastic opportunity to engage with the community and gain insights into what King Island would like to see.

Now, Emily is off to Innisfail, QLD to participate in a workshop being held at the Cassowary Coast Universities Centre. We're excited to see what ideas and connections come from this experience!

Ash Wednesday Celebration – ‘Time of abounding Grace’

St. Joseph's Catholic School, Queenstown



Ash Wednesday a significant day in the lives of all Christians which calls every believer to follow the way of God and the life of Grace. It is a time of celebration for the repentance, revival and renewal of our lives with God. As we read in Prophet Joel 2:12-13 "Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God."

St. Joseph's Catholic School at Queenstown celebrated the liturgy with the whole school students on 5th March 2025 at 2.00 pm with the staff to start the season of Lent. Fr.Arokia, the presiding minister began the Liturgy calling everyone to the life of grace by accepting our faults and seeking God's mercy and compassion. Repentance is the need for a holy life and the acts of kindness like

prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead us to God's kingdom. After the homily, the ashes were applied on the foreheads of students and staff to mark the beginning of lent. The student's cheerfulness was one of great signs of grace. The service ended at 2.30 pm with a final blessing and wishes of Happy Ash Wednesday and joyous Season of Lent.

Significance of Ashes: Ashes are placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, in one of the most counter-cultural acts of our faith. It is done for two reasons: a personal act of remembrance and as a sign or a witness for others. The ashes come from the burnt Palms from last year's Passion Sunday celebration, which begins Holy Week. So, these ashes bring us back to our last celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus for us. On this first day of Lent, we begin a journey of renewal - from

death to life. This is a joyful season. We will make sacrifices, in order to try to let God reform our desiring, but this is a time for God to be generous to us in outpouring His Grace. When the ashes are placed on our foreheads, the minister says formula to help us remember who we are and the mission to which we are sent: "Remember, man/woman, you are dust and to dust you will return." We are reminded that we are creatures and that our lives were given to us. But, we are also reminded that our lasting home is in eternity, with God. This is not our lasting home.

Fr.Arokia can be contacted for any Pastoral Care Assistance to the following email : westcoast@aohtas.org.au and Phone Number : 0364711731

Arts Tasmania fund volunteer training at Heritage Centre

On the 24th-26th March, Veronica from The Roving Curators travelled to the West Coast to start training some of the volunteers at the Rosebery Heritage Centre. Over the three days, she showed them how to create a collection policy, and begin cataloguing the huge collection that the Heritage Centre has. On the third day, Christine Winskill from MMG popped in to share some stories of Rosebery and the history of the Heritage Centre before it moved to its forever home

at the band hall. There are five more three day training visits planned for the remainder of the year. In these the volunteers will learn how to clean the displays properly without damaging items, also, how to store pieces and display them for the public to see. The training is funded by Arts Tasmanias Roving Curator grants round. The Rosebery Development Association are excited to see what improvements their freshly trained volunteers can make to the Heritage Centre

and the collection to help preserve and display it at its best. Donation of interesting heritage items with relevant history are gratefully accepted. The Rosebery Heritage Centre is open weekdays from 10am until 2pm. Drop in and have a look at the exciting collection one day soon.

Pictured at right are some of the volunteers, Veronica, from Arts Tasmania and Chris Winskill from MMG



First Bass Strait crossing by plane

One of the most fascinating aviation stories involves Lieutenant Arthur L. Long who completed the first flight across Bass Strait from Stanley to Melbourne in 1919. Arthur was born at Forcett (Tas) in 1896, eldest son of Thomas and Amy (nee Palfreyman), who was a travelling salesman with Palfreyman's drapery store, Hobart, run by his uncles, before he enlisted in WWI.

He served four and half years in the Australian Imperial Forces (AIF) and after passing through various aviation courses he joined the Australian Flying Corps No. 2 Squadron. After the war he spent six months at a training course on aeronautics and commercial aviation. He knew there was great potential for commercial aviation back home in Tasmania.

Long ordered a purpose built Boulton Paul P9 plane to be built in England for civilian use; a two seater plane made of ply and canvas with dual controls so it could be flown from either position. It had a wing span of 27ft and length 25ft. The BP factory built another seven P9 planes. Long packed the plane in to ten crates and had it shipped to Australia. He constructed the plane at the Elwick Show Grounds and his many feats included:

- Advertising of the Peace Loan Fund in Tasmania
- Performing aerial stunts – roll overs
- Making first ever commercial passenger flight between Hobart and Launceston
- Making the first aerial newspaper delivery when the publishers of the Mercury challenged the Examiner to see who could deliver papers to Deloraine first. Mr McKenzie, a journalist with the Mercury, surrounded by papers, flew with Long from Hobart dropping papers at small towns along the way and waving to

excited school children. But due to poor visibility and a faulty compass, they had veered off course to Maria Island. Long dropped below the clouds and navigated his way back to Ross one and a half hours behind schedule. The Examiner arrived with their newspapers by car at Deloraine 3 hours before Long.

- Recording the first aerial photos of Launceston and Tamar Valley with professional photographer, Stephen Spurling.
- Making numerous photographic exper-

iments to the Great Lakes in connection with the hydro electric scheme. One day he noticed in a local paper that there was to be a return trip from Melbourne to Launceston landing at Stanley. Being thoroughly Tasmanian, Long wanted this epic trip to be completed by a Tasmanian. With no time to waste, he added an extra fuel tank and set off for Stanley (the closest point to the mainland) on the 15th December from Launceston and due to bad weather tied the plane down in a paddock owned by Mr

arriving four hours and 10 minutes after take off. He averaged 70mph with an average height of 1,500ft, maximising at 2,000ft.

