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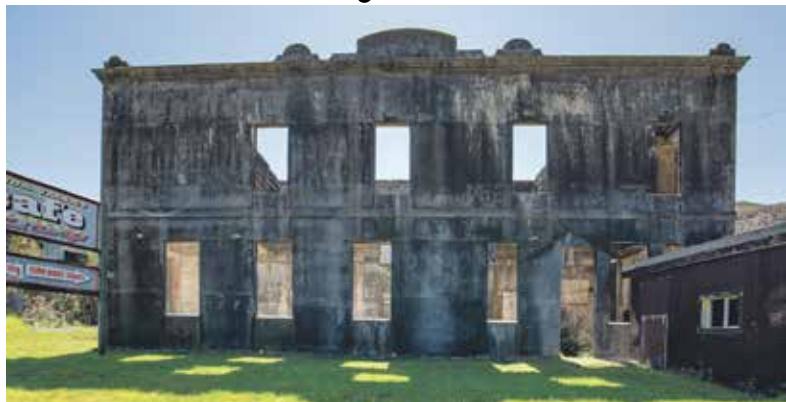
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Perth chef buys Linda Hotel



A prominent piece of Tasmania's rugged mining history is poised for a culinary rebirth after being snapped up by an interstate buyer who has never even set foot in the state.

The concrete shell of the historic Royal Hotel, a registered ruin on the outskirts of tiny Gormanston, has sold in the low \$300,000s following several weeks on the market.

In a gamble fitting for the wild west coast, the new owner, a professional chef based in Perth purchased the landmark sight unseen.

The property has long captured the imagination of passing travellers. Originally constructed in 1901 as a timber structure, the original Royal Hotel was

razed by fire just nine years later. It was rebuilt in 1911 using reinforced concrete, serving as a bustling social hub for booming copper-mining townships until it was permanently abandoned in 1952.

In modern times, the roofless concrete shell has found a second life as an essential pitstop and photo opportunity for road trippers negotiating the winding Lyell Highway.

However, the site offers more than just a hauntingly beautiful facade. The sale includes an adjacent, functional building equipped with a commercial kitchen, a living room, a bedroom, a bathroom, and extensive storage space—assets that could transform the ghost town stopover into a premier tourism drawcard.

'Western Echo' Wendy

What a great day it was last Sunday at the Wynyard Foreshore Market! I was praised so much by Dad and was given sooo many treats for being a 'Good Girl' and a 'Good Dog' and all I was doing was having fun meeting all the other dogs at the market. So many bums to sniff and so many different kinds of dogs, I do tend to growl at Border Collies though. Dad said it might be because I have Border Collie bloodlines myself (back a few generations). The last time I went out with this many people and all those legs was the Christmas parade last year but I was fine with it all. Dad is teaching me 'left and right' so I can weave between those aforementioned legs without tangling Dad in the lead.



Now, I know it was quite a warm day but I do have questions about this sign I found. I am not sure I want to know the answer though. Hot dogs? Is that food? I don't want to know what it might be made of but the doggie in the picture looks pretty happy so it can't be too bad. Can it?

Woof to you all... Wendy

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LABOR HAS EXTENDED PAID PARENTAL LEAVE TO SIX MONTHS



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Mt Lyell restart a generational win for West Coast



Sibanye-Stillwater's decision to approve the restart of the Mt Lyell copper mine is a generational win for Queenstown, the West Coast and Tasmania.

Minister for Business, Industry and Resources, Felix Ellis, said the restart would deliver an initial 23-year mine life, more than \$490 million in investment and up to 300 jobs.

"This is an incredibly exciting day for the people of Queenstown and the West Coast, who have backed Mt Lyell and maintained their belief in its future," Minister Ellis said.

"After more than a decade in care and maintenance, today's decision provides a clear path towards returning this iconic mine to production.

"The restart will bring new investment, well paid jobs and long-term economic confidence to the region.

"Reopening Mt Lyell also represents the best pathway to improve the long-term environmental outcomes for the region.

"I congratulate Sibanye-Stillwater, its employees and everyone who has worked towards this decision."

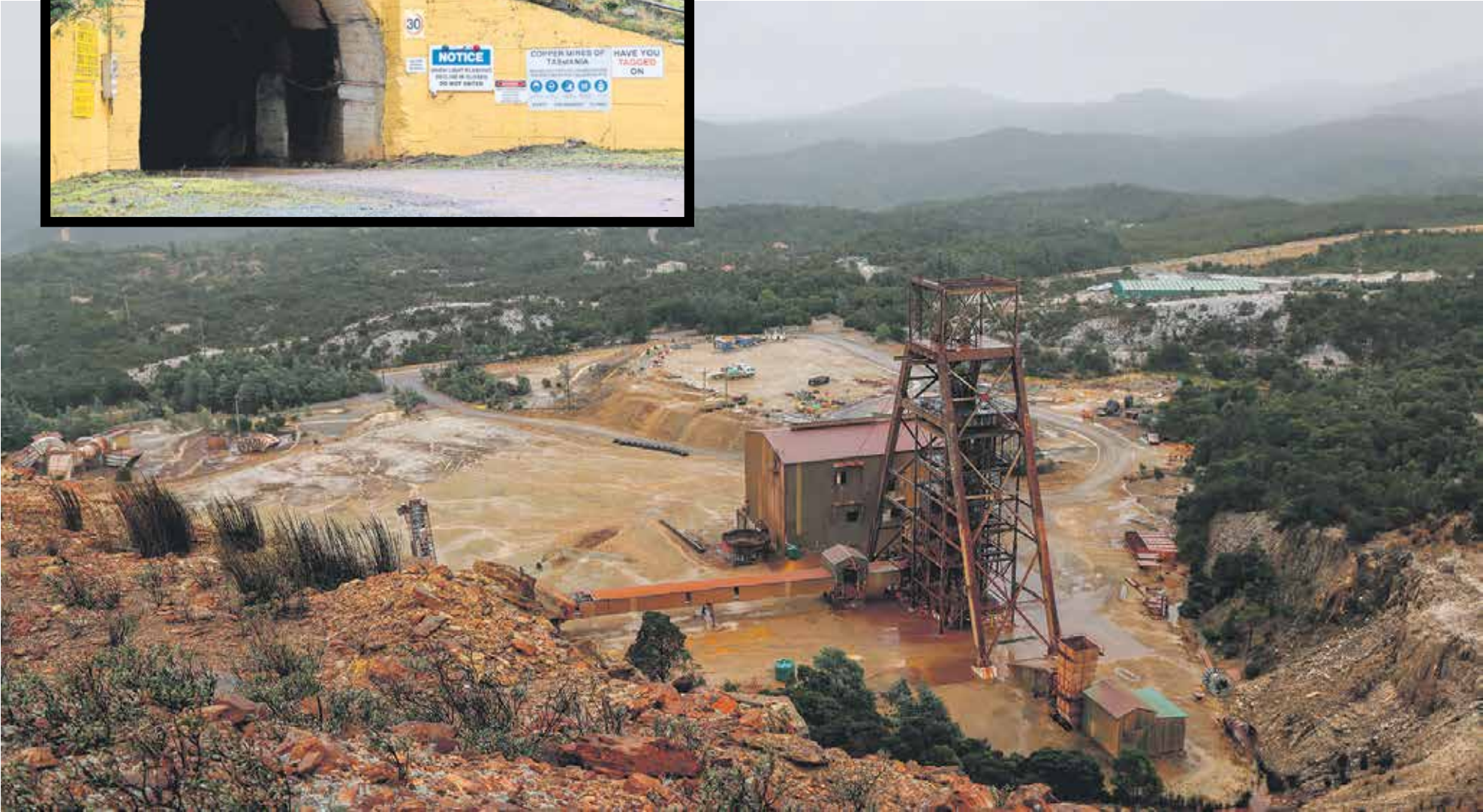
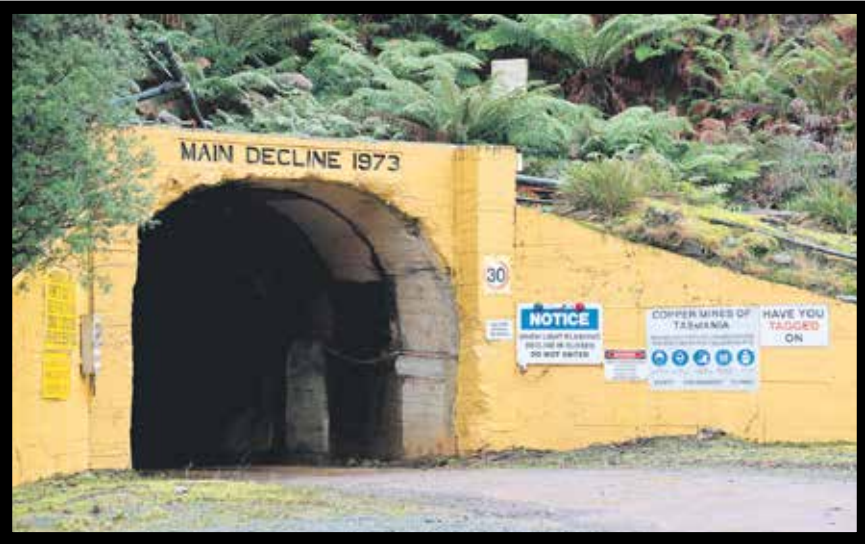
The Tasmanian Government has worked closely with Sibanye-Stillwater to help make this restart possible.

"As part of our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future, our Government has steadfastly supported the mine's reopening," Minister Ellis said.

"We have delivered a \$9.5 million package to undertake works necessary to support the re-opening of the mine.

"We have also worked with the company on the legislative and regulatory framework for the mine, power supply, workforce housing and other practical requirements needed to support a successful restart.

"Our Government has reconfirmed its commitment to \$25 million in funding support for the restart, to be delivered through the reimbursement of payroll tax and mining royalties once mining operations recommence."



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Students to shine in original musical Stanley effluent disposal station opened

Wynyard High School will proudly present its very first original musical in late September and early October.

The 2026 “Evening of the Arts: The Musical” is a huge undertaking involving more than 70 students from Grades 7–10, alongside younger students from Boat Harbour and Table Cape primary schools.

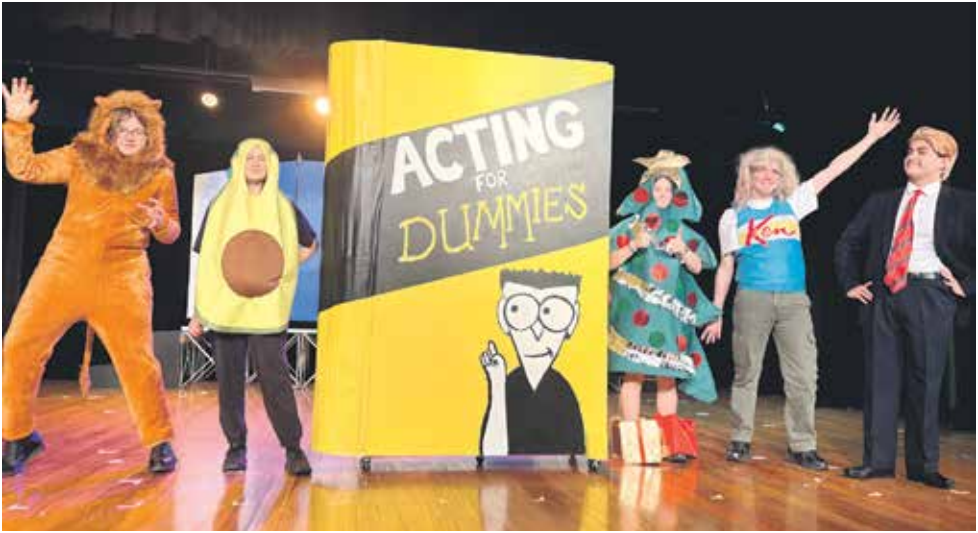
Head of Drama Lix Walker said the musical was a milestone celebration of creativity and talent in a small school setting.

“Building off the success of our annual Evening of the Arts events, which we have held at the school over the past five years, this production takes that idea and turns it into an original jukebox musical featuring 14 well known songs from popular musicals,” she said.

“Featuring dancers, actors and singers and a few surprises for the audience, the show centres on a small Highschool be-

ing asked to put on their very first musical and the various challenges that presents.” The production is limited to three public performances held in the school Student Centre on Thursday 24 September 2026, Wednesday the 30th and Thursday 1 October 2026 at 30 Church Street, Wynyard TAS 7325.

Tickets are available via <https://www.trybooking.com/DLZCI> or scan the QR code below.



Improving Northwest riverside habitat

The Albanese Government is investing \$320,000 to protect riverside reserves throughout Waratah-Wynyard.

The commitment, made by the Albanese Labor Government during the 2025 election campaign, will improve the health of the environment in sensitive waterways and help protect critical species habitat across Frenchs Road Nature Reserve, Inglis River Riparian Reserve, Camp Creek Riparian Reserve and Ballad Avenue Reserve. The project will be led by the Waratah-Wynyard Council, and works will include targeted weed control, revegetation, wildlife monitoring, community planting days, as well as infrastructure upgrades to improve safe public access. Member for Braddon, Anne Urquhart said the funding would help to conserve and protect the area for future generations. “These reserves have been historically degraded and impacted

by humans, which has led to altered waterflows, silt buildup, and infestations of invasive weeds like blackberry and hawthorn.” “This funding will support local restoration efforts, so that local wildlife and residents can enjoy the area for many years to come.”

Minister for the Environment and Water, Murray Watt said the area was home to a number of native species. “These important riparian habitats are home to threatened species such as the Tasmanian devil, azure kingfisher, and eastern barred bandicoot.” “I congratulate Anne and the Waratah-Wynyard Council for this great project, and look forward to seeing the transformation.”

The funding is part of the Australian Government’s Local Environmental Projects Program, which is protecting and improving our environment and heritage



The Stanley Effluent Disposal Station is now complete, marking another important milestone in the delivery of critical infrastructure to support North-West Tasmania’s livestock, transport and agricultural industries.

The Stanley Effluent Disposal Station joins the recently completed Smithton and Burnie Truck Washdown and Effluent Disposal Facilities as another mechanism for controlling pests and weeds in the region.

Coordinated by the Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) and delivered by Circular Head Council, the facility provides livestock transport the opportunity to responsibly dispose of effluent. The facility plays a key role in reducing the spread of weeds and disease, while delivering improved biosecurity, road safety, animal welfare and environmental outcomes.

The Stanley Effluent Disposal Station includes onsite water treatment and an accompanying waste management system, supporting livestock transporters and plant operators to meet their obligations to manage effluent and maintain clean vehicles as they move between farms and across the region.

Chief Executive Officer of the Cradle Coast Authority, Philip Reid, said “bringing the Stanley Effluent Disposal Station into operation has been an absolute priority for the Northwest, given the high volume of livestock transport in and out of Stanley.” “CCA congratulates Circular Head Council on completion of a successful project, and we thank both the Federal Government and Circular Head Council for their critical financial contributions to this facility.” Mr Reid said.

“The completion of a third facility this year provides an essential service for farmers and transport operators, supporting high biosecurity standards while improving animal welfare and road safety for everyone using our roads.”

The project has required close collaboration between all levels of government,

industry partners, landholders and local stakeholders to deliver fit-for-purpose infrastructure for the region.

CCA is jointly owned by the councils of north-west and western Tasmania to help them achieve regional outcomes and maintain strong local government by working together.

Anne Urquhart MP, member for Braddon said, “This effluent disposal station is a practical investment that strengthens the infrastructure supporting Tasmania’s agricultural and freight industries, while helping to meet the region’s future needs. Our biosecurity is vital to our economy and industries, and effluent disposal facilities are another way of securing that.”

The Stanley Effluent Disposal Station has been delivered as part of a \$617,000 investment by the Commonwealth Government and with financial assistance from Circular Head Council to strengthen regional infrastructure and support the agricultural supply chain in Tasmania’s North-West. The project was enabled by sustained advocacy from CCA, which secured funding through the Australian Government, along with support from industry partners and landholders to complete the site.

Circular Head Mayor, Gerard Blizzard said the council is proud to deliver infrastructure that benefits both industry and the community.

“Circular Head Council is grateful to the Commonwealth Government for the investment into this project and Cradle Coast Authority for their organisation of the project. This project demonstrates Circular Head Council’s commitment to investing in infrastructure that protects the environment, supports sustainable waste management and delivers lasting benefits for Tasmania.”

CCA acknowledges and thanks all partners and stakeholders who contributed to the successful delivery of this long-awaited infrastructure.

Whaleback Ridge windfarm

The Whaleback Ridge Renewable Energy Project is proposed to include up to 280 wind turbines, with a generating capacity of up to 2.8 GW. Located between Zeehan and Granville Harbour, the project is currently undergoing specialist studies to inform the environmental approvals. The project will be constructed in phases with construction of the first stage expected to commence in 2029.

Two community information sessions were held in Zeehan last month, attended by over 50 people. The project team was pleased to have the opportunity to meet with local community and stakeholders to discuss the project. It was great to hear directly from the community, answer questions and better understand the topics that matter most to local people as the project continues to develop.

Thank you to everyone who came

along, shared their views and contributed to the discussion. Community input is important to the Whaleback Ridge Renewable Energy project and will help inform the development of the project. We will continue to keep the community updated as the project progresses.

We are committed to working with the local community to ensure the project delivers meaningful local benefits. This includes exploring opportunities for community benefit sharing, local procurement, jobs, skills development and training as the project progresses.

We encourage anyone with questions about the project to visit the Westcoast Renewable Energy webpage via <http://westcoastrenew.com.au>

There will be further community information sessions in the future as this exciting project develops.



Final truck wash delivered

The fourth and final truck wash of the North West Tasmania Truck Wash and Effluent Dumping Facilities project has now been delivered by the Albanese Labor Government.

The Stanley Port Self Contained and Relocatable Truck Wash and Effluent Dump Facility is now open, with the Federal Government committing \$4.7 million in funding to the project. The Stanley site joins the Smithton, Minna Road and King Island truck wash facilities. Since being completed, farmers and truck drivers are able to clean their vehicles and equipment quickly and efficiently, thereby improving biosecurity, animal welfare and occupational health and safety.

Works at the Stanley site included the construction of a fully modular, self-contained and relocatable effluent dump facility, and construction of a truck wash

bay. The project supported up to 30 jobs during construction.

Federal Member for Braddon, Anne Urquhart MP said facilities of this kind were new to the Stanley Port. This means livestock trailers will now be able to empty their holding tanks at the Port, solving the issue of trucks leaking waste throughout the historic town.

