

# Newsletter

The Tullah Progress Association (TPA) would like to thank all those who participated or volunteered their time at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hydro Tasmania Tullah Challenge. We had fantastic weather and the event was a great success again this year.

Congratulations to all who entered and conquered the elements, we commend all our contestants for their endurance and stamina. There were 52 individual & 28 team entries received making a total of 111 competitors.

8 Event Records were broken this year!  
**Janine Pearson** – Veteran Female Individual 55 seconds under her 2010 time .**Emma Hill** - Junior Female Individual set the record time for this category; **JAS** – Veteran Female Team 6 minutes and 14 seconds under the 2007 record set by LSD; **Sam Norton** – Open Male Paddle Leg 8 seconds in front his own 2011 time; **Cathy McComb** – Veteran Female Paddle Leg 15 seconds broken off her record of 2011; **Emma Hill** – Junior Female Paddle Leg 58 seconds reduced off her own record in 2011; **Janine Pearson** – Veteran Female Cycle Leg 1 minute 44 seconds slashed on her 2010 time; **Ryan Powell** – Junior Male Run Leg 30 seconds off Douglas Hamerlok's 2008 record.

Steve Harris joined us again; he is the only person to have participated in all 19 Challenges. Steve has promised to make it to our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.

It was encouraging to see Rosebery resident Jack Becker join us again in the Run leg. Jack is in his eighties and is a fine example to us all, to live life to the full. Well done Jack!!

Once again Dianne Coon officiated as Master of Ceremonies; she did an amazing job, keeping us up to date with all the relevant information and race data.

In the first few years of the Challenge the TPA provided the Mini Challenge a novelty event for the 'under' 13 year olds. Many thanks to Vicki Vanderfeen for providing the valuable information needed to reintroduce this event. The joy of the kids and enthusiasm of their parents' illustrated the value of its return. Much appreciation goes to Tullah youth Group Leaders Brooke and Mikhyla Stephens for their support to the Mini Challenge Race Director.

As in previous newsletters we have included some photographs of the event. If you would like a full edition of this years snaps (by Geoffrey Love and Greg Blake our Photographers) please email to arrange payment and delivery options.

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Without the support of Local and Tasmanian Business we would be unable to meet the expense of running the event. Their sponsorship is greatly appreciated; and we thank them for their generosity.

As always we welcomed the attendance of local Emergency services. Their presence ensures our safety if the need arises, we thank them for their volunteer time. On their behalf I urge you to consider joining a group as a member; they are always looking for new personnel.

Once again a vote of gratitude goes to Peter Gatward and Athol Broomhall, who provided their boats to carry SES members. Added to the two Hydro Tasmania boats and the Police boat this allows us to run the paddle leg with optimum safety measures.

As part of our Safety Management Plan we require someone to follow our runners in case of an accident. This year we are indebted to Aaron Johnson, Douglas Cock and Jeffery Eastward who provided this service to us with their quad bikes.

A special mention to Darren French - Head Time-keeper and his team this year, they were faced with an onerous task when cyclists crossed the finish line in bunches.

This year we held the Presentation Evening in our Community Hall, a huge change to our normal arrangements. This could not have taken place without the valuable contribution of Tania Blake, Christine and Peter Winskill who organised & decorated the Hall; Liam Grossmith, Sandra Watson and Katelyn Blake our Bar Staff and lastly but by no means least to Chef Roger Belltowers, Rose Belltowers, Paula Morris and Rhiannon Terry who slaved over a hot stove to provide us with a magnificent banquet of finger food.

I would also like to thank the Tullah residents who generously gave their time and shared their enthusiasm to promote our community and surrounding area. This one-day a year gives us the opportunity to showcase the beauty we experience daily

Please take the time to fill in and return our feedback form. Our goal is to continue improving the Tullah Challenge and making it more competitor-friendly – an event you want to tell your friends about. We look forward to seeing you in November 2013 to help us to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tullah Challenge!

