

1.

First off, the weather.

Looking outside, there is a tremendous amount of wind which brings with it a much colder temperature than what we've been experiencing lately, and many people have already spent most of the day out in it.

Following the recent devastating conditions in the north, where tremendous gusts of wind knocked over power POLES and brought trees down onto the power lines, thousands of homes were left without electricity and Hobart residents are now being urged to brace for similar conditions.

Leading into this evening and tomorrow morning, the warnings range from abnormally high tides, gale force stormy winds, heavy rainfall and some areas of the south-east subject to flash flooding.

2.

The Hawthorn Football Club has just recently signed a new three-year deal with the University of Tasmania, to encourage collaborations with sport science research faculties, as well as offering discounted Hawthorn membership to students.

Hawk's Chief Executive Justin Reeves and UTAS Professor Jane Long signed a memorandum promising lucrative benefits for students including seminars on coaching, health, nutrition and event management. While the deal was only signed for three years, Reeves outlined the unique opportunity and pathways

Hawthorn's involvement in research and sport science could provide, and he hinted at a more probable long-term outcome.

3.

There are looming fears that the state's construction industry could come to a standstill as a national insurance crisis begins to strangle Tasmanian building surveyors.

Due to significant cladding fires within buildings across

Melbourne and Sydney that led to huge insurance payouts, surveyors and engineers across the nation are struggling to afford protection and insurance policies against the combustible cladding due to its negative reputation, and therefore being charged 300 percent more in fees compared to that of last financial year.

As the surveyors struggle to gain indemnity policies from insurers, Tasmanian building companies now fear that the lack of available surveyors will slow work down and could lead to the possible closure of some businesses.

Any construction project needs an insured building surveyor who is licenced and able to oversee the job at hand, but with increased insurance policies making it hard for surveyors to afford cover, the crisis in Tasmania could lead to these major closures in the coming months.

4.

To sports news

And in the TSL, Glenorchy welcomes back four players from injury in their crucial match against Launceston in

hopes of retaining their third spot position when the two teams battle it out on Saturday at KG5.

The Pies will inevitably slip down the ladder to fourth if they lose to Launceston this weekend, but with big returns from names like Jaye Bowden Zac Webster, James Webb and Sam Reeves, Glenorchy will be looking to bounce back from their dismal defeat last week.