Arthur Long had messages from the Governor of Tasmania for the Governor General; was received by Melbourne's Lord Mayor and congratulated by the Prime Minister. Back in Tasmania, he received accolades from the Tasmanian Government. He has gone down in history as a pioneer of commercial aviation. Arthur Long did attempt to get an airline off the ground in 1920-21; Aviation Ltd with 4-5 aircraft, but the enterprise was short lived. Long went on to become a stockbroker and grazier in Victoria and died there in 1954. There was the unveiling of a commemorative replica of the Boulton Paul P9 plane Lt Long flew at Lane's Lookout, Stanley on 15th December 2019 to mark this historic aviation event. The Stanley Museum also houses information and a book Bridging the Strait by Pirrie Shield that was produced especially for the occasion.



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elled to Stanley by car, spinning the propeller to start the engine. Long followed the Three Hummock island and King Island, landing briefly at Torquay to top the engine oil up with engine ticking over and propeller spinning. A cord had been rigged to up to release the engine oil but broke leaving his engine seriously short of oil. He did experience variable wind conditions and turbulence which did slow him down but he continued on to Port Melbourne, landing at Fishermen's Bend,

Photo at left: Polly Stanton photographed by James Wright



Unconformity - new Trial Harbour residency

The Unconformity is pleased to announce a new artist residency program to be delivered in Trial Harbour in 2025. The residencies will unfold across two weeks: one week in Queenstown, working from The Unconformity Hall, and one week in Trial Harbour, working in a spacious coastal gallery and studio with host artist, Jenny Groves.



Visiting artists Bridie Hooper (QLD) and Jen Large (VIC/TAS) will collaborate with Queenstown artist David "Fitzy" Fitzpatrick to research a new performance experience intersecting circus, sculpture and performance art that explores humans' relationships to effort and its role in society.

Visiting artist Polly Stanton (VIC) will collaborate with West Coast artist Jade Elford, drawing from Polly's experience in video and sound and Jade's practice in analogue photography and filmmaking to capture the shifting sites of Queenstown and Trial Harbour through layered visual and sonic narratives.

More information about the program is available on our website: <https://theunconformity.com.au/coastal-collaboration>

This project was assisted through Arts Tasmania.

Photo at left: Polly Stanton photographed by James Wright

Photo top right: Jen Large performing SUB at The Unconformity 2023 photographed by Jesse Hunniford.

Photo bottom right: David "Fitzy" Fitzpatrick with his West Coast Artist Commission piece at The Unconformity 2023 photographed by Jesse Hunniford.



Pic Puzzle

Bunny Delivery

How many Easter eggs
can you see in
the picture?



Word Find

The words in the list can all be found in the puzzle. They may be spelled horizontally, vertically, backwards, forwards or diagonally. Be careful, some letters are used more than once. When you find a word, circle each letter. When all the words in the list have been found, the letters left over will spell the solution.

T N U H W O L L E Y
Y A D I L O H T F G
A P I N K L A E L N
D N F B A L R K O I
N E I M O A N S W N
U W B C B W D A E R
S S O B T H S B R O
C H I C K S E E S M
C T G S N O B B I R
B L U E G E D I H S

Basket
Blue
Bows
Chicks
Chocolate
Flowers
Hide
Holiday
Hunt

Lambs
Morning
New
Pink
Rabbit
Ribbons
Sunday
Yellow



Happy Easter!



Spot the 10 Differences



Maze

Can you find your way through the maze? Start at the top arrow and make your way to the bottom without crossing any lines.



Solutions



Maze:

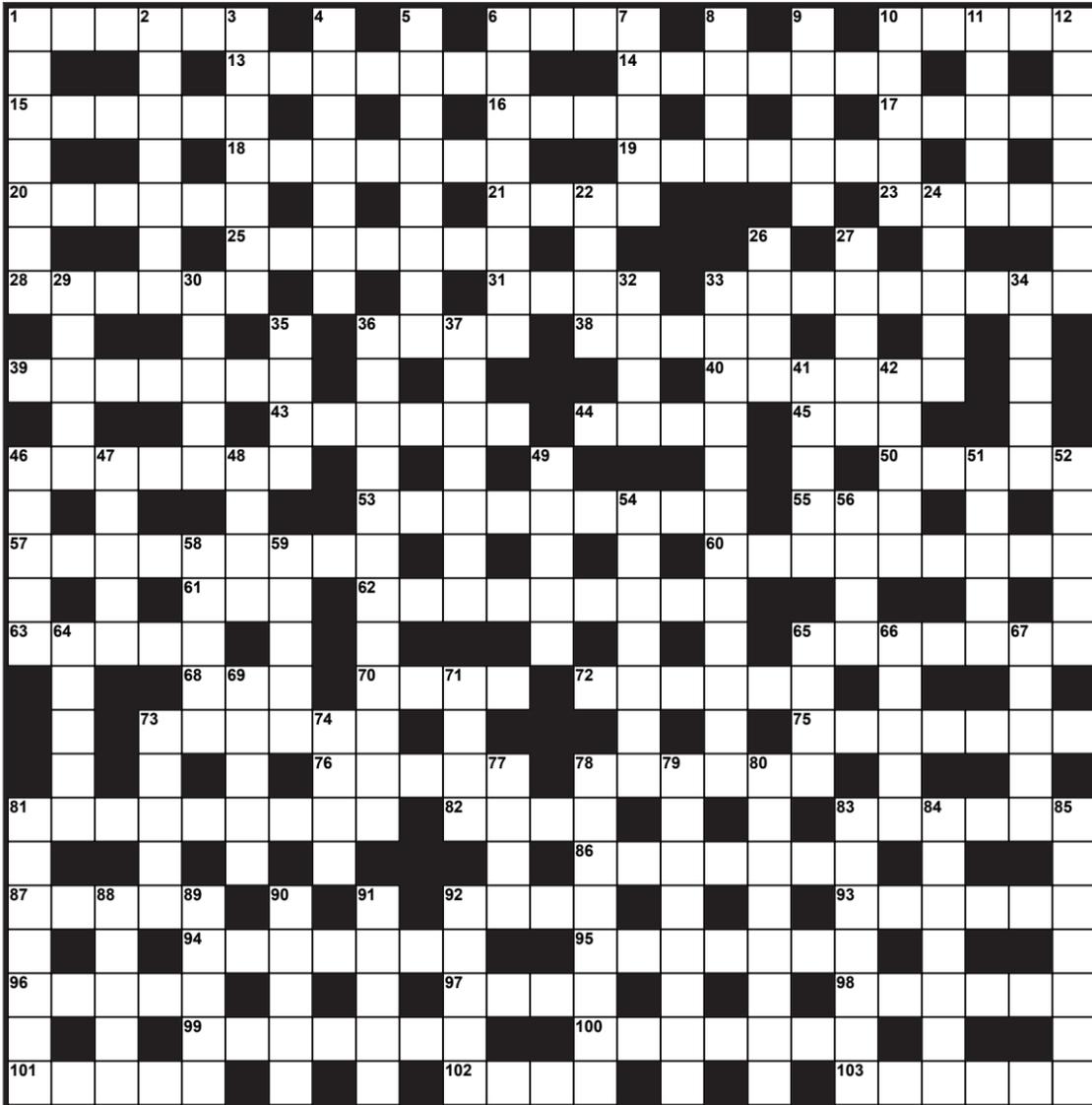
- Spot the 10 Differences:
1. Cherry
 2. Star, missing, feather,
 3. Bottle,
 4. Patch on sack,
 5. Flower stem,
 6. Cocky's head
 7. Bell on hat,
 8. Egg in basket,
 9. Chicken eyes,
 10. Black ribbon.