“Stanley will benefit just as King Island, Smithton and Burnie have benefited from the truck washes the Albanese Labor Government has delivered for those towns,” Ms Urquhart said.

“The facility will make a big difference for the town and surrounding area, improving road safety, animal welfare and the visitor economy.

“Stanley is a top tourist destination for the North West Coast, and now the streets will be kept clean and tidy thanks to our investment.”



Smithton roundtable: industry and leaders back more homes for the Northwest



Builders, suppliers, tradies, local leaders and HIA members met in Smithton today to talk about one thing: getting more homes built in the North-West.

HIA Executive Director Benjamin Price said the roundtable came at an important time for the Circular Head region, with new home approvals sitting well below where the region has been in the past.

"A few years ago Circular Head was approving around 15 new homes a year. Today that figure is much lower, with multiple quarters reporting zero new dwellings" Mr Price said.

"The demand for housing hasn't gone away, so the task now is pulling the levers that get building activity back up."

"The people who build the homes and supply the materials were in the room with the people who make the decisions. That's exactly the group you need to turn this around."

Mr Price said the challenges facing Circular Head reflected a national pattern set out in HIA's Housing the Regions report, which found nearly one in three Australians now live in regional areas, a share that is growing as people move out of the capitals. "Regional Australia is where the growth is happening, but the housing supply hasn't kept pace," Mr Price said. "The report is clear on why, with limited access to shovel-ready land, a lack of enabling infrastructure like water and sewerage, and worker shortages

right across construction, including the council staff needed to process approvals."

"None of that is unique to the North-West, but it's felt sharply here. The fixes are practical: release land, fund the infrastructure that makes it build-ready, streamline planning approvals, and back the local workforce. Get those settings right and the homes follow."

Labor Leader the Hon Josh Willie MP attended the roundtable and spoke on the importance of housing for Tasmanian communities. "Housing is economic infrastructure that builds strong communities. We want the North West to grow and thrive, so that means working together to increase housing supply to give families, young people and workers the opportunity to build a future here," Mr Willie said.

Mr Price welcomed the engagement across the political spectrum. "Housing supply isn't a partisan issue, and no one fixes it alone. It takes industry, communities and government at every level working together, and that's exactly what today was about."

HIA will continue bringing industry and community together across the state to push for the reforms and investment needed to lift housing supply.

HIA's Housing the Regions report is available at hia.com.au

What, where and why?

Many of us have driven under it and many of us have probably wondered what it was used for, well, here is the answer. This was an aerial ropeway, built to transport lead/zinc ore from Williamsford to a processing mill at Rosebery. The ropeway operated for 49 years, had 197 buckets with each carrying 310kg of ore the six and a half kilometre distance. The next time you drive under it, stop and have a look, it's a pretty 'ore' inspiring piece of our West Coast history.



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1.3 million investment to upgrade Cradle Coast shared pathways

The Cradle Coast Authority is excited to announce project commencement to deliver significant upgrades to the region's shared pathway network. This \$1.3 million investment was secured through the Australian Government's Major and Local Community Infrastructure Program, in partnership with Burnie City Council and delivered with all councils along the current shared pathway route. The project will enhance the pathway experience by improving accessibility, safety, health and wellbeing outcomes for the community. The funding will support:

- The development of a new app and website, providing digital navigation, safety information and regional points of interest.
- A feasibility study for the proposed shared pathway between Wivenhoe and Howth to identify upgrade priorities and the cost of addressing missing links.
- Infrastructure improvements including new signage, wayfinding and interpretive elements.
- New user amenities such as bike racks, bicycle repair stations, seating, and water bubblers.
- Lighting and visibility upgrades in key sections of the pathway to improve safety. Cradle Coast Authority CEO Phil Reid said, "The Shared Coastal Pathway is a highly valued regional asset for the community and visitors to the North West. CCA is delighted to continue developing the pathway to encourage active transport, improve linkages between communities along the coast and to improve safety for users. Through improved branding and continuing to develop missing links, we expect this project will also have huge benefits for tourism in the region."

Ms Anne Urquhart MP, Federal Member for Braddon said, "This investment

in the Cradle Coast shared pathway network is fantastic news for our region.

The Albanese Labor Government's \$1.3 million contribution through the Major and Local Community Infrastructure Program will help create safer, more accessible and more enjoyable pathways for locals and visitors alike."

"Whether it's walking, cycling, exercising or simply enjoying our beautiful coastline, these upgrades will encourage more people to get active and connected with their communities."

"This partnership between Cradle Coast Authority and Burnie City Council is a great example of local organisations working together to deliver lasting benefits for the community, and I'm proud to be a part of an Albanese Labor Government who is helping make it happen."

Safer roads for Cyclists are excited about the opportunities this funding provides, "Purpose-built cycle and walking paths are the safest infrastructure for bike riders, and exploring the potential of connecting the Wivenhoe to Howth section is the next step in connecting to the existing pathway.

Commuters and recreational riders will be safely able to travel the coast without fear of vehicular traffic so more people will gain from the health benefits from riding. Infrastructure such as a connected path, wayfinding and digital mapping will lure tourists which adds to the local economy." said Alison Horch from Safer Roads for Cyclists.

Cradle Coast Authority and Burnie City Council will work with partners and the community to ensure the success of this project. The investment is an important first step towards creating a safer, more connected and enjoyable shared pathway for residents and visitors, encouraging more people to walk, run, ride and explore the Cradle Coast region



Building Youth Futures Together in Circular Head

West North West Working (WNWW) is partnering with the Circular Head community to deliver a new initiative aimed at improving education, training and employment outcomes for local young people.

Building Youth Futures Together in Circular Head, funded by the Tasmanian Community Fund, is a five-year, place-based project designed to support young people aged 8 to 19 who live and study across the Circular Head region.

The initiative will bring together schools, employers, training providers, families and community organisations to create stronger pathways into learning, training and work.

Launched in August 2026, the project builds on the strengths already exist within the community and focuses on ensuring young people are supported to make informed decisions about their futures while staying connected to local opportunities.

Over the next five years, the project will focus on:

- Strengthening youth voice and participation in the design, delivery and review of local education, training and employment initiatives.

- Increasing awareness of local education, training and career opportunities and helping young people make informed decisions about their futures.

- Improving connections between schools, training providers, employers and community organisations to create clearer pathways through key stages of learning and transition.

- Building the capability of educators and employers to provide inclusive, locally relevant and developmentally appropriate learning and employment experiences.

- Strengthening community collaboration and shared responsibility for supporting young people to thrive.

- Developing a sustainable, locally led model that connects young people with the opportunities, networks and support they need to achieve their goals.

The project reflects a shared commitment to ensuring young people in Circular Head can access meaningful opportunities close to home while developing the skills and aspirations needed for future success.

Building Youth Futures Together in Circular Head is funded by the Tasmanian Community Fund and delivered by West North West Working in partnership with the Circular Head community.

Support our fight for better healthcare in Rosebery and Tullah

Our local community is facing a critical medical shortage, and we need your help to make our voices heard.

The Rosebery medical practice faces a restricted schedule, long wait times, and a rotating roster of temporary locums that disrupts continuity of care for families, seniors, and workers.

We are demanding immediate action from Ochre Health and the Tasmanian Health Minister:

Please click here to sign and share the petition: <https://c.org/crvLzg7rr2>

More Clinic Days & Hours: Restore a reliable five-day schedule.

Permanent Doctors, Fewer Locums: Recruit and retain permanent GPs for long-term care.

Fair Share of Resources: Deliver promised "TassieDoc" bulk-billed appointments and extended hours for Rosebery and Tullah.

Traveling hours for basic care is unacceptable. Please sign, share this

message, and help us make a difference. Simply scan the QR code below.

Thank you for your support! Please forward this on to any relevant contacts in your email

Best regards,
Jo Bracken



Wyndarra news update

Wyndarra provides Personal and Family Counselling, funded by the State Government.

Our diverse team is able to provide a wide range of specialised counselling support.

If you would like further information or an appointment, please phone Wyndarra.

Update from the Wyndarra Support Services Participants and Staff.

Book Week Fun!

Today we had a very special visitor; The Little Old Lady Who Swallowed an Egg!

Our clients and staff had a fantastic time celebrating Book Week, with

everyone joining in and dressing up as their favourite book characters. We enjoyed listening to the story together, sharing plenty of laughs and showing off some wonderful costumes.

Such a fun morning celebrating books, imagination and spending time together!

Wyndarra participants and staff are excited to share that they will be showcasing their artwork with an exhibition in the upcoming CHARTS event in Circular Head. Titled "Through our Eyes" it showcases all their creations and art works that they have been working so hard on. They look forward to seeing everyone there.





Photo courtesy IMAS

New Maugean Skate website

Living in a region shaped by ancient rainforests, unique geology and the surrounding World Heritage Area means we share our home with some remarkable species – including the Maugean Skate, found in Macquarie Harbour.

To help the community learn more about this threatened species and

the work underway to protect it, Cradle Coast NRM and the Healthy Harbour Team have launched a new website featuring easy to read information, research updates and recovery actions.

Explore the story and find out how you can stay informed at maugeanskate.com.au

Community Conversation Review – Thank You

West Coast Council has completed its review of the 2026 Community Conversations program, extending a warm thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts and experiences. The feedback received has played a vital role in shaping how future Community Conversations will be delivered.

From February to June 2026, Council met with residents in Zeehan, Rosebery, Tullah and Queenstown for informal sessions providing opportunities for people to raise concerns, share ideas and speak directly with Councillors and senior staff. As community meetings regarding the waterfront development were taking place during the same period, Strahan did not have a separate Community Conversation session.

Following the completion of the scheduled sessions, Council opened a survey inviting people to reflect on what worked well, what could be improved and what would encourage more people to take part in future Community Conversations. A total of 37 responses were received with feedback gathered online and through hard copy forms available across the region. The review sought to understand what worked well, what could be improved,

Community feedback highlighted several consistent themes, including:

- A preference for a mix of formal and informal elements, with clearer agendas and topic focused updates.
- The need for more inclusive facilitation and venues so all voices feel heard.
- Interest in daytime options, warmer month scheduling and more notice
- A desire for better follow up, including written notes and updates on actions.

At the August Council meeting, Councillors endorsed a refreshed approach to delivering Community Conversations, informed directly by these themes. Implementation of these improvements will be developed after the October local government elections, ensuring the program is well timed and well supported.

Bring your ideas to life

Truwala Connections is a community driven initiative designed to boost health, wellbeing and social connection across the West Coast. Led by an independent Advisory Committee with administrative support from West Coast Council.

Truwala is funded by a Healthy Tasmania grant and helps local people test ideas, build partnerships and act on priorities in the West Coast Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2025–2030.

Small grants are available for groups, clubs, services and individuals wanting to trial an idea, run an event or start a pilot project. Previous initiatives include the Actively Healthy Senior Fitness Program, squash clinics and CWA craft activities. Larger projects will focus on three long term priorities identified by the Advisory Committee: transport, food literacy and connectedness.

Have an idea? Truwala wants to hear from you.

Whether it's an event, a program, equipment, training or a new way to support community wellbeing, the committee encourages anyone with an idea to reach out and start a conversation – call the Community Services team on **6471 4700** or email growthchange@westcoast.tas.gov.au

How to apply

Application forms are available on Council's website (search Truwala) and from Council's Community Services team. If you're unsure whether your idea fits, the committee is happy to chat and help you explore options.



Does your bin have a wind problem?

West Coast residents dealing with runaway recycling bins on windy days now have a solution, thanks to a new initiative supported by the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group (CCWMG).

Council has received a supply of free recycling bin latches designed to keep bin lids securely closed during blustery conditions. The latch automatically releases when the collection truck lifts and empties the bin – provided there is at least 2kg of material inside – ensuring normal kerbside collection continues without interruption.

The program aims to reduce litter, improve recycling outcomes and make life a little easier for households who regularly battle strong coastal winds.

Residents in Queenstown can collect a latch by visiting the Council office. Council staff are available to assist anyone who needs help with the registration process.

For residents living outside Queenstown, Council can arrange delivery. Phone 6471 4700 and staff will organise for a latch to be dropped off.

Council notes that the latches have been supplied for recycling bins only at this stage, and numbers are limited while stocks last.



Free kerbside collection

Twice a year West Coast Council offers a free kerbside collection for larger items. The next collection will be held on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 November.

The collection is a great way to:

- help those who may not have a way to get larger items to transfer stations
- encourage responsible waste management
- keep our communities clean

Please note: Items not registered will not be collected. Broken glass, asbestos, fuels & oils, tyres, soil, concrete, gas bottles, paint tins & items over 3 metres long will not be collected

Register your items for collection by 5pm on Friday 15 November:

- Call 6471 4700
- Visit the Council Office at 11 Sticht Street, Queenstown



Complete the online form: QR CODE

Motorists urged to respect reserved parking spaces

West Coast Council is reminding motorists to check parking signage carefully and avoid parking in reserved bays unless authorised, following ongoing issues at the West Coast Child and Family Learning Centre in Queenstown.

The Centre has reported repeated instances of unauthorised vehicles occupying its clearly marked reserved spaces. These bays are formally allocated by Council to the Centre, which pays for their exclusive use to support staff, clients and visiting families.

When unauthorised vehicles use these spaces, it creates unnecessary inconvenience for those who rely on them daily. Council officers may issue infringements to vehicles parked in reserved bays without approval.

Council is asking motorists to take a moment to check signage before parking, helping ensure community facilities remain accessible and respectful for everyone.

Further information about parking in the West Coast municipality is available on Council's website.

Proud pooches

Celebrating our Dog Registration Prize Pack Draw winners

Council thanks residents who registered their dogs on time and helped support responsible dog ownership across our communities – with the winners of our Dog Registration Prize Pack Draw announced recently – as drawn by Mayor Pitt at the August Council meeting on 25 August.

All new and renewal registrations completed by 1 July were included in the draw, along with our whole of life and three year registrations. Congratulations to our winners

Shadow, owned by Lynette
– \$250 pack

Ollie, owned by Debbie
– \$150 pack

Roxy, owned by Michael
– \$100 pack

Council staff will be meeting with the lucky recipients soon to organise a shopping trip -with each prize pack tailored to suit the winning dog, with a mix of toys, treats, bowls, leads, bedding and poo bags — all purchased locally to support West Coast businesses.

This small trial aimed to encourage timely dog registrations and celebrate the many responsible dog owners who help keep our towns safe, friendly and dog loving.

It's been a fun way to recognise good habits, support local suppliers and give a few furry friends an extra reason to wag their tails.

The unwalling

Plans for the long awaited “Unwalling” of the Strahan waterfront were publicly released at the end of August, with residents given the opportunity to review the designs and speak directly with project consultants, Council representatives and members of the Strahan Waterfront Advisory Committee.

Two drop in sessions were held at the Strahan Gym & Multi Purpose Centre on 9 and 10 September. Attendees moved through printed plans, asked questions, and provided feedback on the proposed redesign of the waterfront. Those unable to make the face-to-face sessions were able to provide feedback online.

West Coast Mayor Shane Pitt said the sessions marked an important step in progressing the project, which will see most of the concrete wall structure removed.

Since Council voted in January to remove most of the wall, several information sessions and meetings have been held, including with the Advisory Committee. Over recent months, the Committee has worked closely with landscape architects PlaySt to refine plans addressing key concerns raised by residents – particularly the concrete wall, landscaping and wharf access.

The finalised response plans can be viewed on Council's website: westcoast.tas.gov.au/strahanwaterfront.

All feedback gathered will be considered as Council prepares the final version of the unwalling plans which are expected to be presented to Council for endorsement by the end of September.

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Over two big weekends on 7–8 and 14–15 November 2026, households, schools, community groups and local businesses across the West Coast are encouraged to join thousands of Australians for the final national Garage Sale Trail before the initiative closes its roller doors for good.

Participating is a fantastic way for local residents to clear out clutter, and make or save some extra cash.

How to get involved:

- Host a sale - it's free to register. Sellers receive tips, promotional materials and more to help make their sale a success.
- To register a sale or search for local events on the trail, visit garagesaletrail.com.au/West-Coast

West Coast Council office:
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COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRE:
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June to August: 9am to 4:30pm
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114 Main Street, Zeehan

REMINDERS

- 11 SEPTEMBER**
Recycling collection Zeehan, Rosebery & Tullah
- 21 SEPTEMBER**
Nominations close for local government elections
- 2 OCTOBER**
Recycling collection Queenstown, Gormanston, Linda & Strahan

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tue 22 Sept
Tue 27 Oct
Tue 24 Nov

Agendas, minutes, and any associated documents are available on the Council's website or from the Council Office.

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- WEST COAST MERCHANDISE
- LOCAL GIFTS

We are currently operating from temporary premises at 29 Esplanade Strahan, while our usual location undergoes renovations. Drop in for local advice, bookings, and to browse our West Coast-branded gear. Or visit the website for everything you need to explore our region. Locals and visitors welcome. We're here to help!

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CHarts festival now underway



Jessica Lambert from Balfour with her work 'Strength of Men' celebrating the work of the old miners from the Balfour region.



Deb Mainwaring, Jodie Saville, Amber Power & Roger with his cushion (you will need to ask him if you want to see it)!



Yvette Haller, Jeff Power, Sally Collins, Mike O'Brien, Hannah Sutton-Collins and Kelly Brown all from Stanley

CHArts is back for another month-long celebration of arts, heritage and community across Circular Head, and kicked off with the opening of the CHArts Art Exhibition at the Pop-Up Gallery in Smithton.

This year's art competition has attracted more than 150 entries, showcasing the creativity and talent of artists from across our community and beyond.

Join us as we celebrate the artists,

makers and creatives who bring the festival to life, including the presentation of the CHArtchibald Portrait Prize and Art, Photography and Sculpture Awards.



Congratulations Paris Gregory, winner of the 2026 CHartchibald Prize for 'Kaye'

Taking the West Coast to Parliament

Recently, Anita Dow MP spent a few days on the West Coast and was pleased to catch up with schools, businesses and locals across the region.

Anita first visited St Joseph's Primary School during the height of Book Week. The school was full of amazing artwork, with each classroom door telling a different story. Anita met with Principal David Adams-Jones to talk about the work he is doing in the community to get more allied health services in the region to work with children and their families.

Access to health services continues to be an issue on the West Coast, impacting students and their families.

While Anita was on the West Coast, locals raised their quiet optimism about a restart at Mt Lyell Mine.

