Port Sorell Community Information Evening

The first in this years’ series of Community Information Evenings is being held at the Banksia Centre, Port Sorell on Thursday 7 March from 7.00pm.

Ratepayers and residents of the greater Port Sorell area are invited to this information exchange based on location specific activities. Several Councillors and management will be in attendance and look forward to discussing issues and receiving comments from attendees.

Please register your interest in attending by phoning Candice on 6426 4444 or email council@latrobe.tas.gov.au

Future Community Information Evenings will be held -
- 9 May - Tarleton
- 19 September - Latrobe
- 24 October - Wesley Vale/Moriarty
- 21 November - Sassafras

Shearwater Village Revitalisation

As part of the Port Sorell Strategic Plan Review 2018, Latrobe Council is in discussions with Shearwater Village business operators around possible ways of improving and revitalising the Shearwater Village shopping centre.

The review of the village says “the retail vitality can be improved, but it will require creative approaches to defining a role for the centre, an appropriate business mix, innovative traders, events and promotions.”

In addition, the review says “the quality and extent of landscaping and public realm amenity is currently poor. The public realm is an important aspect of the village that can be enhanced relatively easily.

Existing trees, additional planting, street furniture, poles, wires and paving should all be reviewed.

There are still a few vacant sites in Shearwater Village, mainly on the western edge. These create an unfinished character for the centre, and ideally, they should be developed soon. Council owns some of this land. There is clearly little demand for retail, so other uses should be investigated.”

The conversations with businesses are centered around the review’s recommendations, including ways of attracting more visitors to the area and making the space more usable for residents and visitors alike.

Building Update

A total of 50 building, plumbing, demolition applications and notifications of works were received by Council during the months of December and January.

They comprised of 12 dwellings; 3 dwelling additions/alterations; 8 outbuildings; 6 commercial/industrial, 20 plumbing applications and 1 other with a conservative value of $21,385,993.

While the number of applications are comparative to the same time in 2018, the value of construction has significantly increased (up by 55.73%). This is attributed to the commercial/industrial developments currently underway.

Stage 1 Approved for BioMar Project

Council recently issued the building and planning permits for Stage 1 of the BioMar project at Wesley Vale, valued at $17.1 million.

BioMar holds a well-established position in Tasmania as the leading supplier of high-quality fish feed for Atlantic salmon, since entering the local market in 2003. At present one in every three farmed salmon in Tasmania is fed BioMar fish feed products, which are currently being exported from Scotland.

The $56 million proposal will bring a world class, state-of-the-art fish feed innovation and production facility to Wesley Vale.

When fully operational, the facility will produce up to 110,000 tonnes per annum of aqua feed product to support the aquaculture industry, expecting to create 55 full time jobs and an additional 30 jobs across the region through indirect support, operational, port services and logistical roles.

The Wesley Vale site will export its product internationally, enhancing Tasmania’s reputation for quality products.

Will You March?

ANZAC Day this year falls within the school holidays and immediately following Easter, which will no doubt have an impact on local Services (refer to What’s On for details).

An invitation is extended to serving and returned defence personnel, schools, community, sport and service organisations to participate in either the 6.00am or 10.00am Marches to the Latrobe Cenotaph. There is no march for the Port Sorell 6.00am Service. If your organisation wishes to march, you can please register with the Latrobe RSL on 0447 021 776 by 18 April so you can be advised of the timings, process and place in the march.

Additionally, wreaths and books are invited to be laid at the 10.00am Latrobe Citizens Commemorative Service. If you wish to lay a wreath and/or book at this Service, please register with Latrobe Council on 6426 4444 by 18 April so your organisation/name can be included on the wreath laying schedule and you advised of the process.

Please note that road closures and detours via Cotton Street will apply half hour before and during both Latrobe Services.
A Chance to View Targa Tasmania Vehicles

Targa Tasmania will once again race over closed roads throughout Tasmania from 29 April to 4 May. Leg Two on 30 April will see participants arrive at the Latrobe Recreation Ground via Gilbert Street, Latrobe for their lunch break between 9.45am until 2.00pm. Vehicles will continually be arriving and departing throughout this time. While drivers and navigators enjoy the catering services of the Latrobe Football Club, the vehicles can be viewed by the public.

Departing vehicles proceed to the Moriarty Stage of the competition. This starts at Valleyfield Road, travels along Oppenheims Road, in to Hermitage Lane and concludes along Bonneys Lane. These roads will be closed to all traffic from 10.25am until 2.55pm.

For full details of this year’s Targa Tasmania competition, go online to www.targa.com.au

Australia Day Award Recipients

Congratulations to the recipients of the Latrobe Municipality’s 2019 Australia Day Awards. Mr Adrian Ryan and Mrs Nancy Mancy (centre) accepted the Community Event of the Year Award on behalf of the Latrobe Cemetery Working Bees. They are part of a core group of volunteers that are joined by individuals and local groups to tidy up the Latrobe Cemetery five times a year, and have been doing so since 2003. In accepting the award, Mr Ryan stated that he had some self interest in the cemetery! The next working bee is from 10.00am on 10 March.