Word Find:
"Find the Eggs"

Pic Puzzle:

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EASTER SURPRISE



CROSSWORD 25 X 25

CLUES

WAL100

EASTER SURPRISE

ACROSS

- 1 Annual Christian festival (6)
- 6 & 28 Across A day celebrated in commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem (4,6)
- 10 The birthplace of Mohammed, and spiritual centre of Islam (5)
- 13 Like a monster (7)
- 14 Alligator pear (7)
- 15 Bow in respect (6)
- 16 The fifth book of the New Testament (4)
- 17 Cardinal point (5)
- 18 One who charges another with a crime (7)
- 19 The devil (3,4)
- 20 Helix (6)
- 21 A representation in painting of Christ (4)
- 23 Defame (5)
- 25 Footstools (7)
- 28 See 6 Across
- 31 Biblical garden (4)
- 33 Songs of praise to God (9)
- 36 Small island (4)
- 38 Tend in sickness (5)
- 39 An ancient Roman province in what is now northern Israel (7)
- 40 The abode of God, the angels, and spirits of the righteous after death (6)
- 43 Nun's headcloth (6)
- 44 Killed by violence (4)
- 45 King (3)
- 46 Ancient capital of Egypt (7)
- 50 One of the twelve apostles (5)
- 53 Acted in a swaggering manner (9)
- 55 National Gallery of Australia (init) (3)
- 57 Unanimity of opinion (9)
- 60 Close call (4,5)
- 61 Donkey (3)
- 62 Make English in form (9)
- 63 Holy person (5)
- 65 Money lenders (7)
- 68 First woman (3)
- 70 The March date that Caesar was warned to beware of (4)
- 72 Those who adhere to the dominant religion of India (6)
- 73 Traps (6)
- 75 Buries (7)
- 76 Exercise sovereign power (5)
- 78 A devout petition to God (6)
- 81 Biblical letter writers (9)
- 82 Profoundly wise person (4)
- 83 Falseness (6)
- 86 A building of imposing appearance (7)
- 87 Complies with commands (5)
- 92 Carry (4)
- 93 & 85 Down Pancake Day (6,7)
- 94 Mole (coll) (7)
- 95 A structure of crossed strips (7)
- 96 Spite or malice (5)
- 97 Church recess (4)
- 98 Injured irretrievably (6)
- 99 Ancient Egyptian monument (7)
- 100 Snake (7)
- 101 Of an unpleasantly serious character (5)
- 102 Greek god of love (4)
- 103 Payment for regular work (6)

DOWN

- 1 Apologies (7)
- 2 Instructed privately (7)
- 3 A prerogative belonging to a sovereign (7)
- 4 Put to death by nailing the body to a cross (7)
- 5 Errors in conduct (8)
- 6 One of an ancient Jewish sect (8)
- 7 A member of a widely distributed and once secret order of men (5)
- 8 ... Friday, a holy day observed as the anniversary of the crucifixion of Jesus (4)
- 9 The second king of the Hebrews (5)
- 10 Those who live under vows of poverty, chastity and the like (5)
- 11 An ecclesiastical censure (5)
- 12 Follows (7)
- 22 Beasts of burden (4)
- 24 Grieve for the dead (5)
- 26 Run away from pursuers, etc (4)
- 27 Depart from (5)
- 29 A customary way of doing (5)
- 30 The Muslim name of the Supreme Being (5)
- 32 Of no effect, consequence or significance (4)
- 33 The first day of Lent (3,9)
- 34 Make amends for an offence (5)
- 35 Israelites (4)
- 36 Bestows unending fame upon (12)
- 37 Singing in a rhythmic manner (7)
- 41 The oval space in a Roman amphitheatre for combats (5)
- 42 Someone living in a country of which they are not a citizen (5)
- 46 Considerable pecuniary resources (5)
- 47 & 56 Down The last day before Lent, which is celebrated with special carnival festivities (5,4)
- 48 Distinctive doctrines (4)
- 49 Of a sedate character (5)
- 51 Yours (5)
- 52 Speaks with fury (5)
- 54 Monaco's former prince (7)
- 56 See 47 Down
- 58 Consumed (5)
- 59 Reactive compound (5)
- 64 Find the sum of (3,2)
- 65 One who takes heroin (coll) (4)
- 66 Free from bonds (5)
- 67 Spiritual leader of a Jewish community (5)
- 69 A burial chamber (5)
- 71 Common Easter gifts (4)
- 73 Effeminate boy (5)
- 74 Sins (4)
- 77 Nominate (4)
- 78 Having no equal (8)
- 79 Pilots (8)
- 80 Brought forth (8)
- 81 Develops gradually (7)
- 83 Forsakes (7)
- 84 Warmly friendly (7)
- 85 See 93 Across
- 88 Australia's Mr Dingo (5)
- 89 The original name of Peter the apostle (5)
- 90 Test cricket trophy (5)
- 91 Confess (5)
- 92 Motion arresting device (5)

Local author takes you time travelling with her book launch



Smithton author Debra Williams (writing under the pen name Debra Clewer) is relaunching her Middle-Grade historical fiction/fantasy children's novel, *Will and Harriet: The Secret Rings*.

