

Following the heavy rainfall over the past few days, the National Health and Medical Research Council has issued a warning to all recreational water users, to stay out of the Derwent River areas for up to five days after these rains have cleared.

The main instigator here was a recent sewage leak at TasWater's Macquarie Point wastewater treatment plant, and with the already increased water levels in the Derwent, enterococci levels were found at severely increased levels in around Macquarie Wharf No.1.

Another former Labor candidate has thrown their hat in the ring for the vacant, and somewhat contested seat of Clark, now that Scott Bacon has retired. Zelinda Sherlock now joins radio announcer Tim Cox and barrister Madeline Ogilvie in the recount for the seat, after the two female councillors failed to confirm whether they would re-join Labor if they were to be elected.

Tim Cox has confirmed he will stay on with the Labor party, and so the battle to fill the seat of Clark will remain a contentious one.

A recent decision by China to stop accepting overseas waste has sent Australia's recycling industry into chaos.

The local Tasmanian recycling plant at Derwent Park is now the only SKM Recycling Group company to be

accepting waste, after a change in management following the announcement from the Melbourne stockpiler to say they were over encumbered.

This caused the four major recycling plant in southern Tasmania to become inundated with waste, meeting their quotas and rejecting incoming waste. A spokesperson for the new recycling management company KordaMentha, stated that around 50 tonnes of recycled material is now being collected per day at the Derwent park facility.

Glenorchy Mayor Kristie Johnston mentions that although the collapse of SKM has triggered this drastic chain of events, Tasmanians should still be committed to recycling while contractors and other means of stockpile can be explored.

Just quickly, a new viewing shelter planned for Dove Lake in Cradle Mountain has been given the all clear, with a unanimous decision over night.

Environment Minister Peter Gutwein said the proposed four and a half million-dollar facility would vastly improve visitor's experience and quote "our plan ensures a world-class, sustainable experience for all who are drawn to Cradle Mountain."

To sport, and in soccer, the official Tasmanian side has been announced to take on A-League club Central Coast Mariners at Darcy Street on September 8.

The Devonport Strikers have dominated the list with a total of eight players out of 26, which will inevitable be cut down to a final 22 come game day. Amongst the mix are five players from South Hobart, four from the Hobart Zebras and three from Olympia Warriors. Except for bottom of the ladder side Clarence United, all other teams have at least one member in the Tasmanian side.

And a Tasmanian football team in the AFL is supposedly looking to make their debut in the 2023 season, according to Fox Footy commentator Dwayne Russel.

The Melbourne radio host and prominent football identity spoke to Sportsday on 3AW, outlining a proposed plan that would see North Melbourne and Hawthorn leave Tasmania at the end of their contracts in 2021, so a local AFL team could come into the mix. He also goes on to say quote "there will be no games at all in Tassie in 2022, with the idea that Tassie would get its 19th team into the AFL in 2023." With all the speculation and rumours, the Tasmanian Government have formed an AFL taskforce that will hopefully finish its report by December this year.

And they're the headlines for the 23rd of August