Ashtyn Dennison (left) was presented with the Young Citizen of the Year Award in recognition not only of her academic and sporting achievements but also her foray as a change advocate. Miss Dennison has been an active student representative on Latrobe High School’s School Association for two years, was a Grade 10 Student Leader with a passion for reinforcing positive behaviour and, more recently, actively lobbied for free bus travel for students travelling to their zoned school.

The criteria for the Citizen and Young Citizen Award are the same however an age criteria of 14-30 years as at 26 January next applies to the Young Citizen nomination. Then there was Wayne Jaffray (right) - the Citizen of the Year. Mr Jaffray is well known throughout basketball, football and now bowls and giving back to the clubs following his playing careers. What you may not know about is his work with youth, particularly those in challenging circumstances, and how he supports them to develop life skills and a sense of self-worth and belonging.

These Awards would not be possible without someone like you nominating them. Nomination forms are available online at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au or collect from the Latrobe Council office.

Banksia Centre Master Plan Review

The Banksia Facilities Management Committee have reviewed and considered the outcomes of the community representations received during the review of the Port Sorell Strategic Plan and Camp Banksia Master Plan last year.

A further option has been sought, encompassing both increased community participation at the site as well as catering to the Camp’s requirements. Landscape Architect, Don Thomson met with the Committee on 19 December to discuss the development of a new option based on community feedback. The Banksia Facilities Management Committee recently reviewed the first draft of the plan and sought some minor adjustments.

A second concept plan is to be considered and, if endorsed, costs will be scoped. The Committee will then make recommendations for Latrobe Council’s consideration prior to further community consultation being undertaken.

Port Sorell Landfill Rehabilitation Update

The rehabilitation project at the Port Sorell old landfill has progressed well during the past month. Drill rigs were used to install monitoring bores around the site at the corner of Hawk Hill Road and Alexander Street, Shearwater. These bores are being used to monitor the groundwater, landfill gas and leachate. Results of this sampling will provide the environmental scientists with detailed information so that they can refine the rehabilitation action plan.

Landfill gases are produced when bacteria break down organic waste. The most common landfill gases are methane and carbon dioxide. The Port Sorell landfill was once used to dispose of household garbage, onion waste and pulp mill waste among other organic materials so the safe treatment of landfill gases will be a key part of the rehabilitation project.

Residential and any advice provided by staff when using the Waste Transfer Station.

The Dial Before You Dig database is also reviewed and considered the outcomes of the community in the ground and landfill gas pathways to be detected and measured.

If elevated contamination levels are found, action will be taken to ensure the safety of residents and workers, properties and the environment. These actions may include digging trenches at the edge of the old landfill to allow the safe venting of landfill gases and the diversion of leachate from waterways via pipe systems. All actions will be based on expert advice from the landfill engineers, environmental scientists, Environment Protection Authority Tasmania and the Tasmanian Department of Health.

Residents adjacent to the old landfill site are being notified of any ground-works or tests that may temporarily affect their properties. The Dial Before You Dig database is also being updated with relevant local precautions.

Council appreciates the community’s understanding and cooperation with the instructions displayed around the site and any advice provided by staff when using the Waste Transfer Station.

Updates and information on the rehabilitation project can be found in the Latest News section of Council’s website - www.latrobe.tas.gov.au
**Stormwater Extension**

In March, Council will commence a significant construction project to duplicate the existing large stormwater pipeline that runs through the Port Sorell golf course to Freers Beach. This duplication project was identified as a benefit from an extensive stormwater study of the Port Sorell area where the consultant not only saw issues first hand but talked with many property owners throughout the Port Sorell area.

The project will involve the laying of pipe and associated headwalls at each end to form part of the stormwater drainage network that Council is responsible to install and maintain in an urban area.

Undertaking this stormwater duplication will better protect property and those nearby from stormwater runoff and possible localised flooding into the future.

The work area will be reinstated as part of the project and the proposal is configured so as not to limit any future development potential of nearby properties.

**Helping or Hindering Emergency Services?**

In an emergency, are you hindering emergency services or helping them respond to your call for help?

Some important considerations include property identification. Is your property number clearly seen from either direction? This will assist with emergency services locating your property quickly.

For predominantly rural homes, can your home be seen from the road to see if safe to enter?

Driveways should have adequate height and width clearance to allow emergency vehicles access, even around the curves, and be firmly packed to support the weight of emergency vehicles.

Also, once the emergency vehicle is on site, is there enough room for it to turn around?

If you answered no to any of the above, now might be an opportune time to review these situations.