Excitingly, this was the outcome following Sibanye-Stillwater's decision on Wednesday 2 September.

In her speech to Parliament, Anita Dow MP congratulated the team at Mt Lyell. "I want to thank and congratulate Clint Mayes and the team at Mt Lyell on yesterday's announcement and acknowledge their years of work on a restart."

Anita Dow MP, alongside Mayor Shane Pitt and General Manager Scott Riley, discussed all things West Coast and will continue to advocate on behalf of the West Coast on state issues.

The Iconic Paragon Theatre was a must-visit and Anita Dow MP spoke highly in Parliament of the art deco journey back in time that the theatre was able to create. The owners, Joy and Anthony shared that there will be a new venture on the go in preparation for the Spirit's arrival!

Keeping with the theme of history and heritage, Anita Dow MP was happy to catch up with Kev and his crew of volunteers at the Rosebery Museum.

A visit to the West Coast meant that a stop into the Rosebery Neighbourhood House was in order. Anita Dow spoke about the incredible work the team are doing for their local community.

Anita mentioned in her speech to Parliament, "Tania and her team punch above their weight delivering vital services, in a very isolated community with limited services."

Anita stopped in on Community Pantry Day, a very busy day at the house. Locals spoke of their thanks for their local community house, but also of the increasing food insecurity in the community.

Anita wishes to thank the community for the productive and insightful visit, and appreciates those who took some time to chat, particularly at her Queenstown Street Stall.



Burnie community stands in solidarity with Nepal at Flood Memorial Shrine



Burnie, Tasmania | Sunday, 6 September 2026

Nepalese and wider North West Tasmanian community gathered at the Burnie Waterfront on Sunday morning for a heartfelt Nepal Flood Memorial Shrine, honouring those who lost their lives in the recent devastating floods and landslides in Nepal.

Organised by Burnie Nepalese Community Inc., the memorial brought together government representatives, local councillors, multicultural leaders, and community members to pay their respects, offer prayers, and stand in solidarity with the people of Nepal during one of the country's most difficult times.

The memorial service was led by Burnie Nepalese Community President, Mr Nitesh Subedi, who welcomed guests and thanked everyone for their support and compassion towards the Nepalese community.

The event was attended by representatives from all levels of government and community organisations, including State Government Ministers, local government councillors, multicultural community leaders, and representatives from various community organisations across North West Tasmania.

The memorial featured a symbolic shrine, floral tributes, candles, a min-

ute of silence, prayers, and messages of hope for those affected by the disaster.

Speaking during the ceremony, President Nitesh Subedi thanked everyone who attended despite it being Father's Day, acknowledging that many families had chosen to spend part of their day standing with the people of Nepal.

"Today's gathering demonstrates that compassion has no borders. Although we are far from Nepal, our hearts remain with the families who have lost loved ones and with those working tirelessly in rescue and recovery efforts. We sincerely thank everyone who joined us today in remembrance and solidarity."

The President also acknowledged the ongoing support shown by government representatives, local councils, community organisations, volunteers, and members of the wider Tasmanian community.

Burnie Nepalese Community Inc. extended its gratitude to all distinguished guests, media representatives, and community members whose attendance reflected Tasmania's strong commitment to multiculturalism, inclusion, and community support.

The organisation hopes the memorial not only honoured the victims but also raised awareness of the humanitarian crisis in Nepal and encouraged continued support for those affected.

Exploring Tassie's islands



Rees Campbell has just released her 8th book. Quite a prolific writer, she is the best-selling author of Eat Wild Tasmanian, Eat MORE Wild Tasmanian and The Seaweed Supplement

ingredients found there ... from wild duck a la marmalade to rockpool soup! I had a read of the book myself and found it fascinating! This needs to be on every beach/island/ocean must read list.

The stories, maps, photos and recipes really bring the islands to life. This is more than just a good read but should be a companion when exploring any sea-shore.

I have eaten many strange and exotic foods around Australia and some of the recipes sound delicious whilst others... well, perhaps I will give them a miss (I might have to try starling breasts in a pie though).

I had no idea there were so many islands and rocks around Tasmania and Rees does a great job taking us to visit them.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and have also purchased some of her other books now, as not only do I have an interest in Tasmanian history but, having spent time with Aboriginal people in Australia's northern parts, a keen interest in natural and foraged foods.

Rees is having a series of small launches starting off with a book launch at The Don (Hogg St Wynyard) at 6pm on Friday September 11th.. I highly recommend you rock up and grab a copy of this book.

Alan/Ed

. Her latest book, Islands of the Island State, is a celebration and exploration of Tasmania's off-shore islands. It is a narrative non-fiction, a richly illustrated love story of place, multiple mini-adventure, and wild food guide.

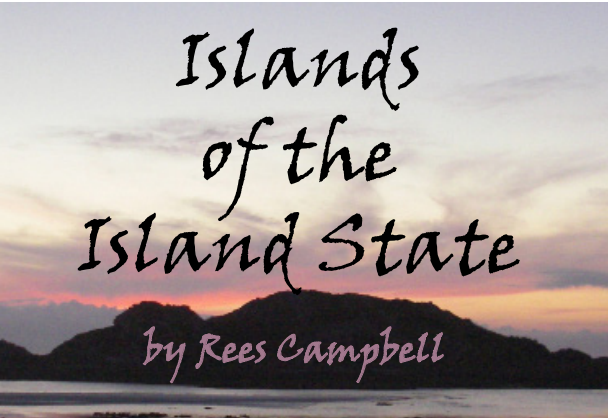
Each of 40 Tasmanian islands is visited – by various means including horseback, kayaking or flying. The history, geology, flora and fauna are described; using pal-awa kani where available.

Rees continues her thread of understanding our wild foods with a meal on every island from the raw ingredients found there – with recipes like rock pool soup for the truly hungry, or squid kebabs for those with some extra ingredients.

The 600 photographs illustrate the journeys and the destinations, the transport, the creatures; and the meals.

The journey is a big part of the story - we fly to Three Hummock, board a bird observer's boat trip to Pedra Branca, kayak to Hunter, ferry to Maria, swim to Bear, horse ride to the Wallabies, walk to Goat...

'We are invited to imagine ourselves shipwrecked on each of the 40 islands visited, and to make a meal consisting largely of the wild



Tulip Festival cocktail party almost here

Before you tiptoe through the Wynyard Tulip Festival, kick up your heels to Kitty & The Rockets at the Blackley Pipelines & Irrigation Tulip Festival Cocktail Party at the Wynyard RSL on the 9th October!

Dress to impress in your finest floral fashions for your chance to win a helicopter flight over Table Cape during the Wynyard Tulip Festival with thanks to Cradle Mountain Helicopters!

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Get your tickets now so you don't miss out on this fabulous night of fun <https://events.humanitix.com/tulip-festival-cocktail-party>



Extended hours for healthcare

Tasmanian community pharmacies in rural and regional areas can now open for longer as part of the Tasmanian Government's 2025 election commitment.

Grants have been delivered to local pharmacies in Strahan, Flinders Island and Nubeena, with other applications being worked through.

Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Bridget Archer, said this investment would deliver improved access to primary health care in rural and regional communities.

"Our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future is delivering better health outcomes for rural and regional Tasmanians," Minister Archer said.

"Tasman Pharmacy is the only pharmacy on the Tasman Peninsula, and these extended hours mean they can now open for longer every Saturday.

"Flinders Island Pharmacy will open for an extra hour each weekday, while Strahan Pharmacy will open every second Saturday during the summer months.

"This is a huge win for regional communities – it means more convenient and timely access to medications and treatments for common health conditions, closer to home.

"We are continuing to strengthen primary health care in Tasmania, and this is another way we're taking action where the Federal Labor Government has failed."

The extended hours grant program complements the Tasmanian Government's pharmacy scope of practice reforms, which are expanding the role of community pharmacies and enabling pharmacists to provide more healthcare services than ever before.

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Image: MMG Rosebery Geology Superintendent Corey Jago with Tullah community member Geoff Iliff

Second round of MMG grants & sponsorships program closing soon

Are you part of a local community group or not-for-profit making a difference across the West Coast?

You could be eligible to apply for grants and sponsorships supporting initiatives that contribute to social, educational, economic and cultural development, as well as health and wellbeing.

Applications close 15 September. Scan the QR code below to apply.



Book week parade at St Joseph's

MMG Rosebery joined students and teachers at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School for their Book Week Parade last month.

We're proud to support initiatives that encourage a love of reading and help build literacy skills for children in our community.

We thank St Joseph's for the invitation to attend.



Image: MMG's Jill Richardson with students from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Tullah community engagement

MMG Rosebery hosted a community morning tea in Tullah last month, giving local residents the opportunity to hear about exploration activity planned for the area.

We're looking forward to getting underway and keeping the local community informed as the work progresses.

MMG joins West Coast tourism discussion

MMG's Jill Richardson attended a Destination West Coast meeting focused on the future of tourism in the region.

Jill was joined by Rosebery Development Association Treasurer Gray Stride and Rosebery Heritage Centre Manager Kim Scanlon to meet with West by North West and identify key needs and opportunities for tourism on the West Coast over the next 12 months.



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2026 Charles Woodley Memorial Fishing Competition registration

The CWMFC committee are super excited to announce our registration is now open for this year's

2026 Charles Woodley Memorial Fishing Competition

Great prizes up for grabs!

Categories:

Adults 18+: 9 Categories

Juniors under 17: 4 Categories

Under 10's: 3 Categories (magnetic fishing pond)

We are pumped to have our first ever participant only raffle - Winner takes home a Seajay Nomad 3.7HS Boat with trailer and 4stroke Suzuki motor.

We haven't forgotten about our juniors! Our junior participants receive a ticket into the lucky number draw to win a Kayak package including seat, paddle and PFD!

Adults 18+ - \$40 per entrant

Juniors 17 and under - \$20 per entrant.

Head to our facebook page for more details and to see our amazing prizes: Charles Woodley Memorial Fishing Competition | Facebook

This event is family friendly. Entertainment for children will be provided Saturday prior to our Presentation Evening.

4 bands - 3 days - Tullah Lakeside Lodge

Thursday 1st October - Scott Mainwaring

Friday 2nd October - Gypsy Rose 8pm till Midnight

Saturday 3rd October - The Acoustic Cousins (Shannon &

Craig Youd) 4pm till 8pm

followed by Elecsticks until midnight!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU IN TULLAH!

Friends of Tracks and Tramways are sizing up their next project.

After completing the construction of Crowns bridge and after much research and many outings, it's now realised that we have another major asset that needs to be promoted and put on show for all to enjoy.

The Federation tramway from Comstock starting at the Montagu / Trial Harbour consists of a 1.5 kilometres trek crossing the Montagu creek and on to where it meets with the Federation creek at the base of a steep ridge line.

It is very steep in some areas and the ascent is a distance of 1000 metres to where it meets with the west Cumberland mines mountain tramway, and this climb will require an above average level of fitness.

Built 1890 the tramway formations are hand built and skirts along the north west side of the mountain for a distance of 550 metres where it ends at the black face mine workings.

The mine workings are very impressive and very dangerous they are best viewed from a safe distance . For all that are prepared to venture out and explore these hidden treasures you won't be disappointed, because it can be likened to a step back in time and at a height of 450 metres above sea level you will be exposed to some of the best views on the west coast.

A six kilometres return walk that will reward your efforts.





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RECREATION FOR TULLAH

Charles Woodley Memorial Fishing Competition

ADULT ANGLERS 18+

CATEGORIES

- 1** 1ST PRIZE – HEAVIEST FISH ALL ROUND
\$2000 BCF VOUCHER
DONATED BY GBE MAINTENANCE
- 2** 2ND PRIZE – RUNNER UP HEAVIEST FISH
\$1000 TAMAR MARINE VOUCHER
DONATED BY KODY CLARKE
- 3** 3RD PRIZE – 3RD HEAVIEST FISH
520 PORTABLE JBL SPEAKER
- 4** 4TH PRIZE – MOST FISH CAUGHT
YETI ESKI AND DRINK BOTTLE
DONATED BY JDW CONSTRUCTION
- 5** 5TH PRIZE – LONGEST FISH CAUGHT
KINGS BIG DADDY DELUXE SWAG
- 6** 6TH PRIZE – MYSTERY WEIGHT
SALTY CAPTAIN BOAT WASH AND FLUSH KIT
- 7** 7TH PRIZE – MYSTERY WEIGHT
SAVAGE ROD AND REEL
DONATED BY BCF
- 8** 8TH PRIZE – GOOD SAMARITAN
FISHING TOOL BUCKET
- 9** 9TH PRIZE – WOODEN SPOON
\$25 VOUCHER DONATED BY
SPOT ON FISHING HOBART

JUNIOR ANGLERS 17 & UNDER

CATEGORIES

- 1** 1ST PRIZE – HEAVIEST FISH ALL ROUND
ELECTRIC SCOOTER AND HELMET
- 2** 2ND PRIZE – 2ND HEAVIEST FISH
8" SAMSUNG TABLET
WITH CASE AND SCREEN PROTECTOR
DONATED BY DIGITAL TERRAIN
- 3** 3RD PRIZE – 3RD HEAVIEST FISH
KINGS BIG DADDY DELUXE SWAG
- 4** 4TH PRIZE – ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
\$250 VISA VOUCHER
DONATED BY ROBERT BUTTERFIELD

UNDER 10 years old MAGNETIC FISHING POND

- 1** 1ST PRIZE – INSTAX CAMERA
- 2** 2ND PRIZE – MINI JBL SPEAKER
- 3** 3RD PRIZE – \$50 KMART VOUCHER

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Slow down, Look out for wildlife in Circular Head

In recognition of Rural Road Safety Month, Tasmanians are being encouraged to drive at lower speeds, particularly at night, and report any roadkill sighted on the Roadkill Reporter app, helping to make a difference to the number of animals killed on our roads.

The Circular Head Roadkill Mitigation Working Group has been working on best practices to reduce the amount of wildlife that is killed on the region's roads. The most effective way that this can be achieved is through drivers slowing down and becoming more alert on the roads.

Rural Road Safety Month highlights the common causes of accidents on rural roads, and encourages road users to take it easy, and take care for their fellow rural residents (of the human and non-human varieties).

The Circular Head Roadkill Mitigation Working Group, coordinated by Cradle Coast Natural Resource Management (NRM) and Circular Head Council, brings together road users, government agencies, technical specialists and community representatives to coordinate practical action to reduce wildlife roadkill across the local government area, with a particular focus on identified hotspots including Woolnorth Road and Montagu Road.

The most critical impacts of roadkill are on Tasmania's vulnerable species including Tasmanian devils, quolls, wombats and bandicoots. Since 2020, when a working group was first proposed, more than 300 Tasmanian devils have been reported killed on the C15 from Smithton through Montagu, West Montagu and to the end of Woolnorth Road.

University of Tasmania experimental research from 2010 indicated that a driver would need to be going about 54 km/h to successfully stop in time to avoid hitting a devil on the road. This is because a devil's dark fur on a black road required a longer reaction and stopping distance than other animals.

"Slowing down gives drivers more time to notice wildlife on the road and react safely," Cradle Coast NRM's Sean Willmore said. "Wildlife can be particularly difficult to see at night, and reducing speed can give animals more time to move off the road while giving drivers more time to respond."

"On a 25 km drive, or the distance from Montagu to Marrawah, driving at 100 km/hr would take 15 minutes, and driving at 60 km/hr would take 25 minutes. It's just an extra 10 minutes of your life, and you could save an animal's life! Plus, swerving to avoid an animal is a cause of road accidents."

The Working Group is also encouraging people to have the Tasmanian Roadkill Reporter App on their phone and report roadkill when it is safe to do so. Instructions for using the app can be found here:

<https://nre.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/living-with-wildlife/tasmanianwildlife-roadkill/tasmanian-roadkill-reporter-app/installing-the-roadkillreporter-app>

Roadkill reports allow transport managers to identify roadkill hotspots so that effective management of these areas can be achieved.

"Road managers can only justify and prioritise roadkill mitigation measures when there is good data showing where the hotspots are. Every report helps build that picture," said Dr Samantha Fox, from the Threatened Species Section of The Department of Natural Resources and Environment. Drivers should not stop at the site if it is unsafe to do so, and instead, should make their report on the app when they can park safely.

Circular Head CWA news

CWA Circular Head Branch had another busy time for our members this month.

Our members attended the Vietnam Veterans Day Service at Anzac Park on Tuesday 18th August, the anniversary of the battle of Long Tan, and we were honoured to lay a wreath and remember the sacrifice these young men made. Our members all contributed to the making of the wreath.

Our Father's Day raffle was held last week. We had a very successful two days selling tickets outside The Treasure Chest and the winner was very surprised and pleased. At our next meeting this month we will be discussing the best way to use the raffle proceeds to best benefit members of our community. We are most grateful for the generous donations from local businesses and our members.

This week is the annual Country Women's Association in Tasmania Conference to be held in Brighton. It is a

great opportunity to get together with members from other branches and hear what branches are doing in their local communities. It is also a time when the members across the state make decisions about the areas to focus on in the coming 12 months. There are many guest speakers on a range of topics and a craft display and competition. This all makes for an exciting weekend.

At our next meeting on Monday 21st September, we will have guest speaker Jackie Huis-man, midwife, from Smithton Hospital. Jackie will be speaking to us about some of the difficulties experienced by new mums and we will be able to present Jackie with some baby bundles containing handmade items as well as basic needs for a new bub. Our meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at The Clubhouse at Emmerton Park at 1pm and new members would be most welcome.

Glow, Glitter & Good Times: Glow Party wrap-up



On Friday, 21 August, the Zeehan Community Christmas Party Working Group hosted a Children's Glow Party fundraiser at the Zeehan Town Hall (Christian Community House Church), with 52 children joining in for an evening of glowing fun, dancing, arts and crafts.

It was wonderful to see children travelling from surrounding towns to attend, interact with one another and make new friendships along the way. The energy, laughter and enthusiasm made the evening a fantastic success!

A huge thank you goes to the Christian Community House Church Group for generously allowing us to use their venue, and to our wonderful sponsors and supporters:

Silver City Earthmoving – for monetary support towards decorations and activity resources.

Rosebery Express IGA and Evans IGA Queenstown – for providing treats.

Big Z Cafe & Restaurant – for providing delicious hot snacks.

Christie from Divine on Main – for her amazing face-painting skills, which were certainly a major hit with the children!

Thanks to everyone's generosity and support, the event raised a fantastic \$285.00. These funds will go towards the 2026 Community Christmas Party, scheduled for Saturday, 5 December.

