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Tragedy of teen lovers

THE grieving families of a young couple who lost their lives as the result of a car crash at Dunalley say the teens have left a huge hole in their hearts.

The tragedy struck on Thursday while the 18-year-olds were driving home from a fishing trip at White Beach. Isaack Cooper-Rozynski died at the scene and his girlfriend Shelbi Berechree succumbed to her injuries on Sunday night. Shelbi's dad Robert Berechree yesterday said: "He treated her like a princess and she treated him like her prince".

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Wade snub riles state

TASMANIAN cricket officials are staggered star keeper-batsman Matthew Wade has been snubbed again by national selectors.

Wade has been in superb form for the Tigers and Hobart Hurricanes but has been overlooked for the final Test against India despite the struggles of the Australian batsmen. Selectors have instead called up Queensland batting all-rounder Marnus Labuschagne for Friday's Sydney Test.

This is despite Tassie skipper Wade leading the Sheffield Shield batting charts and having scored the third most runs in the Big Bash.

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EXCLUSIVE SURVEY TASMANIANS MASSIVELY UPBEAT ABOUT 2019

BRING IT ON

Picture: NIKKI DWIS JONES

EMILY BAKER

THE overwhelming majority of Tasmanians are feeling positive about the state's future.

As we wake today in a new year, the Mercury can reveal that a survey of our readers has discovered that 82 per cent are optimistic that things will continue to get better.

And of the more than 1200

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people who responded to the survey, almost 400 said they were "very" optimistic - almost double the total pessimistic number.

Among those Tasmanians feeling good about the future are, pic-

tured from left, Year 12 graduate and 2019 UTAS student Brittanie McCarthy, restaurateur Ali Assi, and business owner Hanny Allston.

Brittanie said she was excited

to stay in her home state. "I think Tasmania's doing really well," she said.

Ms Allston moved back home three years ago and said Hobart was now "developing a life of its own".

Mr Assi said the Mona effect had helped Tasmanian businesses "get on our feet and get Tasmania on the map".

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