**Freedom Camping Clarified**

Following new State Government rules around free camping, Local Government throughout Tasmania is being forced to charge full costs to compete on fair and equal terms with private sector businesses for previously free camping sites or prove that there is a community benefit to providing such sites.

This matter has been the subject of much discussion over many years, particularly in locations where free camping is seen to be competing with the private sector.

Latrobe Council established self-contained camping behind Station Square, Cotton Street, Latrobe some years back however it is not free camping. Instead, it is low-cost camping at $10 per night for a maximum of two nights within a 14-day period.

Only motorhomes and caravans with the capacity to retain greywater (from the sink and shower) and septic waste as well as have on-board water retention are compliant. Those with outdoor facilities or externally disposing of greywater are non-compliant and potentially subject to a fine.

Additionally, the State Government has determined that councils must limit their public, non-powered campsites to no more than 10% of all camping offerings within a 60km radius. If the number goes above 10%, councils must either start charging full costs for the sites or prove the public sites provide a public benefit.

At Latrobe, the arrangement is that Latrobe Primary School collect the camping fees, keeping $9 for community initiatives with $1 returning to Council to maintain the grounds.

The Caravanning Industry Association has welcomed this move as it provides certainty around what is allowed but doesn’t ban free camping outright.

**Foreshore Container Café**

Several community members previously approached Latrobe Council to discuss the establishment of a café near the Port Sorell Surf Lifesaving club.

During meetings and site investigations, options have extended to include a feasibility assessment of a “pop-up” style container café external to the main building envelope. A site adjacent to the surf club carpark was identified as the most suitable position, being level, close to all utility services and walkway/road linkages.

Since this initial investigation, several commercial entities expressed interest in potentially utilising the site for a café. As this site is leased from the Crown, permission was sought to establish what (if any) kind of commercial venture could be developed on site. The Crown responded positively, but with stipulations. In September 2018, Council formally advertised for Expressions of Interest in establishing such a venture, prior to awarding any lease/licence agreement. Preferred candidates were identified from the responses received, and their proposals returned to Crown Land Service for rental assessment in late October.

Crown Land Services have recently responded with a rental estimate, which will now be discussed with the interested parties. The Crown has also imposed strict development and compliance controls on the project which will require assessment from Crown Land Services when a Development Application (DA) is lodged.

Once negotiations are completed and a preferred operator is identified, Council will approach the preferred party to offer them the opportunity of a site licence and to lodge a DA for establishing a café on the site. The proposal will be advertised for community input and Council will, as a planning authority, decide whether the application should be approved or refused.

The successful operator will be responsible for all relevant development approvals, headworks charges, siteworks, fit out and implementation of the café.

**Rubbish Portal Identifies Priorities**

In 2013/14 the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group (CCWMG) funded the development of an Illegal Dumping Online Reporting Portal on the Rethink Waste website, to enable land owners and managers to record known instances of illegal dumping. The CCWMG are utilising the data captured through this portal to assist in determining areas to apply funding aimed at reducing and deterring illegal dumping.

Should this be relevant to you and you require assistance accessing the portal, have forgotten or require new username/password details, please phone 6424 7344 or email admin@dulverton.com.au.
Family Violence Support at Hand

If you or someone you know is seeking help with a family violence related legal issue, the Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania has recently appointing Sarah Holloway as their North West Coast Safe at Home lawyer.

Sarah will work between their Devonport and Burnie offices and is able to provide legal advice and representation to eligible clients from across the North West Coast.

Sarah is supported by Debbie Baier who is your first point of contact and can work out if you able to be assisted by this service or refer you to an appropriate social support service like Safe Choices, the Court Support and Liaison Service, or the Family Violence Counselling and Support Service.

Debbie is reachable by phoning 6328 4068 or email Debbie.Baier@legalaid.tas.gov.au.

The Legal Aid Safe at Home program is outlined in more detail at https://www.legalaid.tas.gov.au/need-help/safe-at-home/.

Port Sorell Strategic Plan Review

Since the adoption of the Port Sorell and Environs Strategic Plan 2008 many key elements of the Plan have been realized and extensive investigations into sea level rise, stormwater management, water supply capacity and sewer capacity have been undertaken.

These factors prompted Council to initiate a review of the Port Sorell Strategic Plan 2008 and they appointed Wendy Morris from Ecologically Sustainable Design Pty Ltd, to lead and guide the project, with input from staff in terms of project logistics and surveys, as well as a collaborative approach to framing the project outcomes and recommendations.

The draft outcomes report was received by Council in June 2018.