# 2012 Presentation Evening



Competitors and Volunteers gather for the Presentation Evening at the Tullah Community Hall



**Ian Parker** , 2012 Male Winner receives his Trophy From Hydro Tasmania Representative Paula Race.



**Janine Pearson** 2012 Female Winner is congratulated By Tullah Progress Association President Geoff Iliff.

Malcolm Hillbeck representative from Venture Minerals presents trophies in the individual legs



1<sup>st</sup> Male Paddle Leg: Sam Norton



1<sup>st</sup> Female: Paddle Leg Georgia Laird



1<sup>st</sup> Male Cycle Leg Aaron 'AJ' Jones



1<sup>st</sup> Female Cycle Leg: Jayne Grubits-King



1<sup>st</sup> Male Run Leg: Douglas Hamerlok



1<sup>st</sup> Female Run Leg: Julia Davies



1<sup>st</sup> Male Team :Ex Burnie High Boys



1<sup>st</sup> Female Team :GG's

Presented by Christine Winskill from MMG



1<sup>st</sup> Mixed Team: No Logo



1<sup>st</sup> Junior Mixed Team EJB

## 'Just for Fun' Mini Challenge Champions



1<sup>st</sup> Girl Run Leg: Elle ..... Presented by Jenelle Carey, Harcourts West Coast and Local Parent



1<sup>st</sup> Boy Run Leg: Adam French

# Some of the Friendly Folk who help make the Challenge happen!



West Coast Council Mayor Darryl Gerrity with Diane Coon MC & Geoff Illiff TPA President officially opens The Challenge

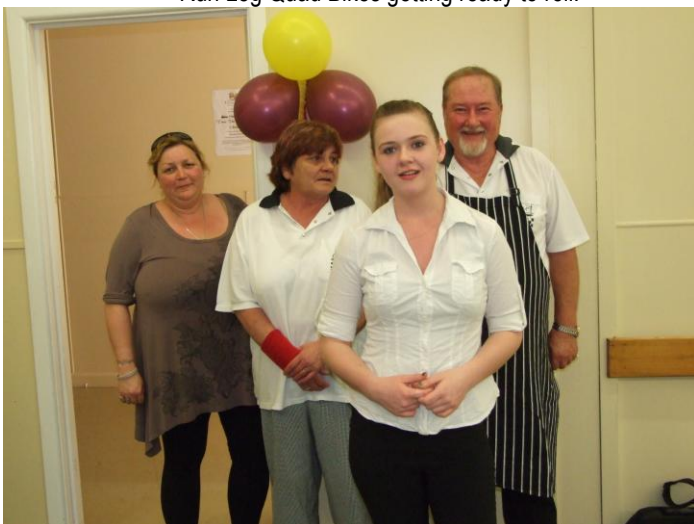
Emergency Personnel take a break!



Run Leg Quad Bikes getting ready to roll.



Time Keepers waiting for the next leg.



The Chef and his Team.



Our Bar Staff.

## Around and About the Town



Children waiting patiently for the Jumping Castles to be ready for action!!!



Number 59- Steve Harris, entrant of all 19 Challenges, gives some endurance advice.



The Wee Georgie Wood Steam Railway BBQ



Stall Holders prepare for the Market.



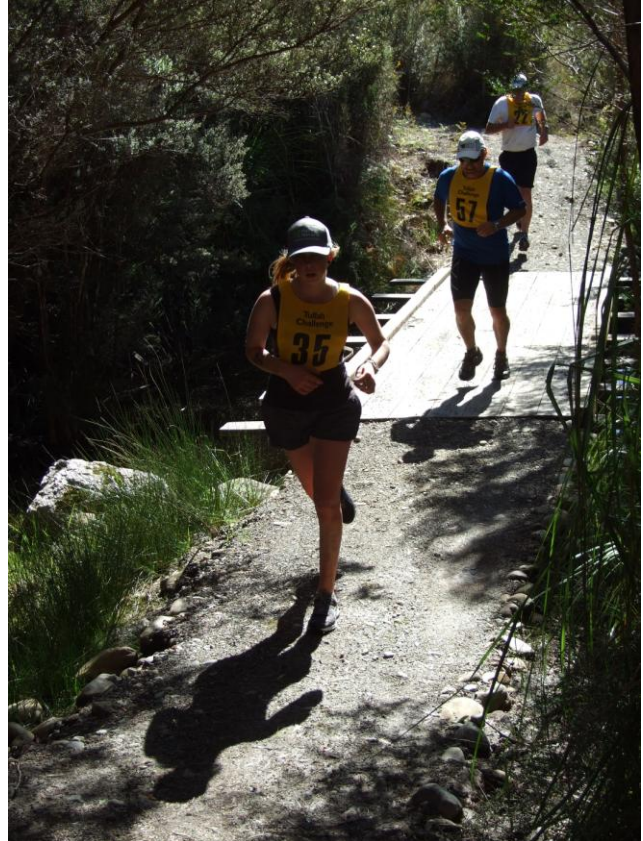
Buskers keep the crowd entertained!



MC and Race Director discuss strategies.

# The Tullah Challenge





## The 'Just for Fun' Mini Challenge