And there's more fun on the way!

The Working Group is already planning the next children's fundraiser — a

Children's Halloween Disco on Saturday, 31 October. Keep an eye out for more details!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored and supported our Glow Party fundraiser, and a huge appreciation to our hardworking volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the event possible.

Your support helps us continue creating fun, inclusive community events for the children and families of our region. Want to Support the 2026 Community Christmas Party?

If you or your business would like to sponsor the 2026 Community Christmas Party, we would love to hear from you.

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Thank you for helping us keep the community spirit glowing!





Burnie Arts Centre redevelopment recognised with two major awards

The transformation of the Burnie Arts Centre has received standout recognition, with two companies involved in the redevelopment taking home awards at the 2026 Master Builders Tasmania Awards for Excellence.

Vos Construction & Joinery was awarded the Renovation/Fit-Out over \$10 Million Award, recognising the scale and complexity of the project and the planning and management required to deliver the significant redevelopment while allowing the Centre’s full program of community events to continue.

The project has also been recognised for its specialist craftsmanship, with Klek Roofing & Cladding receiving the Specialist Contractor of the Year – Commercial Award, for its work on the redevelopment.

A standout feature of the project is the extensive zinc work undertaken by Klek, involving

the fixing and hand-folding of more than five kilometres of zinc sheet.

The scale, precision and quality of the work have contributed to the distinctive character of the renewed Arts Centre, which has now been returned to the community as a vibrant and contemporary community asset.

The awards are a significant acknowledgement of the many people and businesses involved in delivering the redevelopment and the quality of the finished project.

The redevelopment was supported by an \$18 million contribution from the Australian Government and designed by X-squared Architects.

Council congratulates Vos Construction & Joinery, Klek Roofing & Cladding, X-squared Architects and everyone involved in bringing the Burnie Arts Centre redevelopment to life.

Exploring a Multicultural Community Hub for Burnie

Burnie’s growing cultural diversity is being recognised through a new partnership exploring the potential for a North West Multicultural Community Hub.

Burnie City Council and the Multicultural Council of Tasmania (MCOT) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore the opportunities for a dedicated multicultural hub in Burnie.

The proposed hub could provide a welcoming place for people from culturally diverse backgrounds to connect with their community, access information and services, and build relationships as they settle into life in the North West.

For MCOT Board member Astri Kirkland, the idea is particularly personal.

“When I arrived in Tasmania 22 years ago, I remember how overwhelming it was to start from scratch without knowing anyone,” Ms Kirkland said.

“A multicultural hub is about so much more than just getting information.

It’s about having a place where you feel seen, welcomed, and backed by your community.

“It gives people a sense of safety and home right when they need it most and helps us build a region where everyone truly feels they belong.”

The MOU marks the beginning of an exploration process between Council and MCOT to better understand the needs of the local community and what a multicultural hub could look like in Burnie and the wider North West.

Burnie City Council Mayor Teeny Brumby said celebrating the municipality’s diversity was an important part of building a welcoming and connected community.

The exploration will consider the potential role, services and opportunities for a future hub, with community needs and local partnerships forming an important part of the process.

More information about the proposed North West Multicultural Community Hub is available at: www.burnie.tas.gov.au/MCCH.



CBD community safety actions to be implemented

Improving community safety in Burnie's CBD will remain a key focus for Burnie City Council, with a range of actions noted at the August Council meeting now moving forward.

The actions follow discussions with Tasmania Police about anti-social behaviour and recent crime trends, with almost 70 offences recorded in the CBD over a five-month period.

Council and Tasmania Police will work together to improve information sharing, review police resource deployment in identified hotspots and strengthen coordination with local businesses and community organisations.

Council will also re-establish its CBD Community Safety Roundtable, bringing key stakeholders together to develop a more coordinated approach to safety issues and a formal action plan.

This work will provide a clear framework for addressing emerging safety issues and supporting a safer and more welcoming CBD.

New action plan supports an inclusive Burnie

Burnie City Council has endorsed the Burnie LGBTIQA+ Action Plan 2026–2031, a five-year plan aimed at supporting a safer, more welcoming, and inclusive community.

The Plan was shaped by local community voices, lived experience and research, with consultation helping to identify the priorities and actions.

It focuses on three key priorities: creating a safe and respectful Burnie, strengthening belonging and connection, and building an inclusive Council.

Actions include supporting safer and more inclusive public spaces, improving opportunities for connection and participation, and embedding LGBTIQA+ inclusion across Council services, facilities and programs.

With the Plan now endorsed, the focus will turn to putting these actions into practice alongside the LGBTIQA+ Community Advisory Group, community and partners.

More information is available at www.burnie.tas.gov.au/LGBTIQA-ActionPlan.

Making the most of Burnie's CBD parking

Burnie City Council has adopted its Parking Operational Action Plan 2026–2030, a four-year plan focused on making better use of the CBD parking already available.

Council owns around 40 per cent of public parking spaces in the CBD, with the Plan identifying opportunities to improve access, convenience and parking management.

Proposed actions include 41 new 30-minute spaces in the Multi Storey Car Park, a review of parking prices and incentives, and a potential six-month trial of free Saturday parking.

The Plan also includes improved signage, more digital payment options (while keeping cash), more EV charging options, and continued attention to accessible parking.

Council will also collect parking data to inform decisions about pricing, time limits, enforcement and future investment, with the Plan reviewed annually where data shows changes are needed.

More information is available at www.burnie.tas.gov.au/ParkingActionPlan.

Multipurpose Sports Precinct Master Plan adopted

Burnie City Council has adopted the Multipurpose Sports Precinct Master Plan, providing a long-term framework to guide investment in sporting facilities across the municipality.

Developed with support from an Active Tasmania grant, the Plan involved consultation with local sporting groups about their current challenges, future needs, and opportunities to support participation.

A two-site approach has been identified, including a proposed multi-sport precinct at McKenna Park and a four-court indoor stadium at Burnie High School (pictured below).

The McKenna Park precinct would provide purpose-built facilities for rugby, gymnastics, cheerleading and community use, while the proposed indoor stadium would increase court capacity from two to four.

With the Plan now adopted, further planning, design and discussions with key partners will be required before individual projects can progress.



Penguin Observation Centre moves into planning

Plans to enhance Burnie's Penguin Observation Centre are moving into the planning process, with a Development Application now advertised.

The project forms part of the West Park Precinct Master Plan, which was shaped through consultation with the West Park User Group and broader community.

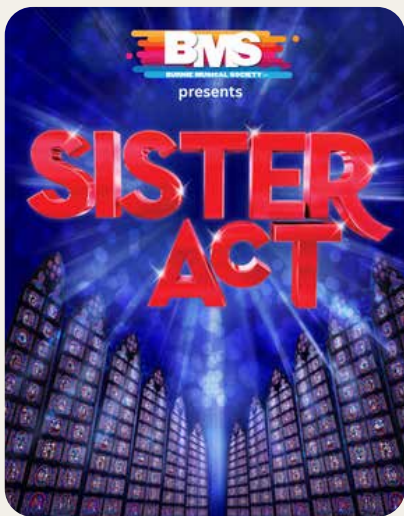
Improving the Penguin Observation Centre is one of the priority projects for 2026–27 as Council starts delivering the Master Plan. Proposed improvements include a new sheltered viewing area, additional tiered seating, interpretation signage, new vegetation, and upgrades to the existing observation centre.

The design aims to have minimal impact on the existing site while retaining the current observation centre and coastal pathway.

The Development Application is available to view at: www.burnie.tas.gov.au/permits. To read more about the West Park Precinct Master Plan, head to: www.burnie.tas.gov.au/WPPM



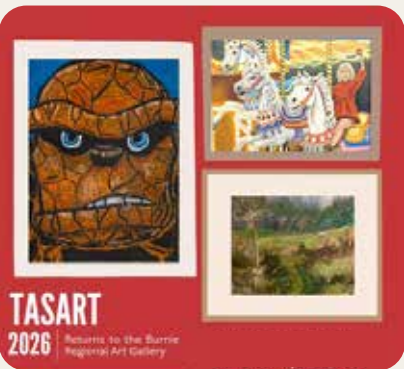
What's on at Burnie Arts



Sister Act

Get ready to raise your voice! Sister Act is the feel-good musical comedy sensation that's had audiences around the world leaping to their feet – and now it's hitting the Burnie stage.

9 October to 24 October
Times vary



TasART & Youth TasART 2026

Now in its 48th year, the Burnie Coastal Art Group's prestigious TASART Prize and Exhibition returns bigger than ever at the Burnie Regional Art Gallery.

With cash prizes totalling more than \$20,000 this landmark exhibition promises an exciting mix of emerging and established artists working across a wide range of styles and mediums.

Opening Night | Friday 9 October
6 PM

For information on these shows and more visit: burniearts.net

Save the date

Rotary Club of Burnie's
HOUSE OF HORRORS
Cattlesheds, Old Burnie
Showgrounds, Wivenhoe
30 and 31 October 7 PM – 10 PM

Kids Corner (0–7 yr olds)
Burnie Arts
Every Thursday | 10 AM – 4 PM

Burnie City Council
September Meeting
Council Chambers, 80 Wilson St.
Tuesday 22 September | 7 PM

Remembering Cr Kevin Hyland

Long-serving Councillor and former Mayor remembered for more than two decades of service

Council was deeply saddened by the passing of long-serving Councillor and former Mayor Kevin Hyland. Kevin first served as a Councillor from 1999 to 2012, returned to Council in 2014 and continued in the role until his passing. He was Mayor of Waratah-Wynyard from 2005 to 2010.

Kevin cared deeply about the community and brought extensive local knowledge, experience and commitment to the Council table. For those who worked alongside him, he was a respected Councillor, colleague and friend. Council extends sincere condolences to his family, friends and loved ones.



Cr Kevin Hyland

NOTICEBOARD

KEY DATES

- **Thursday 10 September**
Election roll applications close

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

- **Waratah welcome sign**
EOI open till Tuesday 15 September 2026.
 - **Boat Harbour public artwork**
EOI open till Tuesday 15 September 2026.
- Learn more: www.warwyn.tas.gov.au



SPRING GUIDE 1-31 OCTOBER 2026

Spring Loaded program out now!

October brings a month of live music, food, family activities, workshops, sport, gardens and community events across Wynyard, Somerset, Table Cape and the wider region. The 2026 brochure is out now with dates, venues and booking details.

www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/spring-loaded

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 October:** Free Drive-In Movie, Frederick St Reserve
- 2 October:** Kids on the Cape Fun Run
- 3 October:** Star Gazing at Wynyard Yacht Club
- 12-15 October:** Free school holiday activities



Pictured: Anthony, John and Latisha (Parks and Recreation Crew) with CEO Gary Arnold and Mayor Mary Duniam at the Wynyard Sensory Garden.

Sensory Garden recognised at LGAT Awards for Excellence

Waratah-Wynyard Council has received an LGAT Award for Excellence for the community-led development of the Wynyard Sensory Garden, a project recognised for its inclusive design and strong community involvement. Originally conceived as a dementia-friendly space, the garden evolved through consultation with residents,

resulting in a welcoming environment that reflects a wide range of community needs. Community contributions have continued beyond construction, including the addition of a Wind Phone suggested by a local resident, highlighting the ongoing connection people have with this special space.

EVENTS

Thinking of becoming a councillor?

Join Interim CEO Gary on Thursday 10 September in Waratah (2PM at Post Office) or Wynyard (5PM Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street) for a short presentation about what it's like to be a councillor, the responsibilities involved and what to expect from the role. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. More info on Council's website.

PROJECT UPDATE

Help shape the future of Sisters Beach

Council is working with the Sisters Beach community to plan how the foreshore reserve can adapt to coastal change while supporting recreation, environmental regeneration and connection. Fieldwork is also gathering baseline information about the dunes, vegetation and foreshore. Read more below: warwyn.tas.gov.au/projects/sisters-beach-open-space-planning/

PROJECT UPDATE

Inglis River walking track reopened

Safe access has been restored between the Bass Highway Bridge and River Road after a rockslide was removed and repairs completed. Walkers can once again enjoy this popular riverside section. Council thanks the community for its patience while the area was closed.

PARKS & REC

Langley Park Redevelopment Progressing Well

Work is progressing well on the Langley Park redevelopment, with major construction and internal fit-out works continuing across the facility. The new changerooms, amenities and canteen areas are taking shape, while accessibility improvements, including the installation of a new lift, are also underway. The project is progressing well and remains on track for completion in late November, weather permitting. warwyn.tas.gov.au/projects/langley-park-building-upgrades/



Fossil Bluff

Wynyard & surrounds

unforgettable experiences

Family adventures can be gentle or bold

Think family friendly trails, bike rides, fishing mornings, fossil hunting and farmland. Vibrant Spring events the whole family will love. There's more to do than you can imagine in Wynyard and surrounds.



Coastal Pathway



Boat Harbour



Waratah Falls



Visit Wonders of Wynyard to plan your family eco-adventure.



Sign up to our
Community eNewsletter

Stay up to date with Council news, inc. projects, events, consultations and more.
www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/enews



Settlement of Stanley, the Federation years

The third part in a series outlining the history of the settlement of Stanley as a prelude to Stanley's Bicentenary 31st October to 2nd November 2026.

On 1 January 1901, the Federation of Australia was recognised when the six Australian colonies agreed to unite and form the Commonwealth of Australia thus establishing a system of Federalism in Australia.

of the Government schools in the Circular Head area. The family was lessee of the Nut for many years and cleared a lot of the land of large trees by disposing of them over the side to then be used for construction purposes.

Recreational activities were numerous with concerts, dances and operettas held at the Town Hall. There was a Tennis Club, cricket and football teams as well

farriers and blacksmiths. Prior to 1922, when the railway line linked Stanley to Myalla thus opening the area to the remainder of the State, the Tatlow's Royal Mail Coaches ran a regular and reliable service carrying passengers and mail. By 1922 motor cars had largely replaced horses as the main mode of transport and it was at this time that Fergusons took over the Tatlow's motor garage.

late Des French, fisherman, related that when at their peak, 2,000 boxes of cuta would be sent from Stanley every night to the canneries. After the war the cuta disappeared. Stoney Bros. of Southern Marine Products, located in the original Van Diemen's Land Company (VDL Co) grain store, began the freezing of cuta and shark for shipment. Following construction of the Cool Stores with a shock freezing chamber for fish, the Stanley Fisherman's Co-operative Society was formed in Sept. 1945. In the early part of the century, a butter factory was located in the VDL Co grain store with milk arriving from as far away as Marawah and Rocky Cape and in 1922 had an output of approximately 5 tons per week.

In 1920 George Dunkley opened a timber mill at the base of the Nut after relocating from Zeehan to Stanley. However, it was destroyed by fire in 1925; a scenario which was to hit again in 1950 when the complex under Kauri Timber Company was razed at an estimated damage of £60,000. In the 1940s a row of almost identical cottages was built in Hale Street to house the timber mill employees.

A building in Rougemont Street that was built as a brewery in the mid 1800s was also burnt to the ground in 1941, sadly resulting in the death of a local identity, Mr George Lees.

Some of the key points and milestones during the first half of the twentieth century were:

1906 The newspaper, Circular Head Chronicle, was established by Mr W.W. Young in 1906 and was printed in Stanley until 1947.

1907 First local Government elections held with Council meetings held at Stanley.

1927 Electricity connected to Stanley

1935 Cable laid from Apollo Bay to Stanley providing the only telegraph line to Tasmania.

1942 Reticulated water supplied to Stanley from a creek near Forest.

The period, 1901-1950 was a roller coaster for the people of Stanley with periods of prosperity and adversity. The effects of two World Wars, the Great Depression, Spanish flu epidemic and polio outbreak would have tested their resolve and stamina. From what is known from that era, the community spirit to look after each other was well and truly entrenched.

Compiled by the Stanley Discovery Museum



In the 1901 Cyclopedia of Tasmania, Stanley was described as a most important commercial seaport, with a population of 500.

For the period to the war years, there was an influx of public buildings, businesses and infrastructure in the Stanley township. Residential architecture was predominantly Federation style - a single story sprawling design with decorative motifs, gables and verandahs made of timber and brightly painted. Most of these homes have survived today although there were several large fires over the period. In 1900 the timber National Bank building was destroyed and next door in 1901 a store and dwelling in Church Street were also demolished. The present day Town Hall building was built on this site in 1911; designed by Alexander North, who was a pioneer of concrete construction in Tasmania, the Hall was a monolithic concrete structure with the walls executed in a series of horizontal pours.

Prosperity was demonstrated in the building of numerous retail premises - in 1897, a new Post office building was opened while in 1911, a large brick general store with residence and offices attached were opened next door, establishing Church Street as the business area of the town. Stores were varied consisting of fruit and confectionary; millinery and dressmaking; saddlery; giftware; bakery and butchery.

A new State School was opened in 1914 with 113 children enrolled. Mr W.S.H. Smith, assisted by his sons, was a local building contractor for sixty years constructing many buildings including most

as a skating rink located at the Recreation Ground. The foundation stone for the Monatth Masonic Lodge was laid on 14 February 1918 and the Circular Head District Agricultural, Pastoral, Horticultural and Poultry Association (now Circular Head Show) was formed in 1907. The Stanley Turf Club, which was formed in 1881, boasted many notable identities of the town including Mr



Charles Tatlow, who also bred horses, at one time owning the sire Columbus, an Australian Cup winner.

The members of the Tatlow family were great contributors to the development of the town being produce merchants, coachbuilders, wheelwrights,

Eighteen months after storm damage to the breakwater, repairs were complete in 1916 and the following year there was development of the foreshore wharf. Marine historian, the late Cyril Smith, considered the 1930s to be when the port was at its busiest. Majority of outward cargo consisted of bags of potatoes, swede and other root crops, timber and blackwood staves. There were many



produce merchants servicing the district including Circular Head Produce Company, Horne Bros, Boys and O'Neill and Fred Borradaile.

There was a very lucrative period of barracoota fishing in the 1930s and early 1940s. In an interview in 1986, the

Sources: Along the Terrace Vol I by Betty Jones

Beyond the Ramparts by Kerry Pink & Annette Ebdon

WARATAH WYNYARD COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Celisa Edwards

Hello, I'm Celisa Edwards. I am Waratah Wynyard's current Deputy Mayor. Through my term I have carried integrity to the highest standard, through many challenges where strong leadership has mattered. I listen to understand people's needs, concerns and ideas to help find solutions forward. I am approachable, honest and your strong voice. I ask for your no 1 Vote as Councillor and Deputy Mayor to continue and stay focussed on what matters most, our community. I will continue being accessible and committed.