The purposes of the Outcomes Report were:

1. To summarise the major issues and outcomes of investigations to date.
2. To identify the issues on which there is no clear direction and where further consideration by Council and community is needed.
3. To identify actions which could proceed in the near term. Many of the outcomes sought by the community in the review relate to possible improvements to the public realm. These can be separated out and dealt with in an appropriate manner where they do not directly relate to the town planning process.
4. To gain community feedback.
5. To inform preparation of the Port Sorell and Environs Strategic Plan 2019.
6. To feed information into the drafting of the local provisions schedule for the new Tasmanian Planning Scheme to complement the approved Statewide Planning Provisions.

The draft report was placed on public exhibition for a period of 60 days. During that period 20 representations were received. Council members have been provided with a copy of each of the representations and they discussed the issues raised at a workshop held on 3 December 2018.

The draft report included a number of recommendations. These pertained not only to land use issues but also other Council and community issues.

The draft report and its recommendations is being reviewed in light of the representations received. It is anticipated that the revised report will be presented to Council at its meeting to be held on 12 March 2019. Once adopted and after further community input on the draft plan, it will be used to inform future budget decisions and as the primary reference for the preparation of a revised Port Sorell and Environs Strategic Plan that will inform the local provisions schedule for the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

Walk Your Dog to Support Therapy

Dog lovers are invited to participate in the annual Port Sorell Canine Walk on Sunday, 17 March that supports the Delta Therapy Dogs program.

The Delta Therapy Dogs Program involves a group of dedicated volunteers and their Accredited Dogs visiting North West Coast aged care facility residents, adults with disabilities and children in the classroom to share the joy of animal companionship.

To support this great program, Delta Therapy Dogs are hosting a Canine Community Walk at Port Sorell on Sunday, 17 March and would love you, with friends and family, and, of course, your dog to join them again.

There is a choice of either a 2km or 4.5 km walk. Registration commences at 10.30am alongside the Port Sorell Fire Station, Rice Street, Port Sorell with an 11.00am start. The cost is $5 per family or $3 an individual with every registration having a chance to win a prize.

On return to the fire station, indulge in a perfectly cooked sausage by the Port Sorell Fire Brigade or take your dog through the agility course.

Latrobe Council’s Animal Control Officer will also be available to speak about responsible dog ownership and raise awareness of no-go areas in the Port Sorell area.

For more information, contact Claire on 6424 8948 or just turn up on the day.

It Will Never Happen to Us!

The Special Response and Counter-Terrorism (SRCT) Unit within Tasmania Police provides subject matter expertise and consistency in advice and approach to Counter Terrorism (CT) activities in Tasmania. The SRCT is a coordination and focal point for CT activities in Tasmania as they relate to arrangements for prevention, preparedness, response and recovery from terrorist threats and/or incidents.

Crowded Places Forums are a key part of Australia’s Strategy for protecting crowded places from terrorism. The intent of the forums are to facilitate stronger partnerships with the owners and operators of Crowded Places and facilitate the flow of information on specific issues and threats. They are also a great opportunity for networking with counterparts from a wide variety of Crowded Places sectors including all three levels of Government, high-profile events, stadiums, shopping centres, education sector, sports centre, private security, event organisers, airport, transport, museum, tourist attractions, scouts, hospitality and cinemas.

The major themes discussed in past forums included:

- Update on the National context for Crowded Places
- Domestic security environment
- Hostile vehicle threat
- Hostile vehicle mitigations
Panel Session with Falls Festival, Taste of Tasmania, Inspector of Major Events, Counter Terrorism Security Advisors.

Additional forums will be held to explore current and emerging matters with the potential to also include presentations from the Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs.

If you are interested in finding out more and potentially attending the next forum, please email SRCT@police.tas.gov.au

Feral Cat Trapping Protects Environment

Feral cats cause significant detrimental impacts on our native wildlife as they spread disease, are an added predator on endangered species, and a competitor for food to native species.

Council’s Authorised Officer, John Bowden, has been successfully trapping feral cats throughout the Latrobe Municipality. Trapping has occurred at sites including Dulverton, the penguin rookery at Shearwater and around the Port Sorell Caravan Park and Camp Banksia sites.

John has recorded trapping in the 2017/18 year with 18 feral cats trapped and destroyed at Dulverton; at the Shearwater rookery 15 were destroyed and 11 around the caravan park and Camp Banksia. He was also able to report, after going back to the caravan park area, that no feral cats were sighted.

In effectively managing the health, welfare and impact of domestic cats, cat owners should consider keeping their cats inside or having an outside cat enclosure to minimise their impact on native animals and causing a nuisance to neighbouring properties (defecating and urinating in gardens, and outdoor furniture causing odour issues).

Cats can legally be taken to a cat management facility if found on a neighbours property. A fee will be charged to release your cat.

Only registered breeders are permitted, by law, to breed cats and must desex and microchip them. Microchipping your cat will ensure that it can be identified and not mistaken as a feral cat while desexing addresses the legislative requirements in relation to breeding.


