

**1.**

**Tasmania has been labelled as having the highest unemployment rate in the nation, sitting at 6.7% and the state's opposition leader Rebecca White has taken the Liberal government to task as these numbers may be set to rise.**

**White stated that 6200 full-time jobs were lost in Tasmania in the last year, saying quote "we've got the worst jobless rate in the country." She went on to mention that 300 additional jobs are on the line at TEMCO in George Town, and that premiere Will Hodgman has yet to outline any support for these businesses or the unemployed who are directly affected.**

**While the figures show a total of 275,000 Tasmanians in some form of employment in the month of June, a record low of 17,800 individuals are still not working – the highest unemployment number since October 2014.**

**Hodgman has assured that creating jobs is his government's main ambition and will look to further combat the issue in the coming months.**

**2.**

**A Berridale man has been sentenced to eight months jail for stalking, threatening and "mentally torturing" his former partner.**

**28-year-old Haidyn Brett Anning pleaded guilty to stalking, breaching of a restraining order, trespassing and damaging property between the months of mid-April and June 2019 after the separation with his partner of six**

**months. The two reconnected late last year for around two months until the woman ended things and Anning began what magistrate Glenn Hay described as an obsessive and a misguided revenge towards his former partner.**

**The court heard Anning made a series of 1 cent bank transfers to the woman that were accompanied with threatening messages, while also posting offensive and insulting comments about her on social media.**

**Anning went as far as creating a fake profile on an adult service website with his ex-partner's photograph, name, phone number and address because quote "she was sleeping with her ex."**

**Anning caused an additional 3500 dollars of damage to the woman's car and in a victim's statement read to the court she said that she and her mother could no longer live safe and happily while Anning was allowed on the streets.**

### **3.**

**Only recently opening its doors to the public this morning, an exciting new vintage guitar shop on Collins Street will be having its official opening this evening from 5pm.**

**Top Shelf Guitars owner Simon Grubb has been running the vintage and used guitar store online from his home and has now set up a quaint little shop brimming with unique merchandise to deliver quote "a bit more personality and vibe than you can get from a new guitar store, with one of a kind stuff."**

**The launch party is happening right now, with local bands, giveaways, food and drink and will be operating**

**Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm and 10am to 4pm on Saturdays.**

**4.**

**Finally, to sport, and in local netball with the finals just around the corner, the top four positions have already been decided, but this weekend will determine who sits where on the ladder.**

**The AYC-Friends Arrows need to secure a win over St. Lukes Health Karana in tonight's match to stay safely on top spot by percentage, while Karana have struggled with consistency all season, they hope to end on a high.**

**The Kingston Blues will also take on Cripps Waratahs tonight in an attempt to show they deserve a spot in the finals, most likely to be against Cavaliers.**

**The final minor league round will see Devon playing Cavaliers on Saturday afternoon, where even if Devon come out on top, Cavaliers should secure third position going into the finals next week.**

**And that's the news for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August**