The launch will be held at The Arty Duck, 30 Smith Street, Smithton, on Saturday, the 26th of April, at three p.m. There will be books for sale and giveaways on the day.

This is a time-slip story suitable for ages 9-13. Harriet Cooper and her best friend, Will Taylor, research a school history project in their local library. Harriet's eyes are drawn to a picture of an ancient silver ring in an old book...and then something extraordinary happens! The two friends are drawn into time-slip adventures galore in three ancient locations. Can they return in time to complete their school project?

'This was a delightful read packed full of adventure and learning. The story is engaging, fast-paced and fascinating. I gave it five out of five stars.'

Sandra Bennett-Children's author.

Debra has three Middle-Grade novels independently published, with the fourth adventure currently under construction. Debra also has several short stories (for kids and adults) published in anthologies and online.

In 2022, Debra released her first chapter book, *Ah-Fur, Super Sleuth: The Case of the Missing Moggies*, (available online & at The Arty Duck). In 2024 she was both long and shortlisted in the Just Write For Kids Pitch It! competition.

Debra's secondary interest is creating custom-made puppets, particularly for other authors. She can be found at: www.clewerbooknook.com and www.facebook.com/DClewerauthor.

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- 🔥 Participation is FREE, and clothing supplied!



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STARTING 5TH MAY
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WEST



Rosebery ANZAC DAY 2025

Friday 25th April

Dawn Service 6am at Cenotaph

Main Service 11am at Cenotaph

March Leaves Rosebery District School
10:45am to Cenotaph via main street.

Lest we forget

Free Breakfast and Lunch provided at the pub.

THE QUEENSTOWN COMMUNITY MARKET **2025 DATES**
Memorial Hall, Orr Street, 11am-2pm

FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
2	2	6	4
			Mother's Day Market
JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
1	6	3	7
			Father's Day Market
OCT	OCT	NOV	DEC
5	19	2	7
	The Unconformity Makers Market		Christmas Market

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4X TICKETS TO A BBL15 HURRICANES GAME OF YOUR CHOICE
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POTTERY FOR THE PLANET TRAVEL CUP
2 X HOBART HURRICANES HATS

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\$50 WESTERLY SEASIDE VOUCHER
2 X POTTERY FOR THE PLANET TRINKET TRAY
OCFC BEANIE (\$25)
2 X HOBART HURRICANES HATS

3RD PRIZE
\$50 MARKETPLACE VOUCHER
\$20 COFFEE SHACK VOUCHER
2 X HOBART HURRICANES HATS

TICKETS \$1 EACH DRAW FRIDAY MARCH 28 MORE PRIZES TBC

ZEEHAN SERVICE TIMES FRIDAY 25 APRIL

DAWN SERVICE	MAIN SERVICE
5:30am Assemble at Central Hotel (across from Post Office)	10:30am Assemble at Hotel Cecil
5:45am Step Off, march to cenotaph at Zeehan RSL	10:45am Step Off, march to cenotaph at Zeehan RSL
6:00am Service commences followed by hot breakfast with traditional gunfire rum & milk	11:00am Service commences followed by a light lunch
BREAKFAST Donations towards the breakfast welcome, please contact Starsha on 0484 923 470	WREATHS If anyone wishes to lay a wreath at either service please contact Michelle on 0419 393 044

Save the Date...
Mark your calendars!
Strahan Golf Club's Cracker Night is back for another epic evening of fireworks, fun, and community spirit!
Date: Saturday 24th May, 2025
Location: Strahan Golf Club
Fireworks, Food & Family Fun
Stay tuned for more details, but for now—spread the word and get ready for a night to remember!

Regional Development Australia Tasmania Western Regional Strategic Partnership

NETWORK EVENT

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2025
5pm - 7pm

STUDY HUB WEST COAST
Frederick Street Zeehan

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES
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LIGHT SUPPER & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

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BY COB Thursday 8th April

Queenstown RSL Annual General Meeting.
Sunday 13th of April, 1 pm at the Sub-Branch
14-16 Cutten Street

Queenstown Anzac Day.
The Queenstown RSL would like to invite you all to join us for our ceremonies this Anzac Day, Friday 25th of April

- Dawn Service 6 am Queenstown Cenotaph.
- Queenstown Cemetery Memorial Service 8 am.
- Gormanston Memorial Service 9:00 am.
- Main Service 11:00 am Queenstown Cenotaph.

Those wishing to march for Main Service, please gather in the car park of the Queenstown RSL at 10:30 am
This year we invite you to create your own wreaths/tributes to place at the cenotaph

Zeehan Street Market

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH
FROM 11AM - 2PM

Children's entertainer!!
Sam Starr - Multi skilled Circus + Magic

Welcome to Our House

Main Street Zeehan (Next to RSL)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NORTHWEST

Pathway Pickleball & Performance Pickleball Presents ...

NORTHWEST PICKLEBALL COACHING

PHYSICAL STRATEGIC MENTAL
Saturday April 12th

ALL AGES SESSION:

Maximum 16 People
Loan paddles available

DUE TO DEMAND!
BEGINNER SESSION:
Introduction to Pickleball
5:30pm to 7:30pm
\$40 per person

WYNYARD INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE
Austin Street, Wynyard

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
CLOSES APRIL 11TH 9AM

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• OUPF: Doubles 4.554 & Singles 4.314

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ANZAC DAY SERVICE TIMES - CIRCULAR HEAD

Friday, April 25, 2025

SMITHTON

Smithton Dawn Service - 6am - ANZAC Park Smithton
Smithton Main Service - 10.30am - ANZAC Park Smithton
Assemble in Emmett St near the Reject Store at 10.00am
for commencement of march at 10.15am.

