

**Coles New Town is set to close its doors later this evening, as it's set to receive a multi-million-dollar refurbishment.**

**As of 10pm tonight the local supermarket will shut until late September as the new redevelopment will introduce an in-store bakery and also a continental delicatessen.**

**Coles has stated the much-needed upgrade will provide multiple construction and retail jobs in the area, as well as 10 new staff positions upon reopening.**

**Locals have been assured that the store will continue to offer Click&Collect services and a dedicated free home delivery on all online orders.**

**Crucial road upgrades along the West Tamar highway have been finalised as part of a 14-million-dollar plan to improve the safety and longevity of one of the north's most populated pieces of road.**

**Hazel Brothers have been awarded the first four contracts as part of the six-point plan, which was outlined in conjunction with the 1.8 billion dollar "infrastructure blitz" mentioned by Premier Peter Gutwein on Wednesday.**

**The upgrades include general widening of most of the highway and creating new footpaths between Rosevears Drive and Gravelly Beach Road, widening Atkinsons Road and Waldhorn Drive, widening the highway between Exeter and the Batman Highway Junction, and improvements to sight distance at the intersection of the West Tamar Highway and Motor Road.**

**With the arrest of an unsupervised learner driver with a full car and alcohol found in their system, Tasmanian**

**Police have warned travellers that they'll be out patrolling the state this long weekend.**

**The 21-year-old man from Conara was pulled over by police in Campbell Town with four passengers in the car – none of whom were fully licenced adults – and this included a young child, while also coming back with a blood alcohol reading of .04, when it is illegal to be a learner driver with any such substance in your system. The man was charged with a myriad of driving offences, and Inspector Ruth Orr also took the opportunity to warn motorists that they will be conducting high-visibility patrols throughout the weekend and for Tasmanian's to stay safe on the roads.**

**As and with the second stage of COVID restrictions put into full force only hours ago, patrons are now allowed to flock to local pubs or restaurants, workout at the gym, congregate at places of worship, visit hairdressers and also travel to and from holiday homes.**

**With the long weekend beginning for many Tasmanian's, this comes as a relief, but there are still strict social distancing measures that need to be taken into account. Most importantly, the 1.5 metre distancing, but pubs will only allow up to 40 people inside, similarly for a number of RSL's and cafes and restaurants – however this is dependent on the venue itself.**

**Camping grounds and National Parks are also open again, and the travel distance of 30km is now removed, and the maximum amount of people allowed back into cinemas, museums, health clubs and beauty parlours for example is**

**Over to sports news now, and Tasmanian State League football coaches have been asked to take significant pay cuts in order to get the 2020 season up and running as soon as possible.**

**The seven head coaches and their support staff will be doing their job simply for the love of it, in order to get the TSL budget under what is required after the season and league took a massive hit from the coronavirus outbreak.**

**With the season looking to resume in mid-July, and with the uncertainty of crowds being allowed to attend matches until even further restrictions are lifted, TSL clubs have no access to game-day revenue, and if any kind of fixtures were to go ahead, these significant changes would make for a unique end to the 2020 season.**

**Lastly, Formula 3 driver Alex Peroni was refused entry back into Spain by authorities as he tried to board his international flight from Melbourne.**

**The 20-year-old Hobartian was eventually allowed access onto the plane after his team contacted airline and Spanish authorities from their European base in Valencia, and the young F3 driver reluctantly boarded 10 minutes after check-in had closed.**

**And that's what's making news headlines on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. It feels good to be back.**