

# THOUGHT DIGEST



HOBART, TASMANIA

## SNAPSHOTS



### 2024'S SCALED BACK "DARK MOFO" EVENT

This week we witnessed the beginning of 2024 "Winter", a transitional and scaled back "Dark Mofo" event for this year to reduce operational costs for Mona, as well as to allow the team to have a renewed vision for the program's future (Australian Traveler, 2023).

This year's program features a variety of events including the Mona Gala, "Namedropping" and "Night Shift" to name a few along with having it's traditional and popular Winter Feast and Nude Solstice Swim.

Although the program has been scaled back, it is still trading just in a different way. Last year's statement from the Premier as follows "We understand Dark Mofo's need for a smaller event in 2024 as they reshape the festival for the future, and we will continue to work closely with them on their plans when the full event returns in 2025"





# AIN'T NO WALK IN THE PARK

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

On Sunday a group of local and regional residents gathered around the Rosny Barn and local parks in opposition to Tasmania's proposed AFL High Performance center, which is set to be located in this area, specifically the former Rosny golf course site, and Charles Hand Park (Department of State Growth, 2024). The site is still undetermined as an official Heads of Agreement is yet to be passed by the Clarence City Council, and with a Mayor who opposes the placement of the center in the parks, it may slow down the state parliament and AFL.

Although looking at the region through cost-benefit analysis, it's difficult to oppose the plans set out by the Rockliff Government, with the official opposition (Labor) changing it's stance to support the stadium early last month, sidestepping any crossbench hurdles...although much of the stadium's hardship would be faced in an extremely scattered legislative council. where the both major parties are a minority combined.



# UNEMPLOYMENT FELL TO 4% IN MAY

THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

New figures released from the ABS indicates the unemployment rate has fallen to 4% despite an increase in trend unemployment (seasonally adjusted unemployment), which picked up last month by 0.1%. (ABC, 2024). This is some good news for our economic situation as it seems the RBAs unemployment forecast were spot on (Tony Sycamore, 2024), and will have little impact on next week's RBA meeting. It also suggests that Australia's monetary policy is working, even if slower than what the RBA expected.



# A SMALL THING FOR A GREAT CAUSE

SATURDAY, 15TH JUNE

On Saturday, 9 Year Old Natalia Coleman completed her fundraising campaign raising over \$5000 to help those struggling with cancer. For over 2 years Natalia had been growing out her hair and on Saturday decided to cut her hair and for it to be turned into wigs for children who are suffering from cancer related illnesses.

the campaign has been strongly supported by her family as well as the wider Glenorchy Community, including State MP Simon Behrakis who has strongly commended Natalia for making positive change and building the local community.



# MASSIVE CHANGES AT BONORONG WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE

there have been a lot of big changes at the Bonorong Wildlife sanctuary over the last 2 years. over the last few years Greg Irons (Owner) and his team have been planning on expanding their operations by installing a dedicated wildlife hospital, and sea bird rehabilitation center, with a recovery pool. Part of the project(s) funding was through private donors, participants of the Wildride fundraiser event and direct resource/monetary donations from businesses.

This year the Wildride program raised over \$31,000 with the contributions of over 90 participants across the state and abroad. Last year another fundraiser called "Project RECAP" raised critical funds for the wildlife hospital, which is set to replace the current one due to a surging increase in demand. Major donors for Bonorong include VersEseal, Bendigo Bank and the Pennicott Foundation and many more.



## RECENT EVENTS

a couple weeks ago, local business called "Repair Cafe Hobart" donated over \$1,500 to the park's director Greg Irons. the Fletchers (the family that runs repair cafe) have a long history of supporting bird rehabilitation, looking after many when Bonorong's wildlife hospital reached max capacity over the previous years, and they have been recognized as key local supporters of the Bonorong programs and the wildlife hospital.

as part of Bonorong's mission, individuals have also formed a separate "Friends of Bonorong" program which has so far raised over \$90,000 which directly supports the operational costs of critical care programs.

fortunately I got the opportunity to be apart of the Wild Ride program for 2024, and witness myself the fast changes happening at Bonorong. Myself and Thought Digest Media look forward to participate in some upcoming programs in July including "The Wild Night Out" in July.



Heath Clark (Top Left), Repair Cafe Team and Greg Irons (Right), Wildlife Hospital Construction (Bottom Left)



# ARCHBISHOP JULIAN PORTEOUS

## OFFICIALLY RESIGNS

As of today, it is known that Archbishop Julian Porteous has officially resigned (The Mercury, 2024). According to the Mercury, he declined a media interview but information was received that his letter has been submitted to the Pope in Rome for consideration, which may take months or years dependent on A complex process of succession. This comes at a difficult time, as the direction of social thought within the state is drifting further away from traditionalism. It's also at a time where "we need Christians in politics and society [the most]" (Archbishop Julian Porteous, 2024).



## GENDER NEUTRAL TASMANIAN

### PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

Just this Thursday changes have been implemented within the parliament of Tasmania, removing the long held traditional label of "Mr/Madam" Speaker, replacing it with "Speaker" or "Honorable Speaker". According to the new speaker of the house Michelle O'Byrne it "removes stigma around which jobs belong to which gender". While this does create for a more inclusive position, this follows the trend of official titles, roles and institutions becoming politicalized to progressive politics, as with what we have seen with the Left's attack on the Catholic Church.

## FROM TEAM THOUGHT DIGEST

Thank you so much for reading our second standard edition of the weekly newsletter "Snapshots", we hope that you all find some informing content here and we would love it if you would be able to support us further. this project is currently voluntary and we need your help to help publish Hobartian stories that matter! be sure to message us on our socials or email us at [eic@thoughtdigestmedia.com](mailto:eic@thoughtdigestmedia.com) for story submissions.

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