STANLEY

Stanley Dawn Service - 6am - Godfrey's Beach.
Stanley Main Service - 9am - Cenotaph.
Assemble in Church St at 8.30am for commencement of march at 8.45am

MARRAWAH

Marrawah Dawn Service - 6am - Marrawah Cenotaph.
Marrawah Midday Service - assemble outside Marrawah tavern at 12.15pm,
march at 12.25pm. Service starts at 12.30pm

Circular Head Gymnastics Club Inc is holding our AGM on Tuesday the 29th of April at 7pm at Cornerstone Community Church. All positions will be declared vacant. If you don't have time to take on a position, we also need members to ensure our club is able to continue to provide gymnastics in our community. Would love to see some new faces come along. For more information, please send us an email chgymnasticsclub@gmail.com or message our Facebook Page.

Join us in raising vital funds for breast and ovarian cancer research!

In honour of Mother's Day, we are hosting a Mother's Day Classic event to raise funds to further breast and ovarian cancer research.

This will be a GREAT day for the community to gather and support a very worthy cause

WHEN: Sunday 11 May, 2025

8am registrations will open 9am runs/ walks commence

10:30am best dressed winners will be announced and morning tea will be available.

WHERE: Stanley Recreation Ground, parking available onsite

WHAT: Walk/ run 2.5km or 5km. Wear pink - fun and bright to be in the winning of Best Dressed!

WHO: Everyone is welcome to join us, children included! Please note, the track will have areas that are not suitable for prams and/or wheelchairs and dogs are not permitted.

PRICE: Adult: \$40, Child: \$30, Concession: \$35 (these prices are on the day registration)

Save by grabbing tickets now!!!

Early bird tickets until 13 April (save up to 29% off!)

REGISTER ONLINE: www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/.../mothers-day.../home

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11TH MAY | 9AM | STANLEY

MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC IS BACK

Mother's Day Classic

STANLEY & TARKINE FORAGE FESTIVAL
15-18 MAY 2025

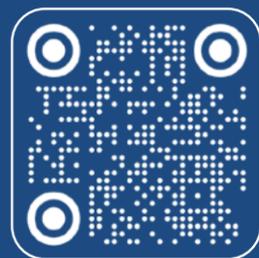


STANLEY & TARKINE FORAGE FESTIVAL

15-18 May 2025

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A weekend of food-based fun. Join the buzz of **Stanley Street Feast**, indulge in the **Taste the Region Dinner** and feed your curiosity at meet-the-producer events, markets and more. Tickets on sale now.



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EXPLORE THE MAGIC OF THE OFF SEASON!

DISCOVER THE SERENE BEAUTY OF NORTH WEST TASMANIA DURING THE OFF SEASON. AS THE CROWDS DISPERSE, THE REGION TAKES ON A TRANQUIL CHARM, INVITING VISITORS TO EXPLORE ITS HIDDEN TREASURES AT THEIR OWN PACE. FROM THE RUGGED COASTLINE TO THE LUSH HINTERLANDS, NORTH WEST TASMANIA OFFERS A WEALTH OF NATURAL WONDERS WAITING TO BE UNCOVERED. EMBRACE THE QUIETUDE OF QUIANT COASTAL TOWNS, WHERE HISTORIC CHARM MEETS BREATHTAKING SCENERY.



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TARKINE FRESH OYSTERS
TASTE THE TARKINE WITH
HOT SHELLS AND SPICY SIPS



HANLON GUEST HOUSE
COASTAL HERITAGE COMFORT

Wynyard show is a classic experience

I love a good agricultural show, even more so if I have a camera in my hand and the recent Wynyard Show was one of those shows and I had a blast.

What a great show, one of the best I have been to in Tasmania, I know the amount of work that goes into such an event, so well done to all concerned.

I will let the photos show the fun that was had at this Show, you will just have to imagine the noise, the screams of delight, the sound of full throttle chainsaws and even... the smell of animal dung. It's all part of a great agricultural show. I loved it and hope to be back up in Wynyard for the next one.





Such courage at the Wynyard Show woodchopping



From left to right Bronte Maine, Layla Maine and Kallie Batchelor

I have had the pleasure of watching and photographing woodchopping all over Tasmania but have never before seen such determination, grit and courage as I saw at the Wynyard Show this year. Three young ladies stood on their blocks for almost ten minutes, chopping away on some of the hardest wood I have seen.

In a feat of endurance that many of the men in the sport would have been hard pressed to complete, these girls didn't stop until that block was in two.. This was woodchopping at its finest. Well done ladies - Very impressive. **Ed** One of the girls, Kallie, has her story at right.

Why I like being a female woodchopper.

People are always surprised when I say I do woodchopping but to me it's just an awesome sport that I love being a part of.

Finishing my block is the best feeling ever. It doesn't matter if it takes me two minutes or eight, I won't give up until I see that block split in half.

The woodchopping community is amazing. We compete, but we also cheer each other on. Everyone is supportive, They are always ready to help, share tips, and celebrate achievements - big or small.

I love showing that girls belong in this sport. It's tough, but that's what makes it fun. I wouldn't trade it for anything!

Kallie Batchelor - photo below right.



First ride day a success for motorcycle club!



Circular Head Motorcycle Club president Justin Airey is happy to see the club up and running once again. The club has been a significant part of his life for many years, shaping not just his own experiences, but also those of his three sons, as they have grown up riding with the club also. The shared passion for riding has created lasting memories, bonding them as a family and creating friendships within the club.

It was so great to welcome both old

and new faces last Saturday on our first ride day for the year. Such an enjoyable day for everyone. Our fantastic team we have helping us makes all the difference. The sense of community and support is truly uplifting, creating a vibrant atmosphere that everyone appreciates!