Collaborating together for common goals, planning wisely and to help continue in making a safer and flourishing municipality for our future generations. If you would like someone experienced with integrity, genuine commitment to our municipality, funky and fun, and accessible. I would love the opportunity to continue listening, advocating and working for our municipality. Councillor and Deputy Mayor.

Authorised by Rachille Price 87b Old Bass Highway Wynyard.



Leanne Raw

My name is Leanne Raw, and I'm honoured to be standing as a candidate for Mayor of Waratah-Wynyard, while also seeking your support for re-election as a Councillor.

I am standing for Waratah Wynyard Council as I have the time, energy and passion to give back to the Waratah Wynyard community. I enjoy working for our community.

What makes me suitable for these positions?

Firstly, it is my personal values of Dedication, Commitment, Honesty, Loyalty, Generosity and Determination. Secondly, it is my work values of Equity, Integrity, Impartiality (No Bias) - Decision making on merit, evidence, research and data, Respect, Responsiveness and Accountability.

I look forward to working for Waratah Wynyard.

Authorised by: David Raw, 2 Walker Street, Wynyard



Chloe Foster

I'm standing for Councillor and Mayor to help make Waratah-Wynyard the best place to raise a family and build a future. My husband George Hills is a teacher and we're raising two children here in the community we love. With a decade as General Manager of Sea FM and 7BU and nine years prior running my own business, I bring proven leadership in people, budgets and communication. I'll prioritise sensible use of ratepayer dollars, economic growth and protecting the lifestyle that makes our region special.

My leadership will be informed by community engagement and real conversations. I'll be a strong voice for our region.

I'm honoured to have the support of former Mayors:

"Chloe Foster has extensive experience, a clear vision for the future and what it takes to lead Waratah-Wynyard Council with integrity and purpose." - Dr Mary Duniam "She's a smart lady. I think she's got the knowledge and temperament for the top job." - Robby Walsh

Authorised by: Dr Mary Duniam, 2/20 Esplanade, Somerset



Trent Wells

Hi, I'm Trent Wells. I'm seeking to become a councillor because I believe I bring common sense, independent thinking and strong problem-solving skills. For those who don't know me, I grew up in this municipality along with my wife, Antonia. We've been married for nearly 30 years and have two adult children who now work locally. I own a farming and excavation business and have proudly volunteered with the Tasmania Fire Service for over 20 years. I want to help keep our towns, businesses, communities and rural sector

strong and thriving. I bring a fresh face and a new set of ears. I'm here to represent the people within this municipality. I have a can do attitude to life. I would appreciate your support and look forward to being a representative for you.

Authorised by: John Blackley 5 Reservoir Drive Wynyard Tas



Laura Johnson OAM

Laura Johnson OAM is a proud local, social worker, community advocate and founder of THEIRS. Growing up in Smithton and now calling Somerset home, Laura is passionate about the future of the Waratah-Wynyard community. Laura is running for Waratah-Wynyard Council to bring a fresh perspective and a strong youth voice to local government. She believes young people should have a genuine seat at the table and be involved in shaping the future of the community they will grow up in. Her campaign is built around four values: Capacity, Community, Connection and Opportunity-

supporting local clubs, organisations, volunteers and businesses; investing in our community; strengthening connections across our towns and generations; and creating greater opportunities for young people, families and the wider community. Laura brings extensive experience in advocacy, leadership and community development and holds a Bachelor of Social Work (Honours). She was also one of the youngest Australians to receive an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her contributions to the community.

Authorised by Laura Johnson OAM of Somerset



BURNIE CITY COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Amina Keygan

I'm Amina Keygan, your candidate for Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Burnie. I'm committed to transparency, strong leadership, and a city that works for everyone. I've spent my career in public and community service, and that same commitment drives everything I do as your Councillor. I've been working hard to repair Burnie's financial sustainability and to bring radical transparency to how decisions are made. Every choice I make starts with one question: what is in the best interests of Burnie?

I have no intentions for higher office and am an independent candidate. My focus is here, on this city, and on the people who call it home. Steady, honest and accountable leadership is what will keep Burnie's momentum going, and it's what I'll keep delivering if elected Deputy Mayor.

Find me on Facebook, get in touch, and let's keep building Burnie's future together.

Authorised by Cadence Casey, 44A Loongana Ave, Shorewell Park



Adrian Pickin

A passionate community advocate who has proudly called the Burnie region home for many years. I am standing as an independent candidate for Burnie City Council as I believe strong communities are built through listening, respect and genuine local representation. As a Municipal Ranger, I have gained firsthand experience understanding the challenges faced by residents, businesses and local government. This has given me practical knowledge of community issues, governance, compliance and the importance of delivering fair and effective outcomes. I have dedicated many years

to volunteering and supporting community initiatives across regional Tasmania and am passionate about protecting what makes Burnie special while creating opportunities for growth, stronger local businesses and connected communities. I believe every part of our municipality deserves to be heard. I am committed to transparent decision-making, responsible financial management and ensuring Council remains accessible, accountable and focused on the needs of our community. *Authorised by Adrian Pickin 25 Jones St, Burnie*



BURNIE CITY COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Paula Kirkpatrick

I was a Postie for 20 years then ran a business contracted to Housing and Aged Care and proud mum of 2 sons.

I am running for Burnie Council because I want to help bring positive change.

1) Communication: I'll ask questions, give reasons why and provide answers where I am able to.

2) Financial Accountability: Review expenditure, financial priorities and funding to advisory groups and consultants. Building upgrades -

community requests. Ensure tenders/grants are advertised and made known to local businesses/community groups.

3) Completion dates & time frames; investigate processes where action can be implemented faster e.g. fouryear parking plan

-Burnie needs an RV park, better promotion of local attractions, places of interest, Information Centre - reasons for people to stay.

Follow me on Facebook!

Authorised by Paula Kirkpatrick, 5 Fidler St, Burnie



WEST COAST COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Robert Butterfield

For the past term, it has been a privilege to serve as your West Coast Councillor and Deputy Mayor. I am proud to have represented our community with honesty and a genuine commitment to the people who call the West Coast home.

Through my work in industry, emergency response, and community service, i understand the challanges our region faces and the opportunaties ahead. I am passionate about supporting local businesses, improving our infrastructure, strengthening community

services and ensuring council delivers value for every ratepayer.

I believe in listening, being accessable and making decisons that benefit our whole community-not just today but for future generations. The West Coast is a remarkable place and i remain committed to working hard to help it thrive. I respectfully ask for your support so i can continue to be a strong, experienced and trusted voice on your council.

Authorised by Robert Butterfield, 27 Powell Street Queenstown



Liz Hamer

You want change?

I've worked tirelessly for the last four years to help businesses and residents stay on the West Coast. Let's reinforce these efforts and put the residents first. Stay aware and choose carefully -

Vote number one - Liz Hamer for Councillor & Mayor

"Serving YOU with good governance and invoking the 4 "R's" of Council"

Member of: Weed Management Committee of Council

Emergency Management Committee of Council Australian Local Government Women's Association. (Residents – Rates – Rubbish – Roads) I will support a forensic audit and an asset review and audit . I have stood alone in the fight to protect our heritage and assets and will lead the way to answer your concerns that need answers if you want change vote me in as mayor, new leadership that has integrity and honesty and a council that work for you please consider.

Authorised by Liz Hamer, 30 Harvey Street, Strahan



Helen Ryan-Sykes

I understand everyone on the West Coast is experiencing a Cost of Living Crisis at home and understand this by listening to you what you want and need in our community. The unnecessary spending of West Coast rate payers money on objects like the Wall in Strahan and upgrades to public toilets and also not standing up enough to keep our local brank branches. Not providing regular consultation with West Coast rate payers on new projects and infrastructure projects. The West Coast needs a new team of Councillors to bring

your towns back to prosperity and a local economy enjoyed by all that live here and visit. Let me be part of this to help you bring the West Coast Vision back to life building it together for us all and the future residents and visitors that come to see our natural beauty of our towns and surrounding areas. I believe in creating meaningful experiences that inspire and connect us all and a strong economy for businesses to grow and new businesses to start. Let us all work together! *Authorised by H. Ryan-Sykes, 12 Jack Street, Strahan*



Shane Pitt

Having lived and worked on the West Coast my entire life my commitment to our region runs deep. Since being elected to Council in 2009, serving as Deputy Mayor from 2014 and Mayor since 2021, I have worked hard to represent our whole community with integrity and dedication.

With 41 years of volunteer involvement across many local organisations, I understand both the challenges we face and the strengths that make our region unique. I will continue to uphold

Council's responsibilities, advocate across all levels of Government, and work to secure and restore essential services. Protecting our industries and jobs remains a priority, along with promoting the West Coast's attributes to support growth and opportunity.

Our community deserves strong, experienced leadership that listens, acts, and stands up for the West Coast. With pride and passion, I am seeking re-election to continue this important work.

Authorised by Shane Pitt, 17 Wilsdon Street Queenstown



Nardi Rogers

Nardi Rogers | Candidate for Councillor

I'm Nardi Rogers, a proud member of our West Coast community and a passionate advocate for the place we call home.

I believe our community deserves a strong, approachable and independent voice on Council — someone who listens, cares and is prepared to get things done.

I'm passionate about supporting local businesses, creating opportunities for our community, protecting what makes the West

Coast special, and helping build a positive future for residents, families and visitors alike.

I'd love to hear what matters to you and what you believe we can do better.

Vote 1 Nardi Rogers for Councillor.

Authorised by Chris Rogers, 48 Meredith Street, Strahan



CIRCULAR HEAD COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Gerard Blizzard

I am seeking re-election because I remain committed to serving the Circular Head community with integrity, fairness and common sense. As Mayor, I have worked to make decisions that are in the best interests of our entire community. I believe every issue deserves to be considered with an open mind, by listening to all viewpoints, examining the facts and making informed decisions for the long-term benefit of our municipality. I have always been accessible and available to everyone. Whether we agree or disagree, I believe every

resident deserves to be heard and treated with respect. Good governance requires transparency, responsible financial management and a willingness to work collaboratively with all levels of government, community groups and local businesses.

If re-elected, I will continue to advocate strongly for Circular Head, support sustainable growth, and work to ensure our municipality remains a great place to live, work, raise a family and invest.

Authorised by Gerard Blizzard, 77 Brittons Rd, Smithton



Annette Dawes

My name is Annette, and I'm seeking your support to continue serving our community as a Councillor and Deputy Mayor on the Circular Head Council. For the past four years, it has been an honour to serve as your Deputy Mayor. I have worked with fellow councillors, Council staff, local businesses, community organisations and residents to help make Circular Head an even better place to live. With a background in education, music and community service, I believe in listening, treating people with respect and working together to

find practical solutions. I am passionate about supporting local events, encouraging sustainable growth, recognising our volunteers and advocating for opportunities that benefit our whole community. Circular Head has a bright future, and I would love the opportunity to continue contributing to that future with honesty, commitment and enthusiasm. Thank you for your support. Together, we can continue building a strong, vibrant and connected Circular Head.

Authorised by Brett Dawes, 193 Nelson Street, Smithton



Ric Skilton

A Circular Head resident for almost 5 years, locally, I am the immediate past president of the Smithton Bowls Club, secretary of the Circular Head indoor Bowls Association and vice president of the Circular Head Senior Citizens Club.

I am currently semi-retired, working part time as a self-employed consultant in the textile industry.

40 years' experience in management in manufacturing and 20 years exposure to high level government officials securing defence contracts

put me in a good position to work with all levels of government. I bring fresh eyes with fresh ideas and a high level of problem-solving skills. I want to become a councillor to give back to the community that has made me so welcome over these past 5 years.

I am eager to make a meaningful contribution to local government and am confident I can excel in the role of councillor with the Circular Head Council.

Authorised by Cedric Skilton, 10 Hellyer Street, Smithton



Shelley Pinner

A trusted local. A strong voice for our community.

Born and raised in Circular Head, Shelley is dedicated to making Circular Head a vibrant, exciting and attribute place to work, live and visit. As an accountant, Shelley brings practical financial skills, sound judgement and accountability to Council. A dedicated volunteer with strong community ties, Shelley understands the people, businesses and organisations that make Circular Head such a great place to live. She is committed to listening to the

community, making informed decisions, and working hard to ensure a strong future for everyone. Why vote for Shelley? Experienced accountant with strong financial expertise. Dedicated volunteer who gives back to the community. Deep local connections and a genuine understanding of community needs. Committed to responsible decision-making and transparent leadership. Passionate about keeping Circular Head a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Authorised by Shelley Pinner, 92 Febeys Road, Brittons Swamp



Elisha Harrison

A trusted local. A strong voice for our community. My name is Elisha Harrison, and I am standing for election to the Circular Head Council because I care deeply about the future of our community. Although I have lived in Circular Head for only a few years, it has quickly become home. Through managing a local charity resale shop, I see our community at street level every day. I hear people's concerns, witness the challenges many families face, and also see the enormous potential, generosity and resourcefulness within our

region. I am passionate about protecting our environment, reducing waste and finding practical ways to make better use of the resources we already have. However, I also believe good decisions come from listening. I am open to new ideas, different opinions and respectful discussion. If elected, I will bring practical experience, compassion and a willingness to work with others to help Circular Head remain a strong, welcoming and sustainable place for everyone.

Authorised by Susan Cross, 1261 Trowatta Rd, Edith Creek



Matthew Morgan

The next four years will be critical for the Circular Head Council. We have a deficit to get rid of.

Our GM and the Councillors have a plan to be implemented. The GM has identified the problems and has plans in place to resolve them. This is extremely important work that needs community support. The them and us feelings, held by a lot of the ratepayers needs to be resolved.

I believe I can represent the ratepayers at the Council table and

promote teamwork between the community and Council.

Then Vision 2050 becomes a reality that we can all be proud of.

I am a patient listener and will fight for the ratepayers concerns.

Let me be your Voice.

High regards

Matthew Morgan

matthewmorganptyltd@gmail.com

Authorised by Matthew Morgan 32 Nutview Court Smithton



Tony Hine

Over the past five years as a Councillor, I have focused on practical outcomes, responsible decision-making and value for our communities, including advocating for a rates benchmark 0.5% below the average of the six North West municipalities to reduce pressure on ratepayers. I bring curiosity to the Council table, asking questions and challenging the status quo when better outcomes can be achieved. My lived experience in agriculture and extensive board and committee experience, including ten years as President of the

local Agricultural Show Society, provide a practical, grounded understanding of our region. I am again standing for Council and also offering myself as Deputy Mayor. I want to build on this work by supporting small business, investment and innovation, strengthening tourism, and showcasing our municipality's unique scenery and character. My focus remains building a resilient, forward-thinking community where people, businesses and future generations can thrive. *Authorised by A E Hine, 2 Billing Street, Smithton*



Kelly Sweeney – 40 Years at Circular Head Council

Forty years ago, a 17-year-old walked through the doors of Circular Head Council to begin her working life.

Four decades later, Kelly has become



one of Council’s longest-serving employees – and an extraordinary source of knowledge about the organisation and the community it serves.

Kelly began at Council in 1986, when there were around 12 staff in the office, about 30 in the outside workforce and 15 elected members.

A lot has changed since then.

During her 40 years, Kelly has worked through the introduction of user-pays water consumption, two proposed council amalgamations, the abolition of elec-

toral wards, a new Local Government Act and three new planning schemes.

She has also watched Council move from 15 elected members to 9 – soon to become 7 – and estimates around 65 elected members have come and gone during her time at Council.

Then there are the people she has worked alongside.

Across approximately 9,700 working days, Kelly has seen two Wardens, four Mayors, two Council Clerks, seven General Managers and more than 170 colleagues come and go.

“There’s nothing like being reminded that you have been working longer than some work colleagues have been alive,” Kelly said.

“Or when someone is employed that is the child of someone you trained!”

While those numbers tell part of the story, former colleague and long-time friend Ali remembers the everyday moments that made working at Council during the 1990s and early 2000s so memorable.

Ali worked alongside Kelly for 10 years, from 1993 to 2003, and remembers a very different Council workplace – including the Council Chambers and its “incredibly spooky” third floor that nobody particularly wanted to visit alone.

There was also an important office soundtrack.

“Reba McEntire, Keith Urban, James Blundell and the Backstreet Boys were all on high rotation, back in the days when we actually bought CDs and swapped and lent them to each other,” Ali said.

Fashion mattered too, with Postie Fashions, clogs and matching bouclé suits making regular appearances.

And then there was the food.

“Any occasion – and I mean any occasion – was considered worthy of a morning tea and sausage rolls,” Ali said.

Friday lunches regularly involved a trip across the road to Christy’s Corner, where the staff visited so often their orders were sometimes known before they arrived.

But one memory perhaps says more about Kelly’s contribution to Council than any other: rates week.

Long before online payments became commonplace, residents would queue out the door to pay their rates by cash or cheque. Staff could spend days on their feet taking payments over the counter before facing the dreaded end-of-day task of balancing the till.

“And if it didn’t balance? You called Kelly,” Ali said.

“Even back then, Kelly had that incredible ability to look at something and work out where you’d gone wrong.

“Kelly knew everything.”

Her knowledge extended well beyond balancing the books.

“Her knowledge of Circular Head, particularly properties, was incredible,” Ali said.

“She was always punctual, always willing to help, and she became one of those people you automatically turned to when you needed an answer.”

The workplace Kelly joined in 1986 is almost unrecognisable from the Council of today.

She has worked through enormous changes in technology and systems, from handwritten registers, cash and cheques to the digital systems now used across local government.

There were also major changes that staff themselves had to navigate, including the introduction of the GST – an undertaking Ali still remembers clearly.

But among all that change, Kelly says it is the people who have left the greatest mark.

“Some work colleagues you build life-long friendships with, and into being significant people in your life,” she said.

Over four decades there have been good times and difficult ones, challenges and achievements, and plenty of lessons in resilience.

Kelly credits the colleagues she has worked alongside for helping her reach this milestone.

“Thank you to all past and present work colleagues for providing support, knowledge, guidance and friendship that helped me reach this achievement,” she said.

“And thank you to Council for providing the opportunity to work for the Circular Head community and hopefully in some small way improve the area for residents and visitors alike.”

After 40 years, Kelly isn’t quite finished yet.

She hopes to spend the next few years sharing the knowledge and experience accumulated over four decades before eventually heading into a well-earned retirement.