Memorial Clock Installed at Swim Centre

Locals may remember Georgina (George) Crantock who tragically passed away in October 2017 after a short battle with cancer. George was Environmental Health Officer at the Kentish and Latrobe Council’s for several years and was a much-loved local involved in a number of clubs in the community including the Latrobe Swimming Club.

After George’s passing, club members decided to purchase a time clock to honour her memory and commitment to the club where she often volunteered at carnivals and encouraging new swimmers.

Pool Manager Adrian Triffett said he “couldn’t think of a more worthy recipient. The Club were very happy to purchase the clock and also thank Latrobe Council for installing it”.

George’s husband Paul Crantock said “George would have been chuffed at the new clock which will be of great benefit to lap swimmers, people training and those learning to swim. George really loved to swim and would do so at every opportunity. She particularly enjoyed the Latrobe pool due to its accessibility, cleanliness and well-run facilities. She enjoyed swimming as a means to keep fit and also as a social activity.”

Paul especially thanked the club for organising the clock and for Latrobe Council’s input.

General Access Bus Network Review

The Department of State Growth, in conjunction with consultants Phillip Boyle and Associates, has been reviewing the Devonport urban general access bus network which includes the Latrobe Municipality as part of a wider project to review all general access bus services in Tasmania.

As part of this process the department has consulted extensively with the community through public workshops and on-bus surveys and has also been working closely with the operator Merseylink and Latrobe Council.

A proposed new network which will increase the efficiency of bus services and make it a more attractive and viable transport option for users has now been developed. The report is available online at www.transport.tas.gov.au/project2018/general_access

The new network in Latrobe is designed to:

- provide more frequent services, including the proposed introduction of new Sunday services.
- operate the service in a one-way direction in Latrobe to make it easier for passengers to use.
- provide better coverage of new residential areas in east Latrobe.

State Growth is working with Merseylink to develop draft timetables for Latrobe which include frequency and hours of operation. This enables them to gain a better understanding of the implications and costings of the proposed services. These timetables will be released in due course and will continue to be monitored once the new network is implemented.

As the new network requires new bus stops, State Growth will be consulting with adjacent land owners on their proposed location and also schools regarding the timetable of services.

The network is expected to be implemented in September 2019. The community will be informed well before these changes occur.

Bells Parade Water Quality

Throughout Summer, Council’s Environmental Health Officer regularly checks the quality of water at several recreational locations throughout the Latrobe Municipality. These are locations that may have an impact on public safety should certain pre-determinants rise.

One location that continues to have a high level of microbes each January is Bells Parade, Latrobe.

When the microbes reach a certain level, the location is deemed unsuitable for swimming.

Council’s Environmental Health Officer advises that:

- “there are a variety of wildlife including ducks, swans, cattle and native animals in the river;
- there has been a reduction over the years of natural river edge vegetation that would previously have filtered agricultural runoff in to the river;
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New Facilities Nearing Completion

The brand new, expanded Latrobe ambulance station is now fully operational, while Mersey Community Hospital’s (MCH) new rehabilitation unit and helipad are almost complete.

The new ambulance station opened in early 2019, and features a garage to house four ambulances, as well as improved vehicle access, and a large education/training room, additional staff facilities and storage areas.

Works to build a state-of-the-art helipad at the hospital are also progressing swiftly, with this project due for completion in March 2019. Testing and commissioning of the helipad will follow this.

The new 12-bed rehabilitation unit on Level 2 is currently undergoing final fit-out and is due to be opened in mid-2019.

MCH Acting General Manager Anthony Hurst said hospital management had met with local residents who live near the hospital to provide an update on the many exciting capital works projects currently happening at the site.

“it was fantastic to meet and talk with residents who live near the hospital - not only to be able to provide them with an overview of all the capital work happening, but also so they could provide feedback to us and ask questions about our services and facilities,” Mr Hurst said.

“As part of the helipad project, some vegetation within the flight path of future medical services helicopters has had to be removed. It was great to be able to talk to residents about this, and they now have the option to be involved in the selection process of replacement vegetation.”

Why Report A Near Miss?

What is a near miss?

A near miss is an unplanned event that did not result in injury or accident but had the potential to do so. For example, a vehicle driving through an intersection without checking for stop signs but brakes just in time to avoid an oncoming vehicle.

The incident did not result in an accident but this was the result of good luck rather than good management. As road users we generally do not report near misses - after all, no one was hurt! However, if an accident or damage had occurred i.e. the driver did not brake in time to avoid oncoming traffic, the incident would have been reported to Tasmania Police and an investigation could have been carried out which may have resulted in some form of corrective action i.e. more prominent signage.

Why is reporting near misses important?

When near misses occur on our roads, they can be regarded as early warning signs that something may be wrong somewhere. A record of near misses could lead to corrective action that may prevent more serious injury or accidents at that location in the future.