The motorcycle club that is situated at Briant Park in Smithton, caters for riders of all ages and experience. Our nipper track sure gives the younger riders a place to develop their skills and increase

their excitement and adrenaline. The smiles on their faces after a day of riding is priceless. The main track offers a place to extend those skills and challenge yourself or just enjoy the ride. An ideal location for the local and broader communities to come together and ride in a family friendly environment. Spectators are always welcome; we have a great canteen to keep everyone fuelled for the day.

We appreciated the businesses that

have come onboard so far this year. Sponsorship and donations are immensely appreciated, assisting the continuation of a supportive, inclusive club for our community.

We continue to welcome all. Our future ride dates are – Wednesday 23rd April, Sunday 11th May, Sunday 8th June, Sunday 13th July, Sunday 10th August, Sunday 28th September, Sunday 19th October, Sunday 23rd November.

Ocean, lakes and rivers. Paddling Tassie's West

Exploring Tasmania's West Coast by Paddle: A Paradise for Adventurers

Tasmania's wild and rugged West Coast is a dream destination for paddlers of all kinds, offering a stunning variety of experiences for both seasoned adventurers and newcomers alike. From exhilarating whitewater rivers to serene sea kayaking journeys along breathtaking coastlines, this region is a paddler's paradise just waiting to be explored.

Whitewater Thrills

For those who crave the rush of fast-moving water, the West Coast's rivers offer some of the best whitewater experiences in Australia. The Franklin River, famous for its pristine wilderness and challenging rapids, is a bucket-list destination for experienced paddlers. With multi-day expeditions through deep gorges and dense rainforest, it's an unforgettable journey into the heart of Tasmania's untouched wilderness.

For those looking for a shorter but equally thrilling adventure, the King River provides an exciting ride. Flowing through steep gorges and historic mining landscapes, this river is known for its

technical rapids and spectacular scenery. The Anthony River is another hidden gem, offering challenging sections for pack rafters in search of a remote and rewarding experience.

waters leading paddlers to the fascinating convict ruins of Sarah Island and the stunning reflections of the Gordon River.

For a more open-ocean adventure, Strahan provides access to the wild

untouched waterways surrounded by spectacular wilderness.

Get Involved with the West Coast Paddle Club

Whether you're an experienced paddler or a complete beginner, the West Coast has something to offer. If you're keen to get started, meet fellow paddlers, or gain valuable skills, the West Coast Paddle Club is the perfect place to begin. The club welcomes paddlers of all levels and offers guidance, training, and group trips to help you make the most of the region's incredible waterways.

For more information, upcoming events, and advice on where to paddle, get in touch with the West Coast Paddle Club today. There's no better way to experience the wild beauty of Tasmania's West Coast than by kayak or canoe—so grab a paddle and start exploring!



Sea Kayaking Adventures

If whitewater isn't your style, the West Coast's expansive coastline offers world-class sea kayaking opportunities. The rugged shores of Macquarie Harbour are perfect for exploration, with its sheltered

Southern Ocean. Kayakers can explore the dramatic coastlines, sea caves, and endless beaches that make this area so unique. Further south, Bathurst Harbour and Port Davey present a remote and pristine paddling experience, with vast,

Rosebery Festival

Well it was a cold, wet day but that didn't stop the brave souls who attended the recent Rosebery Festival from having lots of fun, from fairy floss to fairground rides, games and the market, there was something for everyone.

There were some amazing artworks on display at the school, the Lions and other food stalls provided the energy to brave the weather and the day ended with a colour run with no-one escaping without being covered in a veritable rainbow of powder (even caught this photographer).

As usual I will let the photos tell the story. Put the 2026 Rosebery Festival in your diary.



WE PLAY CIRCULAR HEAD FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

A partnership in times of struggle!



Round one in the CHFA had all four club's unite together to promote mental health. Local Mental health organisations spent the day communicating with locals and providing the necessary information.

The First senior game kicked off at 4pm with reigning premiers Redpa taking on Forest/Stanley. Forest/Stanley took the early lead 25 points at the main break. Demon Lucas Ford played at his best with Redpa unable to find a matchup to hold him back as he finished the day with 6 Goals. Redpa were sluggish all day unable to score any easy goals, with coach Josh Gale kicking the only 2 goals for Redpa as they walked off the ground with a 104-point loss.

After the first senior match all four clubs, umpires, CHFA executive, spectators and CH Saints were also asked to join as they united in a circle on the ground. Scotchtown President Josh Smith spoke

strongly "United about our approach and commitment to working together.

Also, we are united in our thinking about creating an environment where mental health amongst our people is not just spoken about, but where we highlight the ways in our community where a person who is struggling with mental health can receive the help that they need.

We know that it takes a large amount of courage to say that you're struggling. And so, by naming the places where we can get help and support out loud tonight... hopefully this opens conversations and more importantly shows that there is hope.

Please remember, there is no shame in asking for help.

If you have a mate who is battling in this way, please know that it is a weight that you do not have to carry alone. There are people in our community and

beyond who are trained, prepared and ready to help you and your mate. Here are the supporters in our community that are represented here today:

STICH (Stronger Together In Circular Head) - beanies in collaboration with McCain's & Andy Issom

RAW (Rural Alive and Well), Standby, Black Dog, Lifeline, Theirs, Due South, Goodsport, Multicap, Tas Police, Tas Ambulance. I would now like us to have a minute silence for those who have been negatively affected by poor mental health & suicide."

After the unity message, Scotchtown and Irishtown took to the ground under lights. Both clubs played a tight first quarter with Irishtown making the first break through in the second quarter going into halftime 33 points up. Veteran Canary Dwayne Everett finished the day with four goals. The Tigers battled hard but were unable to break through

the strong midfield and defence of the Canaries and finished the day 38 points down.

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We feel privileged that we could spend the day with you and hope that, you consider to do this again and again.

More so speak about the day to your teams, peers and families. Start the conversation around the table of a night, Ask

the question of your loved ones. How was your day? Is there a highlight for your day if so? Was there something you would've done differently, these questions have no (YES or NO answer). So It will give you a better understanding of where someone is mentally,

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Yours sincerely CHFA

If anyone finds this topic distressing please contact:



A partnership in times of struggle!