For Ali, it is difficult to imagine Council without the person who has been a constant through so much change.

“Kelly has seen systems change, technology change and countless staff, councillors and mayors come and go,” she said.

“But I suspect one thing hasn’t changed very much.

“If you need to know something, ask Kelly.”

Congratulations Kelly on an extraordinary 40 years of service to Circular Head Council and the Circular Head community.

Wynyard Sensory Garden takes home the trophy!

We’re proud to share that Council has received an LGAT Award for Excellence, recognising the inclusive, community-led approach behind the Wynyard Sensory Garden.

Originally planned as a dementia-friendly garden, the project evolved through community consultation, with feedback encouraging Council to think more broadly about how the space could welcome and support people of all ages and abilities.

By listening and adapting, the Sensory Garden became a space genuinely shaped by the people who would use it.

And that community influence hasn’t stopped since construction. The later addition of the Wind Phone, an idea put forward by a community member, is another example of how local people continue to contribute to the garden and its story.

This award celebrates not only what was created, but how it was created — through genuine engagement, inclusive design and a willingness to let our community influence the outcome.

A huge congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped shape and deliver this special community space.



CH bowls winners take home the medals

After a very hard-fought home and away season, the grand finals were held on the last Tuesday in July.

Two very close finals saw Country Club take out the Division 2 title over Smithton Saints and Senior Citizens take out the Division 3 title over South Forest.

Unfortunately, both teams could not beat their western division rivals from Riana in the next tier up to qualify for the state titles. Both Riana teams went on to clinch the state titles so congratulations must go to them.

August saw both the CHIBBA pair and singles championships held which finished off the season.

Congratulations go to Noel and Janine Stokes, who won the CHIBBA Pairs for the second consecutive year. A fantastic achievement and a great display of consistent form. Also, congratulations to Noel Stokes who also won the CHIBBA singles title.



Janine and Noel Stokes with their championship medals



CIRCULAR HEAD

Community News

Our Dark Sky journey is beginning

Circular Head has a natural asset that many places around the world are losing – genuinely dark night skies.

That sparked an idea: could we protect and celebrate our dark skies, while creating new opportunities for our community and our region?

Council and the Dark Sky Coordinating Committee have been exploring what this could look like, including a pathway towards International Dark Sky accreditation. We've put together a page on our website explaining:

- Why our dark skies are worth protecting
- What International Dark Sky accreditation could mean for Circular Head
- How the initiative connects with Circular Head Vision 2050



Learn more about our Dark Sky journey

- What work is already happening
- Where we are now and where we're heading
- How our community can become part of the journey

It's a work in progress, but rather than waiting until everything is decided, we'll share what we're exploring, what we're learning and how people can get involved as the initiative develops.



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Quick Updates

Bass Highway upgrades confirmed
Great news – the Tasmanian Government has confirmed Bass Highway upgrades between Mella Road, Broadmeadows and Fagans Road, Christmas Hills, with construction expected to start in early 2027.

The works will include wider road shoulders, road surface repairs and improvements to several junctions along this section.

Further investigations between Dismal Road and Comeback Road are planned for September. More info www.transport.tas.gov.au/roadworks/current_projects

West Esplanade Foreshore Park – project update.
Things are moving at West Esplanade, with the tender for the new pump track now released.

Council has set the brief for what the pump track needs to include, and experienced pump track companies are now being invited to put forward their designs.

It's another step towards bringing the community-developed West Esplanade Foreshore Park Master Plan to life.



Proposed speed limit changes

Council is seeking community feedback on proposed speed limit changes at four locations across Circular Head:

Trowutta Road, South Road, Mengha Road/South Road and Cantara Road.

Before sharing your views, we encourage you to find out why these roads are being reviewed, what's being proposed and who makes the final decision.



We've put all the information in one place, including the proposed changes, maps and the reasons each location is being considered.

Take a look, then tell us what you think. The survey is open until **Friday 18 September**.

SAVE THE DATE

Council Meeting
Thursday 17 September

Community Catch Up – Rocky Cape
Friday 25 September

Stanley Bicentenary 2026
Friday 30 Oct to Mon 2 Nov

Moo'd at Duck River Pavilions
Saturday 24 October



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Stay up to date with what Council is doing, including projects, services, decisions and ways to have your say.



The CHArts Festival is a month long celebration of culture, heritage & arts in Circular Head. Join us at an event, workshop or exhibition from 4 September to 4 October 2026.

Check out the program on the website.



Where Water Meets – Stanley
Saturday 12 September

Riches and Wood – Stanley
Sunday 13 September

Stanley Harvest
Sunday 13 September

Ladies Movie Night – Smithton
Thursday 17 September

The Art of Words – Smithton
Friday 18 September

Trivia Night – Smithton
Saturday 19 September

Eco Printed Silk Scarf Workshop – Marrawah
Sunday 20 September

Wynyard Choir – Smithton
Sunday 27 September

Spring Flower Show – Smithton
Saturday 3 October

The Art of Food – Smithton
Saturday 3 October

CHARTS POP UP GALLERY
2 to 26 September
Tuesday to Friday 11am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to 1pm
68 Emmett Street, Smithton

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Tales from a Zeehan graveyard

MAN FALLS AND DROWNS IN WATER AT THE BOTTOM OF A MINE SHAFT.

About 3:30 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 1897, an accident occurred at the Silver Queen Mine which resulted in the death of a 41-year-old miner named (Edward) James Atess.

Atess had been married a little over a year and was the father of a child aged just six weeks old. He had lived in Zeehan for several years and had worked at the Silver Queen Mine off and on for a couple of years.

The deceased and John Yelland were engaged installing timber in a mine shaft, about [8 metres] below the surface and the same

distance from the bottom of the shaft, with Atess working about [1 metre] below Yelland. They agreed to change places, and as Atess stepped back to allow Yelland to get down to where he was, he slipped and fell headfirst, striking his head as he fell before sinking into the water at the bottom. The body was recovered using grappling irons and brought to the surface about twenty minutes later.

A reporter from "The Zeehan and Dundas Herald" was at the scene and reported in great (and harrowing) detail what happened next. At about 4:30 p.m. Atess' wife Jane (nee

Ryan) was seen approaching the mine. As the doctors were still performing resuscitation she was persuaded to wait for a little while. She was very upset and was being consoled by a friend.

down, she again kissed her husband's face. After some persuasion she consented to the removal of the body, and she and her friend then followed it to the hospital.

An inquest was held two days later before Coroner Fowell, and a jury of seven.

The chief witness was John Yelland, who stated Atess and he were timbering the shaft. After Atess had sawn off a piece of timber, witness called out, "You had better have a spell Jim, and let me have a go." "All right! Come on then" replied Atess. Atess had a

ledge of about [60 centimetres] to step back on. After looking up the shaft, witness looked back down and saw deceased fall and hit his head before entering the water at the bottom which was about [7 metres] deep. He went down the ladder as quickly as he could and jumped into the water up to his neck and felt around with his hands and feet, but he could neither see nor feel anything.

He and another man recovered the body: they tried firstly using just rope; then with grappling irons on the rope; and finally using the irons with a longer rope, they were successful on

their third attempt. They then took deceased to ground level.

The only other witness called, Dr. J.S. Borthwick, said he had notified by messenger of an accident and found Atess on a stretcher outside the mine's main office surrounded by a crowd of people. His appearance was that of someone who had drowned. He immediately proceeded to use artificial respiration and other means of resuscitation which he continued for about half an hour without success. There was a slight scalp wound where deceased had struck the shaft after falling. The man was dressed in a pair of moleskin trousers, with knee straps, and a flannel shirt. Deceased's shirt was taken off and he tried bleeding. He was joined about 5:00 p.m. by Dr. Godfrey and after a brief consultation, he announced life was extinct, and he ordered the body to be taken to the morgue.

After hearing all of the evidence the jury returned a verdict of accidental death by drowning, saying that no blame was attachable to anyone.

James' funeral left his late residence in Fowler Street on the following day at 4:45 p.m. for the Cemetery. It is still known today where he is buried, but no physical signs remain.

Sadly on February 27, 1898, James' three and half month-old son Edward died and he is similarly buried in the Cemetery.

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

WYNYARD YACHT CLUB

When we go on a sail, we always have at least one RHIB (Rigid - Hulled Inflatable Boat) on the water, watching us. A RHIB is a powerboat. RHIBs keep us safe. Before each and every sail,

Chris Symonds, our fantastic Commodore, briefs us on where we will be sailing today. He gives us clear boundaries in which to sail. If it is a very windy day, we don't sail.

Another safety consideration for all the sailors, being outside for 3 or more hours every sail, is sun safety. We are lucky enough to have Chris Hughes (my dad!): a skin cancer doctor, who does a short talk at the briefing about a topic relating to sun safety. Some of the topics he has talked about include:

1. Covering up is better than putting on sunscreen.
2. Some sunscreens aren't as good as they say they are.
3. Sunglasses are important.
4. Use a sunscreen based lip balm -

your lips can get sunburnt.

5. Even when it's cloudy, you can still get sunburnt.

The sun is a dangerous thing, and skin cancers are common in our community. It is important to us that we are sun-safe when we are sailing. The club has many lifejackets to borrow. It is a mandatory rule that if you are on the water you must wear a lifejacket. The club checks the lifejackets and all other safety gear once a year. We wash the lifejackets each sail. The lifejackets range from 50 to 100N, with the higher number meaning more buoyancy.

We have 3 RHIBs. Usually 2 RHIBs come out with us. We bought two of the RHIBs last year, a very big one and a smaller one. The big one can go as fast as 70 km/h! The Wynyard Volunteer Marine Rescue is located within the Wynyard Yacht Club. Steve goes out on rescues with the RHIBs if someone is in trouble at sea.

In the Tackers and Start Sailing courses, we teach safety on the water to both adults and kids. Many people come to help with these courses, with amazing Samantha teaching all the Tackers 2 and 3s, and Warwick teaching the 1s. We have many

people who volunteer to be assistants to Samantha and Warwick, which is great. The Yacht Club also offers a CPR course. Safety, both on and off the water, is very important to the Wynyard Yacht Club

Michael Hughes



Invitation to 135th anniversary of Saint Fursaeus Church

St.Fursaeus' Church, Zeehan, marking the Heritage of 135 Years of existence catering to the spiritual needs of the people of Zeehan and the West Coast. On this occasion, the parishioners warmly invite you to join us in celebrating the 135th Anniversary of the historical church in the remote area. Reaching this great milestone, we are joyful and giving praise to God for His abounding blessings on the mining town Zeehan and all the people of God. We remember those who toiled for the growth and development of the church from the first stone till the last contributor for their relentless dedication and work. In particular, we remember and thank the first priest Father Hogan of Westbury, Father P.Gleeson, Father Mathew O'Callaghan's, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) and Father Roche who inspired the growth of Catholicism in a mining town where one third of the people were Catholics. Along with these great legends, Sacred heart Sisters, past Parish Priests, Administrators and all who have contributed to the life, prayer and communion of believers.

- Celebration Details**
- Date: Sunday, 25 October 2026
 - Time: 9:30 AM — Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass followed by Refreshments
 - Venue : St.Fursaeus' Church, Zeehan Program
 - Eucharistic celebration presided by Archbishop Tony Ireland, Archdiocese of Hobart with concelebrants.
 - Refreshments after the Holy Mass at the Coffee Room (attached to the Church). Please RSVP by: 12th Monday, October 2026
 - RSVP to: Parish email: westcoast@aohtas.org.au
 - Parish number: 03 64711731 OR
 - Contact Church Anniversary Co-Ordinators: Eleanor Phelan (0473146806) & Bobbie (0404484376)
 - Priests who are planning to concelebrate, please bring your alb.
- Your presence will bring great joy and honour for us as we celebrate and pray together. Looking forward to celebrating this joyful legacy event with you.
- All are warmly welcome
- With Gratefulness,*
Fr Arokia Aruldas, West Coast Parish



When the Taxi stops Strive2Drive steps up

Volunteer mentors are helping Circular Head residents gain licences, independence and access to new opportunities.

Recent news that Smithton's taxi service has ceased operating has sparked concern throughout the Circular Head community, with questions being raised about how reduced transport options will affect residents, particularly young people and those already facing barriers to getting around.

In response to these concerns, one local program is quietly helping people gain something many take for granted: the ability to drive themselves. Strive2Drive, coordinated by Hannah and delivered through Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC), is part of Tasmania's Learner Driver Mentor Program (LDMP) network. The volunteer-based initiative helps learner drivers accumulate the supervised driving hours needed to sit their provisional licence test while building confidence and practical skills behind the wheel.

"I've coordinated Strive2Drive for close to three years," Hannah said. "The program relies on community volunteers who generously donate their time to help people who need driving hours to progress towards getting their P-plates."

The program is open to people of all ages and backgrounds and provides access to its own automatic vehicle. Depending on volunteer availability, mentoring drives can take place seven days a week, making the service flexible for participants balancing study, work, family commitments and other responsibilities. For many people in regional areas such as Circular Head, obtaining a driver's licence is about far more than simply getting from one place to another. A licence can be the key to employment opportunities, education, healthcare appointments, sporting activities and greater social connection.

According to CHAC, the Strive2Drive

Learner Driver Mentor Program is a volunteer-led initiative that helps learner drivers achieve the hours needed to attain their provisional licences. The program focuses on developing driving skills that build confidence, independence and pathways to employment while helping create safer and more capable drivers on local roads. Participants are required to complete the program's registration paperwork and undertake at least two professional driving lessons before commencing mentor drives. "Smithton is fortunate to have experienced driving instructor Keith Barr in the community," Hannah said. "Keith was actually my own driving instructor. We have also benefited from the support of Helen Skeggs, who is now based in Wynyard."

The statewide Learner Driver Mentor Program was established to support people who may otherwise struggle to gain the supervised driving experience required to obtain a licence. This includes young people without access to a supervising driver or vehicle, as well as adults working towards new opportunities.

As transport challenges continue to be discussed across the region, programs such as Strive2Drive demonstrate the important role community volunteers can play in helping residents overcome barriers and achieve greater independence.

For many participants, a driver's licence represents more than a plastic card in a wallet. It represents opportunity, confidence, freedom and a pathway to a brighter future.

Community members interested in becoming a volunteer mentor driver or participating in the program can learn more by visiting the CHAC Strive2Drive webpage: www.chac.com.au/community-services/learner-driver-mentor

"Every hour volunteered and every kilometre driven helps put another local resident on the road to independence."



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2026 MARKS THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIRCULAR HEAD GARDEN CLUB

SATURDAY 3 RD OCTOBER
@ Circular Head Recreation Centre, Smithton

Community involvement has been key to the CH Garden Club remaining active and successful for 45 years. Local shops participate, creating exciting and vibrant window displays and street displays showcase colourful spring flowers. The Circular Head Garden Club is delighted to be associated with 2026 CHArts Festival.

What to Expect at the CH Flower & Garden Show:

To inspire and excite visitors, the garden show highlights include:

- Talks by horticultural and garden experts
- Stalls selling plants, bulbs, local products such as jam, cakes, biscuits & garden supplies
- Expert judges will select the winner in these categories
 - (i) cut flowers, (ii) fruit & vegetable basket displays, (iii) floral art & photography
- The public will select the overall winner of the Creative Floral Art category
- junior community involvement
- free face painting for children & lessons in potting succulents

Entry: 10:30 – 15:00 – Awards presentation 15:00
\$5.00 per adult – under 16 free. Pay at the door
Facebook: [CIRCULARGARDENCLUB.INC](https://www.facebook.com/CIRCULARGARDENCLUB.INC)
Email: gardenclub.ch@gmail.com

Dark matter lights up students in Tasmania

A group of physicists from across Australia arrived in Smithton, Tullah and Rosebery on Tuesday (18 August) and Wednesday (19 August) to share the joy of science as part of the National Quantum & Dark Matter Road Trip.

The road trip paid a visit to Smithton High School, Smithton Primary School, Rosebery District School and Tullah Tavern as it toured the state during National Science Week.

The event aimed to boost STEM interest and participation in regional and rural areas by providing students with the opportunity to meet and engage directly with scientists involved in world-class dark matter and quantum research.

This year, the mission was more important than ever after the Federal Government's STEM Equity Monitor, released recently, revealed regional students are less likely than their metropolitan peers to pursue STEM studies at university.

In addition, the Australian Institute of Physics reports numbers of students engaging in physics studies in 2026 remained persistently low, particularly among girls.

The road trip was organised by the Australian Research Council Centres of Excellence for Dark Matter Particle Physics (CDM) and Quantum Biotechnology (QUBIC) and supported by the Australian Institute of Physics.

Organiser and physicist Dr Ben McAllister, from CDM and Swinburne University of Technology, says it is crucial to show school students that scientists come from a range of different backgrounds.

"Over the past four years, the National Quantum & Dark Matter Road Trip have been a way to share the excitement of quantum and dark matter science with

school students and regional and remote communities.

"The students can see that Australian scientists are undertaking fascinating, world-class research, and they can talk to us about our pathways to science careers.

"This event demystifies physics and we hope that, in doing so, it encourages students to see that they, too, can aspire to a career in STEM."

"It is more important than ever to promote an interest in physics after the 2025 Year 12 Physics Participation Report Card found enrolment in Year 12 physics had dropped to 12.1% - the lowest on record, with girls continuing to be under-represented. This is the concerning situation across Australia, including in Tasmania, and we want to do our part to help inspire kids to stick with STEM into senior high school.

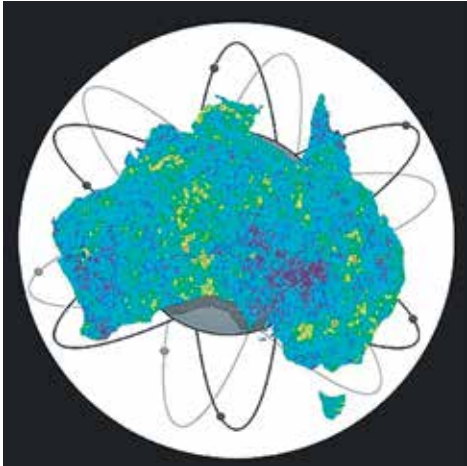
First time road tripper Eleanor Trimby of QUBIC says the science community needs participation by students from across Australia, and in regional and rural areas as well as big cities.

"It is particularly important in fundamental science that

we have broad ideas and perspectives. Many people think that physics is just about maths, but it also involves a lot of creativity and innovative thinking.