In other words, the decision to investigate potential road safety issues is partly determined by what we report. A near miss is your early warning system. Don’t wait for an accident or injury before your act. To report a near miss, contact Tasmania Police on 131 444 or email tasmania.police@police.tas.gov.au.

If you are interested in supporting community road safety in your municipality, contact the Kentish and Latrobe Community Road Safety Committee on 6491 0200. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the Kentish Council, 69 High Street, Sheffield on Monday, 8 April 2019 at 9.30am.

Embracing the Future of Our Ageing

Embracing the Future: Tasmania’s Ageing Profile Part I is an update of the popular Facing the Future report produced by Council on the Ageing Tasmania (COTA) in 2014 and details the demographic profile of Tasmania’s ageing population today and into the future. It includes state, regional and local government area research to provide government, business and the community with data to understand and plan for Tasmania’s ageing population.

Some of the key findings from the report include:

• Tasmania’s population is ageing - it is the oldest state or territory in Australia, its population structure is ageing fastest of all states and territories, and it appears to be ageing faster than current Tasmanian projection data indicate.

• Almost 20% of Tasmania’s population is over 65 years, and four local government areas (LGAs) have over 25% of the population over 65 years. Current projections indicate that by 2037, 24 LGAs will have over 25% of the population aged over 65 years (four LGAs will have over 40% by 2037).

• Tasmania’s percentage of ageing population appears to be due to both younger people leaving the State and older people moving to the State.

• There are many opportunities and challenges that come with an ageing population, and Tasmania’s communities, state and local governments must embrace as well as plan for this demographic shift.

• The attraction of Tasmania for older mainlanders could be a real opportunity for the State, as these people bring knowledge, skills, experience and economic opportunity to Tasmania.

Part II of Embracing the Future: Tasmania’s Ageing Profile will be released by June 2019 and will present further data about older Tasmanians, including health and disability, household structure, socio-economic status, employment and cultural diversity.

Wanted

The Court House Museum next to the Latrobe Post Office needs two more volunteers. If you can spare two hours once a month, please contact Elizabeth at the Museum. Please leave your name and phone number with the volunteer on duty, if Elizabeth is unavailable. Also, would the lady who donated the shearing shears please leave her contact details at the Museum?
Forging a New Australia

Australia Day is a time that makes you think about what it means to be Australian. As a relatively young nation, we are made up of many diverse cultures, all of which have led to our unique identity.

Adopting the nationality of another country is not taken lightly and can be a very long process, with the final step in the process being the Naturalisation or Citizenship Ceremony. This ceremony is conducted by Local Government on behalf of the Federal Government.

Throughout 2018, Latrobe Council conferred citizenship on nine residents on five separate occasions.

The occasion itself is conducted to the wishes of the new citizen. Many chose the private option witnessed by family and friends while others chose a more public option and as part of a collective.

At the ceremony, Australia’s National Anthem is played, the new citizens recite their pledge to Australia, receive their Certificate and, in Latrobe’s case, a welcome gift, and sign the paperwork that entitles them to vote.

GLOMO, the Global Mobility Immigration Lawyers, have released information on their website to remove some of the mystique about this process. Why not have a read - https://glomo.com.au/australias-best-citizenship-ceremonies-how-local-councils-are-helping-forge-a-new-australia/

Council’s Current Works Report

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during March-April -

Civil Construction and Maintenance Team

- East Sassafras Road corner realignment between Chapel Road and Bass Highway
- Port Sorell Golf course drainage improvements
- Stormwater network upgrade works - Dumbleton Street, rear of Joyce Street properties and Quinlan Crescent
- Shearwater Boulevard - subsoil drainage and kerb repair
- Rural roadside mowing program
- Gravel road maintenance grading and resheeting program

Town Services Team

- Latrobe Recreation Ground improvements including main grandstand refurbishment, replace and upgrade hill bar, electrical upgrades, main entrance upgrade
- Latrobe Depot renovations
- Gilbert Street bike racks
- Elderly Persons Units - construct new gazebo at Gilbert/Madeline Street complex and replace lounge room windows in several units
- Station Square - revitalise timber furniture and shade structure
- Building maintenance program
- Footpath maintenance program
- Playground maintenance program

Green Spaces Team

- Perkins Park ground upgrades
- Development of walking tracks on Pig Island
- Mowing and lawn care program
- Tree maintenance program
- Weed spraying program
- Garden maintenance program

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Council’s Operations Manager on 6426 4453.

NBN in Latrobe

The nbn access network rollout in Tasmania is in the home stretch with just three fixed wireless towers across the state to be connected.

Tasmania will be the first state to be connected to the nbn access network.

Currently there are around 2,000 properties across Tasmania still to have the final network construction completed.

