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In breaking news this afternoon, a police investigation into a missing persons case has just been elevated to a criminal investigation. 19-year-old Bill Ray Waters of Launceston was only reported missing last week and has not been seen alive since as far back as August the 4<sup>th</sup>. Detective Acting Inspector Craig Fox said quote: "Billy lives a transient lifestyle and that may have delayed reports of him being missing."

Police say they now hold serious concerns for Waters safety, and after numerous unconfirmed sightings and new information received, police have begun to investigate the possibility of foul play.

Waters has been described as 175cm tall, of slim build with below shoulder-length hair and green eyes.

Police ask anyone with information about the whereabouts of Waters to please contact Launceston Police on 131 444.

2.

Construction is currently underway in Devonport as a new 8-million-dollar stockfeed mill will be built on the wharf to ease the Tasmanian dairy industry's reliance on mainland imports.

Tasmanian Stockfeed Services, in association with milling and sorting appliance company Satake Australia, are likely to have the new bulk grain

storage and receival site completed by the end of the year.

With nearly 80% of Tasmania's grain and stockfeed imported from the mainland, managing director Trevor Macleod said the new onsite storage will greatly benefit the state, and would relieve some of the pressure off farmers who rely so heavily on imports from Victoria and the likes.

The project will provide up to 30 jobs during construction and offer a further 15 new full-time positions once the facility is up and running.

### 3.

The Hobart City Council have assured its public that their proposed changes to the current free 90-minute parking in the city's multistorey carparks is still up in the air.

The proposed cuts were met with harsh public criticism after a parking review was presented by the HCC's Finance and Governance Committee on Wednesday night. Some areas of interest were parking infrastructure, early bird parking, the pensioner voucher parking scheme and the hours of operation for the carparks themselves.

Along with public backlash, Small Business Council of Tasmania chief Robert Mallett also slammed the proposal, saying it would drive shoppers away. A member of the public voiced their opinion, saying the change would also negatively impact those who use the

multistorey carpark to regularly visit the Royal  
Hobart Hospital.

The forced backpedalling from the HCC has seen the  
general manager Nick Heath come out and say quote:  
"Just to be clear, we're not proposing any particular  
changes at this time."

4.

And lastly, in local football, Glenorchy will go up  
against premiership contenders Lauderdale at KG5 this  
weekend without the help of key midfielder and star  
player Ben Kamaric.

The heavy burden will now lie on the Pies other  
midfielders, in particular Rhys Mott, but coach Paul  
Kennedy is confident that other players will step up  
and help to fill the void of missing inside  
influencer Kamaric.

Glenorchy will be looking for their fourth straight  
win, while Lauderdale welcomes back captain Bryce  
Walsh and Phil Bellchambers to fill out their  
midfield, and a late inclusion of tall forward Alex  
Hill.

And that's the news for the 16<sup>th</sup> of August