"We want young people to see how engaging and fun physics – and all of science – can be. We're not just sitting around doing calculations, but we're actually trying to solve some of the great mysteries of the universe, and hopefully make discoveries that will improve the lives of future generations," Ms Trimby said.

More information about the road trip is available at www.qdmroadtrip.org.



Hope in a shoebox



The annual Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Information and Launch Day was held on Saturday 27 June 2026 at the Dreambuilders Church in Smithton, marking the official start of the local gift-collection season. Community members were welcomed to an event focused on delivering joy and tangible love to vulnerable children worldwide.

What is Operation Christmas Child?

Operation Christmas Child is a global hands-on project run by the international relief organization Samaritan's Purse. Individuals, schools, and community groups fill standard shoeboxes with a combination of toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. Once collected, these boxes are distributed internationally to children living in areas affected by poverty, war, disease, or natural disasters.

Global and Local Impact Numbers

According to the official Operation Christmas Child 2025 Special Report, the collective generosity of donors has reached remarkable heights:

- Global Impact: A historic total of 12,205,900 shoebox gifts were collected and distributed worldwide to bring hope to millions of children.
- Australia & New Zealand contribution: Faithful donors across Australia and New Zealand contributed directly to this massive global effort, sending tens of thousands of boxes overseas.
- Tasmania's Standing: In 2025, Tasmania packed 12,432 shoeboxes, 696 of them from the Circular Head area.

Local Highlights from the Launch Day

During the launch meeting, Circular

Head Mayor Gerard Blizzard officially presented the area's 'first shoebox' to local coordinator Glenys King. In a brief speech commending the area's charitable spirit, Mayor Blizzard remarked:

"We are very fortunate to live where we do, we enjoy a privileged life with many opportunities and support systems. Many of the children who receive these shoeboxes do not experience the same freedoms and security that we often take for granted."

The launch featured diverse insights into the power of a simple gift. Guest speaker Leoni Stitz shared her personal experiences from traveling overseas to hand-deliver shoeboxes directly into the hands of children in need. From a local perspective, Circular Head Christian School teacher Fiona Poke attended with four of her students to share how participating in packing days shapes empathy and brings unity to their local school community.

The launch program concluded with an afternoon tea and a special display outlining what can safely go inside a shoebox.

How to Get Involved

PACK A BOX – see <https://occ.samaritanspurse.org.au/home/pack-a-shoebox/> for ideas.

GIVE \$12.50 – Each filled shoebox costs \$12.50 for postage and handling.

MAKE IT! – Sew a skirt, knit a teddy, assemble a fishing kit. For more ideas, contact Alison or Glenys.

For more information, visit www.occ.samaritanspurse.org.au or contact local coordinators Glenys King 0427 899 596 or Alison Quilliam 0427 566 172.

Bec is an early intervention teacher. When her husband got lymphoma, she put her career on hold to care for him.

Care2Serve connected her with Carer Gateway's Pre-Employment Training and Support Service, which has helped her restart her business.

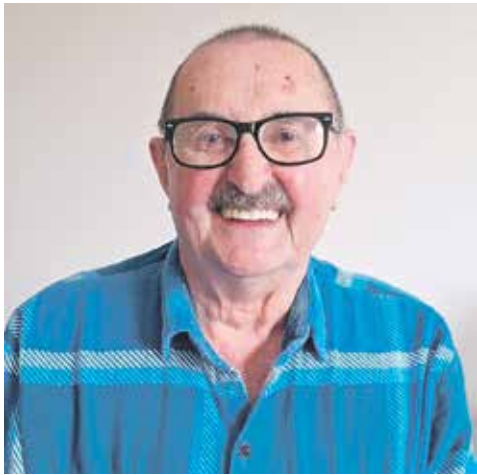
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Tales from Emmerton Park - meet the residents

My Story – Kevin Marthick



My story began at the old Smithton Hospital, where I was born on 9th March 1945. I weighed a bouncing 9½ pounds! My parents were Lillis and Roy Marthick. At the time, they were share-farming at Wiltshire, while Dad worked as a diesel engineer. I was number nine of eleven children – five boys and six girls. Sadly, five of my siblings have since passed away.

When I was four, our family moved to Leesville. Dad got a job with J.S. Lee and Sons, who owned timber mills around Circular Head. His job was to maintain all the machinery, and I often went along with him as far as Milabena, helping to fix tractors and dozers. I enjoyed tagging along with Dad and having a go wherever I could.

I completed all my schooling at Smithton Primary and later Smithton High School. I didn't mind school, particular-

ly anything to do with sport. The sporting carnivals were always a highlight because we got the chance to have a go at lots of different events. Woodwork and metalwork were also favourites of mine. I loved making things and bringing them home to Mum. She never quite knew what I would make next. anything from fire pokers to a coffee table for the lounge room!

School wasn't always about following the rules, though. One day, my friends and I found some copper in metalwork that the teacher had other plans for. We cut it into strips and made ourselves some rings. We all got six cuts of the cane, I think we kept the rings, so I guess it was worth it!

Life was generally good fun, although there was one incident I certainly remember. I was wearing my new jeans and mucking around outside, chasing rabbits down the back, when I fell onto some rushes. A stick ripped through my jeans and stabbed me in the groin. I ended up needing five stitches. Mum was not impressed, but thankfully I was okay!

I left school at 15 and got a job at the Hardwood Timber Mill, up behind the Bridge Hotel, fixing machinery. All those years of helping Dad certainly paid off. I later had a few short-term jobs before starting a five-year apprenticeship with Bulldozing Contractors.

When I was 18, I saw my future wife, Linda McCauley, crossing the road. I

knew her from school, but on one particular day I called out, "Do you want to go out with me?" She called back, "Okay!" I've never been sure whether she liked me or my British Racing Green Morris Minor. I had "hotted up" the engine, giving it plenty of extra power.

Not long after I started going out with Linda, I was called up for National Service in Victoria and spent two years at Puckapunyal. I wrote letters to Linda and came home whenever I could. Eventually, we decided to get married, and at Easter in 1967, we were married while I was on leave.

Four days later, I returned to Victoria. I soon applied for a transfer to the Army Workshop in Hobart and, luckily, was successful. Linda and I were reunited down there, and we rented a flat together for nineteen months.

It wasn't long before we were expecting our first baby. We knew we wanted to head home, as we felt the North-West Coast, and especially our beloved Smithton, was the best place to raise a family.

I soon got a job at Port Latta, where I worked as a Deisel Mechanic before long, our first son, Wade, was born. We made a home in a newly Port Latta house in Smithton, which we initially rented and later purchased. Linda still lives there today. We went on to have two more children, Vanessa and Troy, and our family was complete.

Over the years, we enjoyed some great

family holidays. We once borrowed a friend's caravan and travelled through the Great Lakes. We had plenty of adventures, but no matter where we went, coming home was always the best part.

I left Port Latta in 1987 and found work at McCain Foods in Smithton. I started on the vegetable side of things but soon found my way into the engineering department.

I have always loved learning new things. It started with tagging along with Dad and being willing to have a go at anything. I continued my training throughout my working life and completed Automotive Electrics, Industrial Hydraulics and Industrial Pneumatics.

I have always believed that you can never know too much!

Throughout my life and working years, I have made many great friends. Sadly, some of them are no longer with us, but they will never be forgotten.

Looking back, I feel very fortunate for the life I have lived, from growing up in a large family, following Dad around the mills, to meeting Linda and being married for 59 years, raising our family and enjoying a long working life. There have been lots of adventures, plenty of hard work and lots more wonderful memories to come.



Do you love Penguins?



(Penguin and chick. Photo courtesy of Perviz Marker)

We are searching for amazing volunteers for the Burnie and Stanley Penguin Colonies.

Friends of Burnie Penguins invite people over the age of 16 to join the group of keen volunteers who deliver nightly interpretive guided viewing at the Burnie Little Penguin Observation Centre.

The two-day training for new penguin guides will be held in Burnie on Saturday September 19th and 20th.

This year we are also looking for volunteers for the Stanley area. The new volunteers will join the Burnie volunteers for a full day of training on the 19th September and a second day will be on site in Stanley at a date TBA.

People interested in learning about Little Penguins and sharing that knowledge with visitors can take part in this once a year annual induction training session. The training covers an introduction to Little Penguins and interacting with visitors, as well safe guiding guidelines. No previous knowledge of penguins is needed.

Check our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BurniePenguinObservationCentre/.

Interested people can contact Rhonda 0477 321 958 for further information and to register. Registrations close on Monday September 10th.

Friends of Burnie Penguins Inc.

Active Living with Persistent Pain

Self-Management Program

TASMANIAN HEALTH SERVICE

ACCESS 2 Health Services

Meet other people living with persistent pain.

Join this six-week group program: 1 hours each week.

- Learn and practice how to:
- manage pain and fatigue
 - get better sleep and eat well to improve your health
 - communicate effective your health care team
 - pace yourself
 - set reachable goals
 - find out more:



EXPRESSIONS of interest are now open for the Self-management program **Active Living with Persistent Pain** coming to a town near you on the West Coast. Register or find out more by calling Gillian: **0483 126 775** or email: gsuter@ruralhealthtas.com.au

No cost for the program. We welcome a small donation towards resources.

The Persistent Pain Self-Management Program is suitable for anyone with long term pain. Supporters and carers are welcome to attend too!



Health Promotion NW



Nine amazing prizes up for grabs

We've been absolutely blown away by the generosity of the businesses supporting Heartwood. Our fundraising raffle now includes 9 fantastic prizes worth well into the thousands!

1st Prize: Gordon River Cruises — Premier Upper Deck experience for 4 guests — \$1,420 value

2nd Prize: Pennicott Wilderness Journeys — cruise experience for 2 adults — \$380 value

3rd Prize: West Coast Wilderness Railway — Standard Carriage journey for 2 adults + 2 children — approx. \$350 value

4th Prize: World Heritage Cruises — Main Deck Centre cruise for 2 adults — \$320 value

5th Prize: Tassal Seafood — \$200 voucher

6th Prize: House of Anvers, Latrobe — Medium Cello Hamper

7th Prize: Tassal — \$100 voucher + \$50 Wine & Treat Hamper

8th Prize: Tassal — \$100 voucher

9th Prize: Wine & Treat Hamper courtesy of Shields Events & Entertainment

And there may still be more surprises to come!

TICKETS

1 for \$2 | 3 for \$5 | 7 for \$10

BUY IN PERSON

Ticket boxes are available at:
Rosebery Neighbourhood House
GA Rosebery

Or purchase directly from Heartwood, 2 Morrisby Street, Rosebery — please call ahead on 0400 995 546.

VIRTUAL TICKETS / REMOTE PAYMENT

You don't need to be local to enter!

Send the Heartwood Facebook page a PM with how many tickets you would like and Bella can send you a personal Square payment link.

Once payment is received, we'll complete your tickets, enter them into the draw and send you a photo of your tickets for your records.

We can also take Square payments over the phone during business hours:

Bella — 0448 195 492

Tickets will also be available at our FREE Heartwood Community BBQ

Saturday 5 September

12pm–2pm

Rosebery BBQ Park

Winners announced LIVE and contacted on 31 October.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Heartwood is a self-funded community initiative, and money raised through this raffle goes straight back into helping us provide free community workshops, activities, materials, equipment and projects where neighbours can connect, learn skills, help one another and create something positive in our community.

A massive thank you to Gordon River Cruises, Pennicott Wilderness Journeys, West Coast Wilderness Railway, World Heritage Cruises, Tassal Seafood, House of Anvers Latrobe and Shields Events & Entertainment for making this raffle possible.

Please share, tag your friends and grab a few tickets! Every ticket helps Heartwood continue growing.

Neighbours supporting neighbours.

Another kind of Abundance

5 Extending the growing season

Annie Venables



In my last article I wrote about food resilience and the importance of growing and sharing food within our community. If we are going to become more self-sufficient, however, there is one problem here on the West Coast: our growing season!

Last year, it seemed that nothing much started growing in my garden until January. January!!!

My tomatoes hardly had time to flower let alone ripen fruit. Yet I knew friends harvesting vegetables throughout the year because they have a greenhouse. I was envious. I'd been meaning to build one since arriving in Queenstown, but this year I finally did it.

With my friend Dean (Head of Construction), we knocked down the old lean to and converted the next-door chicken shed into a greenhouse using a mix of recycled windows and laserlite to create a new 6 x 3m growing space. I'm so excited to start growing.

One of the first greenhouses to inspire me locally belongs to Stef Callaghan. I visited Stef in the dead of winter to see what she was growing and found myself amazed.

There was coriander, peas, carrots, nasturtiums, spinach, cabbage and lettuces, as well as chillies still producing from summer. There were also cornflowers and calendula being raised for spring, and even avocado and tamarind plants that had sprung from the compost.

Stef has a wonderfully relaxed approach to gardening, which she calls her "chaos theory". She throws seeds in and sees what survives.

There are battles with snails, slugs and birds. Her radishes refuse to form properly, so she eats the greens instead and turns them into pesto.

"Look for ways to use things that don't work perfectly," she told me. I love that philosophy – waste nothing!

Stef's greenhouses are homemade rather than expensive garden structures.

One was constructed around a beautiful old Victorian frame she acquired in exchange for goldfish.

Another was built from timber, garden beds and woven plastic for about \$300.

Her advice is simple: start with a large plastic storage box with a lid and see if you can get your seedlings started earlier. Just do it.

"It doesn't have to be beautiful. It doesn't have to be perfect. It just has to keep them warm."

And what a pleasure it is to be inside a greenhouse when rain is bucketing down outside, still getting dirt under your fingernails.

Perhaps that is another kind of abundance. Not buying every vegetable from the supermarket but learning how to grow some of our own, extending our seasons and sharing what we learn with each other.

Food resilience doesn't mean becoming completely self-sufficient. It can begin with a few seedlings, a recycled greenhouse, a packet of seeds.

In my walks around Queenstown, I've seen many different types of greenhouse—and very few purchased from a shop. Some are made entirely from recycled materials; others converted agricultural or mining IBC water-storage containers.

I would love to see the various greenhouses around the West Coast.

Send photos to Annie at vikingfilms@bigpond.com

WESTERN ECHO PUZZLE PAGE

SWAMP



BEYOND THE BLACK STUMP



CLANCY



INSANITY STREAK



AGAINST THE GRAIN



JUMBLE No. 702

R	G	S
L	I	U
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TODAY'S TARGET
10 Words **Good**
13 Words **Very Good**
16 Words **Excellent**
19 Words **Genius**

THE RULES: How many words of 4 letters or more can you make from these 9 letters? In making a word each letter may be used only once, and the centre letter must be included. There must be at least one 9-letter word. No slang, foreign words, plurals, hyphens or apostrophes.

SUDOKU No. 023

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CROSSWORD No. 10871

ACROSS

- Indian ruler
- Foot levers
- Person under age
- Wager
- Take place
- Large number
- Greek letter
- Dregs
- Lazed
- Weary
- Require
- Become established
- Frozen shower
- Tempt
- Female horse
- Fuel
- Flanks
- Continues firmly
- Mineral spring
- Sister
- Foreign
- Make lace
- Bailiff
- Turn aside abruptly
- Borders

DOWN

- Headwear
- Meshed fabric
- Concerns
- Fasting period
- Delight
- Ugly amphibian
- Contempt
- Frozen formation
- Drawn into error
- Go back
- Verse of poetry
- Section of cask's side
- Top of the head
- Animal's foot

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16522

ACROSS

- No special allowance made for a U.S. president (7,5)
- Appropriate for the mystery girl (5)
- Provide food from the crate (5)
- Back-street girl (3)
- I send pa to discover the other side of the world (9)
- Feat is organised for the carnival (6)
- Hear it could be silent (6)
- Former single speed could be exempt (9)
- One good serve (3)
- Food from a casino? (5)
- Fruit going cheap (5)
- Performing an Irish composer's work in the park (7,5)

DOWN

- Serious crime of Burke and Hare (5,7)
- Manage to take part in the race (3)
- The slackness of ten among the laymen (6)
- Open recipe vet gives you (9)
- Well-known musically? (5)
- It's not good to have "Johnny Cash at San Quentin" (6,6)
- Saying it's a commercial era (5)
- Unaffectedly without any aesthetic sense (9)
- Instruct to write a letter apiece (5)
- Man on a vessel - an Oriental skiff (6)
- Oxford college window (5)
- A man from Salford (3)

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

Crossword No. 10870

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Sudoku No. 022

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3	6	1	7	2	4	8	9	5

Cryptic No. 16521

Across: 4 Cargoes; 8 Amount; 9 Claimed; 10 Humour; 11 Weevil; 12 At no time; 18 Reliable; 20 Relate; 21 Saucer; 22 Haircut; 23 Funnel; 24 Drawing.

Down: 1 Baghdad; 2 Commons; 3 Insult; 5 All's well; 6 Guides; 7 Eyelid; 13 In return; 14 Obscene; 15 Wearily; 16 Repair; 17 Barrow; 19 Icarus.

Insight into council meetings

116th Circular Head Show is coming

Monthly Circular Head Council meetings are open to the public where they allow for community members to ask 1-2 questions or make a general statement to the Council.

I attended the August meeting, where I took note of how the meetings were structured, and asked a question on youth employment plans.

I appreciate that the Council allows for members of the public to attend monthly meetings. I think it shows a real commitment to community engagement, something that government bodies tend to place at the bottom of their priority list.

However, I believe that accessibility in these meetings could be improved greatly with a few minor tweaks.

Members of the Council should attempt to use plain English during open meetings. Several times during the meeting I was completely lost trying to follow the discussions happening, regardless of my current studies in tertiary English. I do acknowledge this is something that often cannot be helped, but adjusting language to include members of the community which the Council has welcomed is simply the polite thing to do. Long winded answers with convoluted words sound impersonal and give the impression of dodging a direct response. I don't doubt that the Council answered the public's questions to the best of their ability, but people in the community shouldn't have to decode responses while in conversation, as I did while having my question answered.

I was fortunate enough to be last to ask my question to Council, so I was already aware of how to go about it. I walked up to the podium, stated my name and where I was from, and asked: "What employment opportunities, including traineeships, is the Circular Head Council currently offering young people who want to gain experience, education or qualifications without leaving the area, and does Council intend to broaden these opportunities?"

The response I got, provided by The General Manager, was hard to follow in the moment. The answer contained plenty of filler language, and by the time I had decoded the first half, he had already finished speaking.

I am very thankful for the meeting minutes, which are accessible online from the Council's website in the days following the meeting.

The Council should also ensure that the projected agenda on the smartboard

stays relevant to the meeting as it transpires.