A number of these properties are in Latrobe around Percival Street, Benny Street, Bradshaw Street, Reibey Street, Gerrand Street, Laura Street, Fenton Street, Albert Street and Cotton Street.

NBNCo is currently upgrading the network in this area so that the premises can achieve the minimum speeds required. This is a normal part of the rollout that is identified when NBNCo tests the existing infrastructure and finds that it needs to be improved.

The connection for those premises is consequently delayed. The planned date when these streets will be able to connect is April 2019. As with all planned dates however, this is subject to change.

As for most of the rest of Latrobe, premises are already able to place an order for connection by contacting a telecommunications and internet retail provider of their choice.

It is important to remember that premises that can’t connect will not have their old services turned off until such time that they are able to connect, from which time they will have 18 months to place an order.

For more information visit www.nbnco.com.au

Nearby Safer Place or Evacuation Centre

With the recent Tasmanian fires, there was some confusion on the difference between a “nearby safer place” and an “evacuation centre”.

An evacuation centre is a place that is formally activated by an Incident Management Team, State Emergency Service or Local Government organisation, away from a hazard. It can also provide some respite according to how it is set up i.e. food, accommodation, access to services etc.

A nearby safer place is a place of last resort. It is not a place of refuge from the effects of the emergency but rather it is more about if everything goes pear shaped where you are, a nearby safer place may provide you with a place of “less risk”.

It is however not without risk and not manned like an evacuation centre but is assessed as a point of having some separation distance from the impact of the hazard.

Sometimes it might be just a large expanse of cleared land. While emergency services have identified generic nearby safer places throughout the Municipality, the fluidity of emergencies dictates what might be recommended at the time of a specific emergency.

You can also determine your own safer place. The Tasmania Fire Service has a checklist at https://bit.ly/2T33Iwn which can assist you with this process.
Port Sorell Water Upgrade Complete
TasWater has completed upgrades to the water main network in Port Sorell and Shearwater which included 2.5 kilometres of water mains replaced and reconnected to affected customers. The mains were replaced with larger capacity pipes to improve water pressure and ensure the system can keep up with the fast-growing population in this region.
TasWater is grateful for the patience of the community while these important works were completed in Belmont Close, Fleetwood Drive, Parkers Ford Road, Port Street, South Esplanade, Park Esplanade, Rice Street, Alexander Street and Arthur Street. Minor rectification works are underway in the affected areas to ensure the roads and grass areas are returned to the same condition they were in before the works.
Further upgrades to the water supply system will be completed in the coming months including the installation of a chlorination booster station to ensure customers in this region receive safe, treated drinking water to the tap.
For more information about this project, please contact TasWater’s Senior Community Engagement Officer, Rod Taylor on 13 6992 or email enquiries@taswater.com.au.

Swill Feeding
African Swine Fever (ASF) and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) are not present in Australia and if introduced would have a significant impact on Australia’s livestock industries. Considering the increasing distribution of ASF in parts of Asia and Europe, it is an opportune time to remind Tasmanian residents of the risks associated with swill feeding.
Swill, also known as prohibited pig feed, is food scraps or waste that contains or has come into contact with meat or meat products. Meat scraps have been traditionally fed to pigs in many parts of the world however the feeding of some types of waste to pigs (in particular illegally imported meat) could introduce a deadly risk to Australia's livestock industries. The feeding or supply of swill to pigs is illegal in all states and territories in Australia.
You can reduce the risk of your pigs catching ASF or FMD by never feeding swill and implementing sound biosecurity measures for your pig herd such as ensuring visitors and workers wear clean clothes and disinfect boots.
If you see unusual signs of disease in your pigs please contact your private veterinarian or the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline 1800 675 888.
For more information please visit https://dpiw.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/animal-biosecurity/animal-health/pigs

Funding Open for Application
The Port Sorell Community Bank (PS&LCE) and its associated agency situated in the Latrobe Newsagency is looking forward to again providing comprehensive banking service to all households, retail, commercial and rural business that make up the Latrobe Municipality. The Latrobe agency now includes a business office, providing a confidential space where you can meet with Branch Manager Phil Martin and/or branch staff to discuss your financial needs. This space will be used every Wednesday and by appointment at other times. Contact Phil at the branch (6428 8883) if you require assistance with any banking products including home, personal or rural loans, insurances or term deposits. Staff are also able to meet with you in your own environment, during or outside normal business hours on request.
The PS&LCE is proud to have provided sponsorship to almost every service and sporting club in the Latrobe Municipality and is keen to continue building relationships. Applications for sponsorship will be accepted at the branch again from March.
PS&LCE is seeking to increase its Board by recruiting five new board members. If you think you have the skills that would enhance the Board and make a difference in your community, please contact the Chairman, Jack Van Tatenhove.

