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In breaking news, police have confirmed that one woman has died and a young child has been seriously injured following a two-car crash on the Midlands Highway at the junction of Highland Lake Road.

The woman was pronounced dead at 2pm this afternoon, while the young child has been flown to the Royal Hobart Hospital in a serious but stable condition.

Police mention that neither speed, alcohol or drugs were involved in the accident, and road delays are likely to be ongoing as the scene is secured.

2.

Tasmanian Indigenous groups have called for a minimum of two seats to be set aside in the state parliament's lower house, to allow for Aboriginal MHA's to more accurately represent a democratic Tasmania.

Under this new proposal, a separate electoral roll would be created so Indigenous representatives could stand in a single electorate that would encompass the whole state. The many Aboriginal groups in Tasmania pushing for this monumental proposal state that: "providing for political representation of a people denied such access for over 200 years is overdue."

The parliamentary committee will conduct their inquiry on Monday, and look to reassess where best to allocate the number of seats in the lower house.

3.

50 years after the first man walked on the moon, Tasmania, has now secured funding from the federal government to establish vital infrastructure for a ground station global navigational satellite system.

Since the Liberal Government's initial decision to establish an Australian Space Agency in 2018, Senator Eric Abetz announced that Tasmania would benefit significantly from the 73.2 million dollar investment into the national program, and companies like the National Geodetic Radio Astronomy Facility, who look to invest around 1.2 million dollars, would see Tasmanians themselves becoming part of the international space race. Some of the state's main institutional benefactors include the University of Tasmania's Integrated Marine Observing System Satellite altimetry facility and the Centre for Antarctic, Remote and Maritime Medicine.

4.

Earlier this morning, a Victorian man was arrested on board a Jetstar flight that landed in Hobart, after failing to disembark the flight.

The 36-year-old man from Fern Tree Gully was escorted by police out of the plane's bathroom, where he had locked himself in and refused to come out.

All passengers were able to exit the plane without delay, however the captain of the flight from Melbourne to Hobart was forced to call police, who then charged the man with interfering with a member of an aircraft crew and intimidating a police officer.

No reason was given as to why to man refused to exit the plane but has fronted the magistrates court today.

5.

And finally, in sports news, Oatlands young gun Sam Banks has been awarded the Alan McLean Medal for most valuable player, following the national under-16's football carnival.

Banks is one of only five other players from Tasmania to have received the award, and many who have, have gone on to be drafted into the AFL.

He averaged 24 touches across the three matches played and said he wasn't expecting to win, but it is a privilege and an honour, nonetheless.

And that's the news for the 19th of July