Most of the time during the meeting, the page being displayed on the screen didn't match what the Councillors were discussing. Having the agenda projected is a fantastic way to include a community audience, but it means nothing if it's not used efficiently.

Additionally, the agenda was over 1,000 pages long, which poses a challenge for members of the community, including myself, to read beforehand, let



alone follow along as the meeting progresses.

Despite attending with the Council's Strategic Communications Lead, Fiona Loughran, who kindly answered any questions I had during the meeting, trying to navigate the extensive agenda was still a challenge.

I suggest that the Council consider options on what could make meetings easier to follow for the community, such as running an information session on how Council meetings work and how to read an agenda.

The session would offer skills and confidence to people before they come along to meetings, and would be applicable outside of Council meetings, also.

I found my experience at the Circular Head Council meeting gave me a greater insight into some of the work that goes into running a community.

I appreciate how much work goes into these open meetings, and hope that in future meetings, further prioritisation is placed on accessibility to the Circular Head community.

Ebony Robson-Wells

Plans are well underway for the 116th Circular Head Show to be held on Saturday 28th November.

Josh "Pezza" Perry from Perry's Quality Meats, Smithton, and MasterChef Runnerup 2024, will be again showcasing local produce under the banner of Graze the Region.

Opening of the Show occurs at 12 noon followed by the McCains Country Showgirl and Boy Competition with the Smithton & Districts Community Bank Grand Parade at 3pm which is the pinnacle of the day.

The Highland games event was held for the first time last year and the organisers would like to build upon it this year with competition open to teams from sporting clubs, organisations or enter a team of friends! Events include sheaf tossing, weight for distance and stone putt.

For the second year there will be a second day of horse jumping classes held on the Sunday following the Show which is open to the public to view.

Admission prices:
Adults: \$15; Children 5-14 Yrs \$10, Under 5 Free

Follow the Circular Head Show Facebook Page to keep up to date with details for the day.

Email: secretary@circularheadshow.com Phone: 0447 627991
www.circularheadshow.com.au

The Circular Head Show Society would like to thank all sponsors, without whom there would be no show.



- Apart from the traditional areas of an agricultural show including the various cattle competitions, horse jumping, chopping and the Exhibition Hall, there will be something happening all day for the entire family including:
- Animal Nursery
 - Burnie Highland Pipe Band
 - Ritchie and the Edith Creek Working Bullocks
 - Mabel & Monty the Almost Amazing Magic Show
 - Fantasia Bunny Cuddles
 - Sheaf Tossing competition with Three Classes – Novice, Ladies and Open
 - Highland Games Events
 - Dog High Jump for small and large dogs
 - Sheep dog demonstration by Pandara Kelpies & Sheep dog trials
 - Shearing demonstration accompanied by the Sea Eagle Spinners and Weavers
 - Working blacksmith
 - Lynden's laser Tag and remote Control Cars (Free)
 - Pearn's Steam World with their model traction steam engine and music organ
 - NW Snake Catchers reptile display
 - Historical Machinery Club, Veteran Cars
 - Working model display



A story of Smithton boat building highlighting Frank Burnell

There have been many boats built over the years at Smithton and many before my time, but quite a few were built in my time. Most were built by professional shipwrights, but quite a few by amateurs, including myself. Some of the professionals included Brian Nibs' father, (Brian did his trade as a shipwright under Dean Wilson, and Brian built a few boats, including a couple for himself).

Other professionals included Frank Burnell, Dean Wilson, Bernard Wilson and Mick Drake.

Dean Wilson and Mick Drake came from Triabunna to build the Cindy Hardy for Max Hardy. and Dean went on to build other boats with Mick Drake, Brian Nibs and Dean's son,

Bernard came to Smithton as well, initially to build his parents (Joy and Dean) a home and then built a few boats during his time in Smithton.

Kingston Brothers built barges for both Pat McGuire on Hunter Island and John Alliston on Three Hummock Island. They also built two steel fishing boats, one for Gary Hardy and one for Wally Oliver.

Tuffy Murphet was also a shipwright, building boats during the Second World

Head Chronicle doing a story on it, accompanied by a photograph of Bert and his catamaran, the headline read "Bert is building the biggest cat of all, 48 feet overall". I spent quite a few weekends helping Bert with the planking, which gave me a greater knowledge of the art of boat building.

On the day of the launch it was a big turnout, Bert had built a cradle and slipway out of small hardwood poles. Laurie Stone, one of the local log truck operators, was engaged to push the cat into the waters of the Duck River with one of his log trucks. A pole was lashed to the cradle and attached to the front of the log truck.

When high tide came the cat was pushed towards the river, when the truck couldn't go much further but still on the move,

Bongy Wells cut the lashings to the cradle with an axe, and the cradle with the cat still on board slid further to the shallow muddy banks of the Duck River. However, all came to a grinding halt when the water became a bit shallow, Alan Nicol came to the rescue with his nice motor cruiser called the Halcyon.

His decky was none other than the local tailor, Mike Blizzard, who loved boats, and I say in a kind way, was a very important man who knew all about boats. Anyhow, a line was attached to the cat and when the towing started, and with the Halcyon swerving from side to side, Mike got a bit tangled up with the tow rope and was flipped over the side into the murky waters.

The crowd roared with laughter, fortunately, Mike was quickly back aboard, and the cat finally floated clear.

There was one professional boat builder that flew under the radar but built quite a few boats and I think he deserves a mention in the history of Smithton and that is Frank Burnell. I don't know Frank's origins, but I believe he came to Smithton before the 2nd World War and worked as a boot maker, but the dust etc that came off the leather hides affected him in some way so he turned his hand to building boats.

He married Hazel Wells and they lived in Emmett Street, Smithton, almost opposite the Catholic Church, and he built the odd boat in his laneway, but most of his boats were built on the banks of the Duck River near the boat docks.

He never held a driver's license and nor did he have a car, but he rode a push bike to and from work each day, including riding home for lunch.

He built a 30ft boat for my father Vic Jaeger and Jack Boot, and it was launched in 1945.

They called it the VJB, being a combination of their initials. Frank Burnell built boats for himself as well, one being the 'Ripple', which Captain Jack Bengel,

who skippered various trading ketches in and out of Smithton over many years bought, and he and my father took it to Port Fairy in Victoria, having a week weather bound in Currie, King Island.

Other boats I recall Frank building was one for Ross Billett, also many fishing boats, which included some for Ticka and Bidgy Edwards, the 'Angela K' and the 'Rodney J' for Ian Smith. He also built the motorboat 'Gary Michael' for Max Hardy and most likely other boats that I don't recall.

The last boat I recall Frank building, was about a 55-footer for Dick Thompson from Launceston, who designed many boats, both pleasure and commercial. Anyway, this boat was quite big

and Frank built it predominantly on his own, presumably with a little help when it came to some of the larger and heavier components.

VJB built by Frank Burnell in 1945 for Vic Jaeger and Jack Boot Frank worked constantly all day and kept rigidly to his start and finish times. He had a sign on his shed that read "all questions answered after 5 o'clock" which is when he knocked off, hopped on his bike and rode home.

Frank was a master of his craft, and it was fascinating to see him steam a rib or a plank and fasten them all on his own. The legacy of his craftsmanship will live on for as long as the many boats he built are still afloat.

One of the many boats still afloat is one that was designed by Dick Thompson, and when I was a kid I saw Frank build this in his laneway for local picture theatre owner Chess Ward.

Chess had a lovely little wooden boat, but he wanted a bigger one. Frank had the hull and deck all done, but Chess changed his mind and didn't want to go on with it. It was sold to my uncle Wally Jaeger and he shifted it to his home further down Emmett Street where he eventually completed it.

The boat was originally designed as a motorboat, but Wally changed it to a motor sailer. To finish the story of this boat that Frank started, Wally eventually launched it and sailed in and out of Smithton and around the Hunter group of islands. He took many people on trips, fishing and mutton birding for many years.

Wally never had a name on the boat and when Wally became ill, Darwin "Tubby" Jaeger, Wally's brother, and Mac Hum-

phreys offered to do a bit of work on it, and they asked Wally did the boat have a name and he said it was the 'Rooghana', so they made up two nameplates and attached them to the bow of the boat. However, Wally always referred to it as "the boat".

After Wally passed away, I ended up buying the boat off his estate and after transporting it to Snug, spent the next three years refitting it. We thought after all that, it needed a new name and after doing some research it was renamed the S'Schiffle, which basically means 'The boat' in German, as Wally's parents originally came from Switzerland and spoke German.

Getting back to Frank, when Glen Brit-



Reno begins on Rooganah



VJB built by Frank Burnell in 1945 for Vic Jaeger and Jack Boot

War in Hobart and several boats in Smithton, mainly for his own purposes.

Other amateur boat builders that come to mind that built only one boat, include Stan Innes and his son Paul, who built their own commercial fishing boat in Stan's backyard. Ken Williams, Ken Marthick, Laurie Marthick, Alan Sullivan and Mac Humphreys. Mac built the 'Audrey Pearl', a commercial fishing boat, with some help from Mick Drake. In his retirement, Mac also built a couple of pleasure boats. When asked why he was building boats at his age, he replied, "I don't play golf!"

Tim Ziegler also built his own boat, and even built the engine that propelled it, a very clever chap. I believe that Wally Bentley also built his own boat, the 'Marie B'. Glen Britton and I built the 'Vagabond' from 1972, launching it on Australia Day in 1976. We had, on occasion some help from Brian Nibs.

There was also Bert Kingston, who built a 48ft catamaran. When I was quite young, Bert had a conventional boat which he called the 'Mae West', but he always had a yearning to build a catamaran which he ultimately designed and built himself. I remember the Circular



Vagabond in the water after 4 years of construction by Glenn Britton and Tony Jaeger

rubbish to the tip". I said, "I don't think that is enough", but he said that was all he wanted. Frank was a very capable boat builder and I hope in writing this little story about him will ensure his legacy will live on for many years.

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Following Your Compass: Corey’s story of Learning for Life

From September 1–8, Australians celebrated Adult Learners Week and the life-changing power of learning, with this year’s theme, Follow Your Compass: Learning for Life.

The compass is a powerful symbol of discovery and direction. There are different types of compasses for different purposes and different paths to reach different destinations. Learning is much the same.

There is no single path to learning and there is no particular age at which we stop being learners. Sometimes we choose our direction; sometimes life changes our course. Sometimes we need someone to show us the way, give us a helping hand or simply remind us that it’s okay to ask for help.

Here in Circular Head, we believe that everyone who wants to learn can. Whether it is learning to read and write, gaining a qualification, developing a new skill, building confidence with technology, learning something for work or simply satisfying a curiosity, learning can open doors and change lives.

And perhaps one of the best reminders that we are always learning is the story of local man Corey Armstrong.

From the age of two, Corey Armstrong knew he wanted to help people. His childhood ambitions were to become either a paramedic or a firefighter, inspired by a desire to make a difference in the lives of others. When Corey’s Dad joined the SES, he discovered that serving the community was not only important... it was something he was passionate about.

As a shy and quiet 12-year-old, Corey joined the Emergency Services cadet program. What began as an opportunity to learn about emergency response became a journey that transformed his confidence, skills and belief in what he could achieve. Corey was particularly drawn to the rescue aspect of emergency services and thrived in an environment where learning had a real purpose and immediate impact.

By the age of 16, Corey’s knowledge and capability had grown to the point

where he was offered the opportunity to complete a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment so he could become a trainer within the Cadet Program. He embraced this opportunity, becoming a trainer who supported adult learners of all ages, discovering a passion for helping others learn and develop.

During Grade 10, Corey commenced a school-based traineeship with Emergency Management Queensland, completing the program alongside his senior schooling. By the end of Grade 12, he had already gained valuable experience in emergency management and, at just 17 years of age, participated in his first flood response deployment.

Through his volunteering with the Queensland SES and Rural Fire Service Queensland, Corey completed various qualifications, including a Certificate II in Public Safety (SES Rescue), Certificate II in Public Safety (SES Operations), Certificate II in Public Safety (SES), Certificate III in Public Safety (SES Rescue), and a Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting Operations).

Corey’s commitment to learning and sharing knowledge continued to grow. He became a trainer for SES volunteers and later contributed as a curriculum writer for the Emergency Services Academy School of Fire and Emergency Services Training, helping shape learning experiences for others.

Still determined to become a paramed-

ic, Corey undertook university study, becoming the first person in his immediate family to attend university. While working full-time and studying by distance education, he completed a Bachelor of Paramedic Science. Following graduation, Corey moved to Tasmania, where he completed his paramedic internship six months ahead of schedule.

Throughout his career, Corey has continued to seek opportunities to learn, adapt and improve. After attending many traumatic incidents as a paramedic, including two particularly confronting

events within days of each other, Corey experienced the impact of this work and took time away from frontline paramedicine. During this period, he continued contributing to emergency services through the Ambulance Tasmania Emergency Operation Centre response to the COVID-19 pandemic before leading specialised teams responding to emergencies across Tasmania. Rather than stepping away from learning, Corey used this time as another opportunity for growth. He completed a Graduate Certificate in Tactical Medicine with distinction, developing skills focused on providing effective medical care in challenging environments with limited resources.

Corey later became Regional Manager of the SES before returning to frontline paramedicine in Smithton, Tasmania - his wife’s home town. Working as the

sole paramedic across a large geographical area, Corey embraced the complexity and responsibility of providing care across diverse situations and communities.

His commitment to lifelong learning has remained constant. Corey completed a Graduate Diploma in Paramedical Science (Critical Care Practice) by distance education within two years, achieving a distinction, and recently completed a Diploma in of Public Safety (Emergency Management).

Corey’s passion for learning has also shaped his work beyond emergency services. Through the relaunch of his business, Far Edge Studio, Corey now delivers first aid and emergency response training that is tailored to the real-world needs of workplaces and communities: from remote site first aid to specialised training for industries such as dairy farming.

Recognising that effective teaching requires an understanding of how adults learn, Corey has recently commenced a Graduate Certificate in Adult and Vocational Education. Driven by his curiosity about how people think, learn and retain knowledge, he has also commenced a Graduate Certificate in Educational Neuroscience. Throughout this journey, Corey has continued to expand his skills, including completing the training required to operate a commercially licensed drone, further enhancing his ability to respond to emergencies and support communities. For Corey, adult learning is not simply about gaining qualifications. It is about growth, curiosity and the ongoing question: “How can I do this better?” He believes that no matter what challenges people face, there is always an opportunity to learn, improve and contribute.

Corey embodies the spirit of Adult Learners Week. His own learning journey has not only changed his life, it has enabled him to teach, support and inspire countless others. Through his commitment to continuous improvement and his passion for helping others develop their own skills and confidence, Corey is a



Investing in safer railway crossings in Braddon

The Albanese Labor Government is continuing to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and rail users across Braddon, delivering more than \$4.6 million in railway crossing upgrades across the region since 2025.

As Rail Safety Week shines a spotlight on the importance of safe behaviour around rail corridors, these investments highlight the Government's commitment to reducing risk and enhancing safety for local communities.

The works have included upgraded warning systems, modern signalling technology, improved road markings and enhanced signage at level crossings in Ulverstone, West Ulverstone and Highclere. Federal Member for Braddon Anne Urquhart said the upgrades were helping make railway crossings safer and more reliable for the community.

"Every Australian deserves to feel safe on our roads, including when travelling through railway crossings," Ms Urquhart said. "These investments from the Albanese Labor Government are reduc-

ing risks for motorists, pedestrians and train operators, while ensuring our rail infrastructure can continue to support growing regional communities.

"Across Braddon, we're delivering practical improvements that will have a lasting impact, including new active protection systems, upgraded signalling

controls, clearer road markings and improved stop signage.

"Rail Safety Week is an important reminder that safety around rail corridors is everyone's responsibility, but we

should remember this all year. These upgrades will help protect lives and improve safety outcomes for communities right across our region."

The funded projects in Braddon include:
Oonah Road, Highclere \$1,222,316
Buttons Avenue, Ulverstone \$626,724

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DAY AND DATE: Thursday, 22nd October 2026

TIME: 1:00 pm

LOCATION: Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre, Belstead Street, Zeehan - Somer House

Light refreshments will be provided.

RSVP by 15th October 2026

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NEXT MEETING: 13 August 2026 Bischoff Hotel - 7pm

Please contact our Committee Members:

Noel & Jenny Fagan	Ph 0484 565415
Josh Fagan	Ph 0428 143216
Jenny Hardstaff	Ph 0429 023207
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The Wynyard RSL Sub-Branch is holding a cocktail party on Friday 9 October as our major fundraiser for the year. Kitty and The Rockets will be playing, we'll have alcoholic and non-alcoholic cocktails, canapes, a dance hall and a lounge bar. It's 18+ but apart from that, everyone is welcome.

This will be a great night, people from all over come along to kick up their heels, celebrate the arrival of spring, the Tulip Festival and hopefully it will be a successful fundraiser for us.

The link for tickets is: www.events.humanitix.com/tulip-festival-cocktail-party/tickets. Just scan the QR code below.



Forest Sports Centre Inc.
Annual General Meeting
When: Sunday 27th
September 2026 at 2pm
Where: 632 Backline Rd,
Forest TAS 7330
What: Election of Office
Bearers
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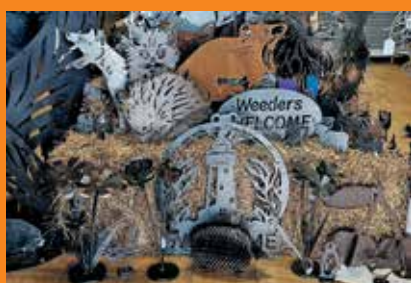
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WE PLAY - GRAND FINAL TIME

Photos by Alan Jennison

I headed out to the Wivenhoe Footy ground last weekend to capture the Grand Final matches between three great teams and it didn't disappoint. The first game up were the reserves from Somerset and Yolla. The first quarter was looking pretty bleak for Somerset but they came back onto the field a new team, the scores were so close throughout the rest of the match but Yolla eventually took the lead and beat Somerset 11.9 - 75 to 9.7 - 61. Then it was time for the Seniors with the Queenstown Crows playing Somerset.

Unfortunately for the Northwest team the Crows from the West Coast held the edge throughout the whole game and final scores were 11.15-81 to 3.10 - 28.

With a few rain showers and occasional sunshine it was a great day out photographing the footy. I suppose it will soon be time to dust off the long lenses for the cricket though. Ah sports photography... I love it... Photos on this page are the reserves while the next page has some of the shots from the seniors match

Alan/Ed



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