

With Tasmania's aging population on the rise, so too does the issue of dementia, and with such high rates found throughout the state, a first-of-its-kind dementia study will coincide with an all-new specialised live-in village.

The Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre is currently undertaking the largest dementia study in the world, known as the ISLAND Project, and has experienced an exponential amount of responses from Tasmanians over the age of fifty.

The longitudinal study is rolled out in phases, in an attempt to educate the community about the numerous modifiable factors that could potentially lower the risks associated with dementia.

Currently in its third phase, Wicking Institute director professor James Vickers says the future of the research is now very much dependant on governmental funding.

Furthermore, a site in Glenorchy will soon boast Australia's first purpose-built dementia village that will house many individuals who suffers from the neurological degeneration disease, in a small town-like area with streets, a supermarket, cinema, café and gardens.

The 19-million-dollar operation is currently underway, and will hope to be complete and open to residents by mid next year.

A new three-million-dollar upgrade to the Sheffield School Farm is set begin early next year, in a bid to boost young people's involvement in the agricultural industry, and encourage them to pursue careers in the large number of rural primary industries.

Following the recent national recognition of the operating farm's dairy produce, the much-needed funding and revitalisation of the surrounding buildings will not only assist the students at Sheffield school in learning more about the

functionalities of farming, but also encourage them to be part of an essential growing industry.

Senator Jacqui Lambie has only just recently proposed to the Commonwealth Government a funding grant that would help Hobart's homeless population, by way of a safe night space where individuals could keep warm, find food and connect with support services.

Hobart City Mission and the Salvation Army have already nominated a suitable location, and are now seeking donations and raising funds for the \$450,000 that is needed to make it happen.

Jacqui Lambie has launched a petition and called upon federal and state governments to assist with the funding, and attempting to secure the safe space before Christmas and before parliament wraps up for the year.

Lambie says the timeline is ambitious but necessary, mentioning quote "we haven't got months to get this done, we have days."

And two individuals were taken into custody earlier this afternoon for striking a police officer with their car on the East Derwent Highway near the Grasstree Hill road intersection.

A Nissan Pulsar allegedly evaded police earlier this morning throughout Gagebrook, and after a short pursuit, the vehicle was spiked, and the driver and passenger of the escaping vehicle were apprehended after they attempted to flee on foot.

The male police officer who was struck sustained non-life threatening injuries, and was taken to the Royal Hobart Hospital just as a precaution.

And just finally, in sports news, with the ever-hopefully prospects of Tasmania having their own side in the AFL, a dual-premiership player has made his

intentions clear that he would only leave his current side, to come back home and represent his state.

Richmond star Jack Riewoldt has said there is only one thing that would make him leave the Tigers, and that is to play for his home state, if and when the AFL passes the notion to include a Tassie side in the competition.

Riewoldt mentioned that he is in full support of the appointment of former North Melbourne boss Cameron Joyce as the new Devils coach, and said quote "whether I have some involvement as a player or in a mentoring role, I'd love to wear the map again."

And that's what's making news on the 8th of November
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