On Behalf of the CHFA, we'd like to thank Scotchtown and Redpa for their efforts to make round one happen.

This is also a collaboration from the visiting sides Irishtown and Forest Stanley, We'd also like to thank the sponsors for the day STiCH and McCain Foods Smithton.

We are making a stand to say that we want to create a conversation, A day that highlights this and allows organisations in our community to be more visible.

When we speak about the importance of the Mental Health round, Shane believes that football plays a vital role in Mental health, we are all affected by mental health and we want to lead by example.

Shane said our football provides an avenue for people to come together and create mateship. Comradery comes to mind and having all four clubs combine in the message, provides a bigger circle for the start of conversation. CHFA wants to use this as a strength in numbers, to promote the good in Circular Head.

We want to offer a space, where those that just want to play country footy and catch up with mates for a few hours a week.

This is the association that welcomes you, We understand the stress of hard work and having families etc, This is a great outlet for you to spend time with others, to have a kick, laugh and a chat. This is also a space we believe, If you are struggling. This is an outlet for you to come along and talk, as we don't want you to feel that you have to suffer in silence.

Vita, also spoke that all clubs in our Association would've been affected, touched or connected to someone that has fallen on troubled times or in times of struggle. If we recognise and see it, we need to start reaching out and help the person(s) affected. By getting those services locally involved, to be the conduit between the person and the services if required. This is why we strongly believe in the CHFA Mental health round, we believe in times past we may have failed.

We really want to make sure that if we see it, hear it. We can do something about it to help, we can have a chat. So Mental health round is designed to be a very informal day,

A day where we can start the conversation around Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. To say to the community, we stand united with four clubs, to guide you to resources locally. We want to put these organisations in the front and centre.

All four clubs have acknowledged that they are there to listen and as footballers, as mates and as families. CHFA and clubs want you to know you're not alone,

We want to partner up with local resources to make sure of that.

You are important, cared for and valued, we look forward to seeing you all at the games and hope that if you do need to start the conversation with someone, you can at any time without judgement.

We're hoping that "Mental Health Round" not only starts the conversation, It can start to provide some answers for those that can link up with the appropriate service.

Beanies for mental health



We loved seeing everybody in our beanies today More importantly we loved chatting, sharing information & reminding people we're here if you need us Well done to the Circular Head Football Association and all the clubs for bringing so many people and services together .Big shout out to Andy Issom and McCain Foods for their support and sponsorship of the beanies



Circular Head Football Association Round 1 Match report 05/04/2025

Under 12's

Forest/Stanley def Redpa

Forest/Stanley: 3.1.19; 5.3.33 8.8.56, 11.8.74

Redpa: 0.0.0; 0.0.0; 0.0.0; 1.1.7

Goals Forest/Stanley: Leo Kearnes 2, Dustin Brown 2, Hugo Cotter 2, Boston Brown, Albie Best, Hudson Medwin, Jordy Medwin, Huxley Bryan. Redpa: Hunter Hinds Best Forest/Stanley: Boston Brown, Huxley Byran, Caleb Charles, Carter Blake, Peter Gilby, Jordy Medwin Redpa: Jacobi Hinds, Sawyer Bransden, Henry Beech Jones, Hamish Poke, Hunter Hinds.

Irishtown def Scotchtown

Irishtown: 2.4.16; 6.6.42; 10.9.69; 11.12.78

Scotchtown: Nil

Goals Irishtown: Nate McAlister 3, Jake Moore 2, Dyson Ryan 2, Lucas Schuur-ing, Jude McAlister, Brock Davis.

Best Irishtown: Lucas Schuur-ing, Rory Bishop, Bodhi Fletcher, Jude McAlister, Nate McAlister, Brock Davis Scotchtown: Larni Russell, Lachlan Zoontjens, Jaylen West, George Wilson, Bailey Smith, Daniel Randall.

Under 16's

Redpa def Forest/Stanley

Redpa: 6.1.37; 12.3.75; 17.6.108; 21.10.136

Forest/Stanley: 0.1.1; 0.1.1; 1.1.7; 1.2.8

Goals Redpa: Jett Sweetman 3, Jhett House 3, Lewis Sheehan 2, Grayson Ollington 2, Aiden Brown 2, Carter Bransden 2, Hunter Innes-Smith, Max Monson, Logan Rubens, Austin Goodger, Chaz Gray, Toby Grey, Riley Jackson, Forest/Stanley: Axle House Best Redpa: Austin Goodger, Grayson Ollington, Chaz Gray, Logan Rubens, Riley Jackson, Max Monson Forest/Stanley: Ethan Poke, Axle House, Bailey Elphinstone, Rylan Whitehouse, Logan Pyke.

Irishtown def Scotchtown

Irishtown: 3.1.19; 6.3.39; 7.4.46; 10.7.67

Scotchtown: 0.2.2; 0.3.3; 1.3.9; 1.3.9

Goals Irishtown: Judd Ryan 5, Kye Moore 2, Bon Kay, Macklen Ollington, Samuel Radford-Bryan. Scotchtown: Alex Smith. Best Irishtown: Judd Ryan, Kye Moore, Macklen Ollington, Isaac Bishop, Jedda Maguire, Bon Kay Scotchtown: Naite Barker, Robert Flint,

Iniego Luther Gonzales, James Hampson, Lucas Saward, Alex Smith.

Reserves

Redpa def Forest/Stanley

Redpa: 2.2.14; 5.3.33; 8.5.53; 11.7.73

Forest/Stanley: 1.3.9; 1.6.12; 2.6.18; 5.7.37

Goals Redpa: Josh Evenhuis 3, Hamish Arnold 3, Jak Braslin 2, Kalon House, David Heald Forest/Stanley: Ben Poke 2, Josh Cartwright, Darren Wigg, Isaac Long Best Redpa Joshua Evenhuis, Hamish Arnold, Kalon House, Jak Braslin, Aaron Kay, Ryan Keep Forest/Stanley: Isaac Long, Corey Murray, Josh Cartwright, Lucas Keep, Tanner Wigg, Cory Brown

Scotchtown def Irishtown

Scotchtown: 1.0.6; 3.1.19; 4.1.25; 6.1.37

Irishtown: 1.1.7, 2.1.13; 4.2.26; 4.4.28

Goals Scotchtown: Brodie Heron 3, Lewis Park, Nickson Simona, Anthony Nichols Irishtown: Taylor Ainslie, Tahjan Hanson, Christopher Smith, Daniel Walsh Best Scotchtown: Brodie Heron,

Ak Alii Kone, Jake Grey, Jamie Imer, Mitchell Poke Irishtown: Bryce Kidman, Christopher Smith, Peter Lobegeiger, Tristan Hanson, Jade Dawkins, Jade Crawford

Seniors

Forest/Stanley def Redpa

Forest/Stanley: 3.8.26; 4.8.32; 12.13.85; 17.15.117

Redpa: 0.1.1; 1.1.7; 1.1.7; 2.1.13

Goals Forest/Stanley: Lucas Ford 6, Samuel Poke 3, Jhy Payne 2, Lincoln Jackson 2, Steven Hursey, Ky Haywood, Hunter Grey, Jade Ford Redpa Josh Gale Best Forest/Stanley: Thomas Micklewright, Lucas Ford, Lincoln Jackson, Jesse Haywood, Tyler Young, Hunter Gray Redpa: Andrew Pilkington, Max Arnold, Ricky Quillerat, Rhys King, Michael Booth, Aaron Hine.

Irishtown def Scotchtown

Irishtown: 1.2.8; 5.5.35; 7.6.48; 8.10.58

Scotchtown: 0.2.2; 0.2.2; 1.5.11; 2.8.20

Goals Irishtown: Dwayne Everett 4, Eligh Lambert 2, Chad Dillon, Jaxon Swan Scotchtown: Jordan Williams, Jayden Smith Best Irishtown: Brody Davison, Jack Smith, Chad Dillon, Jaxon Swan, Kyle Fraser, Kohan Bishop Scotchtown: Zachary Smith, Royce Jackson, Aaron Littlejohn, Caleb Wells, Jordan Williams.

VOLUNTEER at the Circular Head Resale Shop!

The Circular Head Resale Shop operated by City Mission is looking for volunteers.

Opportunities are available to fit all lifestyles and schedules. So, whether it's five times a week or once a month, we invite you to come join the team and play your part in helping your community!

Contact volunteering@citymission.org.au or (03) 6335 3000 for more information.



WE PLAY WEST COAST JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Photos by Alan Jennison

Some brilliant football was played at the recent opening round Gala Day for the West Coast Junior Football Association. With two games happening side by side it had the photographer's heads on swivels trying to capture all the action.

Juniors (Grade 1 - Grade 3)

Crows 49, Seals 20

Strahan Goals - Johie Salter 1, Cooper Andrews 1, Conner Rubens 1

Strahan Best - Johie Salter, Cooper Andrews, Conner Rubens, Marlee Hart, Addison Drake

Crows Goals - Lottie Drake 1, Ayla Harrison 3, Ajay Harrison 2

Crows Best - Ayla Harrison, Lottie Drake, Ajay Harrison, Charlie Gaffney, Arlo Harrison

Crows 19, Bulldogs 59

Zeehan Goals - Jake Nicholson 1, Ali Reardon 4, Oliver Bourke 2

Zeehan Best - Oliver Bourke, Alli Reardon, Jake Nicholson, Phebie Tatnell, Harper Dunham

Crows Goals - Ajay Harrison 2

Crows Best - Ajay Harrison, Billie Hutchinson, Jac Taylor, Lucas Austbo, Charlie Gaffney

Strahan 26, Zeehan 83

Strahan Goals - Johie Salter 2, Cooper Andrews 2

Strahan Best - Johie Salter, Cooper Andrews, Addison Drake, Rayleigh Andrews, Colt Asnins-Moller

Zeehan Goals - Harper Dunham 1, Isabella Youd 4, Oliver Bourke 1, Ali Reardon 7

Zeehan Best - Alli Reardon, Isabella Youd, Phebie Tatnell, Harper Dunham, Oliver Bourke

Seniors (Grade 4 - Grade 6/ Grade 7 girls)

Queenstown - 101, Strahan - 20

Crows Goals - Zavier Drake 1, Jayden Latham 1, Ollie Williams 2, Jack Triffett 5, Corban Smith Callow 3, Tarrant Elkin 3

Seals Goals - Maverick Purton 1, Joel Rubens 1, Jobe McDermott 1,

Best Strahan Seniors - Jobe McDermott, Edward Reeves, Macy Kube, Sophie McDermott, Adele Snell

Queenstown Best Seniors - Tarrant Elkin, Jack Triffett, Corban Smith Callow, Jayden Latham, Ollie Williams

Seniors - Queenstown 89, Zeehan 20

Crows Goals - Zavier Drake 1, Jayden Latham 2, Ollie Williams 1, Jack Triffett 5, Corban Smith Callow 4, Dylon Smirfitt 1

Crows Best Seniors - Matilda Archer, Zac Brown, Piper Drake, Mayson Brumby, Dylon Smirfitt,

Bulldogs Goals - Peter Scott-Keating 1, Blake Peachey 1

Zeehan Best Players - Peter Scott-Keating, Zach Smith, Bradlee Cox, Emily Maine, Kaden Dunham

Strahan 48, Zeehan 26

Seals Goals - Aisha Drake 2, Hudson Saltmarsh 1, Sophie McDermott 1, Edward Reeves 1, Jobe McDermott 1, Macy Kube 1

Strahan Best Seniors - Sophie McDermott, Jobe McDermott, Abbie Andrews, Joel Rubens, Aisha Drake

Bulldogs Goals - Zach Smith 2, Makayla Lloyd 1, Blake Peachey 1

Zeehan Best - Zach Smith, Emily Maine, Bradlee Cox, Blake Peachey, Makayla Lloyd



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