Men’s Shed Notches up 240th Project
The year ahead for Latrobe Baptist looks like being very active and busy.
One of the largest gatherings for the February start to Chat ‘n Choose saw 74 people, along with tutors and organisers, enjoy a wonderful sunny morning of activities and conversation.
The Latrobe Men’s Shed received a grant from the Tasmanian Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation for new tools and equipment, with their 240th community project in their five years of operation now complete.
A Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on 10 March followed by a very busy April with Easter Services from 14 April.
A second wedding for the year will be held on 27 April and a special ANZAC Memorial Service on Sunday, 28 April to remember the many from Latrobe who have served.

Business Brainstorming Looks to Future
20+ local retailers and business operators recently brainstormed for a couple of hours, their shared vision for the Latrobe business precinct.
Chairman, Brian Wilson, started the evening with a formal vote of thanks to Alissa Jeffrey, in her absence, for her years of tireless work to the network. Alissa had earlier advised the core group that due to personal and family commitments, she felt she should step back from her role in the Latrobe Business Network. As well as a heavy involvement in the network’s general running, Alissa has been the prime mover in the very successful Businesses on Parade, run each November in Gilbert Street. Her energy and organisational ability will be greatly missed.
The remainder of the evening was spent considering options for Latrobe Council’s 2019-20 Budget deliberations.
The network considered suggestions that could improve the appeal and functionality of the Latrobe CBD, from additions to the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame at Bells Parade through to how better use could be made of Station Square as a town centre.
More information about the Latrobe Business Network is available from Brian on 0417 367 128.

Arts Program Grows
The next Rubicon River Arts meeting will be at 10:00am, Saturday, 13 April and 4 May. Meetings are usually held on the first Saturday of the month however there are occasions where they are sometimes delayed to allow for workshops (refer to the What’s On calendar for details). On 17 March, members will be participating in an outing to the Patterdale and Glover exhibition at Evandale.
Rubicon River Arts has a current group exhibition at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. This will change in April with a month long exhibition by Katherine Tyson and a further group exhibition in May.

Rubicon River Arts Inc happenings can be found on Facebook or email rubiconriverarts@outlook.com.au, call Angela on 0498 243 460 or call in to Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. New members are always welcome.

Imagine a Club ...
Imagine a club that distributed $140,000 during the 2016 floods.
Imagine a club that runs the annual Christmas Parade.
Imagine a club that caters at community and school events.
Imagine a club that supports youth through the Lions Youth of the Year.
Imagine a club that coordinates the Henley-on-Mersey Australia Day festival.
Imagine a club that supports the less able and people in need.
Imagine a club that fundraises for community improvements.
Imagine a club that sponsors school end of year awards.
Now imagine the community without that club.
That club needs a boost in membership or a helping hand otherwise it will be no more. If you would like to know more and can give “two more hands”, please urgently contact Kae on 0438 241 129.

Following the recent Lions Youth of the Year Quest coordinated by Lion Julie, club members are gearing up to participate in the North West Relay for Life event on 16-17 March.

Just a reminder that used spectacles may be left at Coventry’s Pharmacy, the Latrobe Family Medical Practice or Morse’s Butchery. These items are sent overseas to third world countries, improving the life of the vision impaired.

Strathdevon Reveals New Look
Uniting AgeWell’s new-look Latrobe Community, Strathdevon, is preparing to welcome new residents in April.
The $10m renovation and 30-bed extension of Strathdevon is on track for completion this month, enabling more people to remain in their local community as they move into residential aged care.
Uniting AgeWell used environmentally sustainable principles to create a modern and vibrant village for the residents, giving the existing building a modern facelift and designing 16 rooms to meet the needs of the indigenous community.

Already complete is a new laundry, state-of-the-art ‘cook fresh’ kitchen, community café, chapel, multipurpose room with cinema-like capabilities, gym, hair salon, dementia-friendly sensory garden, resident activity areas, additional parking and a new entrance from Moriarty Road.
Construction of the new residential wing is near complete. Uniting AgeWell CEO Andrew Kinnersly said the major upgrade demonstrated the organisation’s ongoing commitment to providing high-quality care to northern and north western Tasmanians.

The community is invited to view the changes at an Open Day in the coming weeks. There will be tours of the site, activities and information about accessing aged care.
To find out more or organise a personal tour outside this day, phone 6426 2844 or visit unitingagewell.org.

Looking to the Future
After 60 years of worship, the Bridge of Hope Anglican Church at Port Sorell has moved to a new location in a shared facility at Rubicon Grove. Sunday services at 9.30am and all activities will be held in the new building.
In 2015 ideas were sought to enlarge the current building to help the church to expand its ministry and become more sustainable in the future. Some issues addressed were carparking, space, maintenance and the possibility of building a new complex. After deliberation, the congregation agreed to lease a new community facility at Rubicon Grove.
This proposal has now become a reality and the existing church closed on 24 February.
The present congregation appreciates the people who have contributed over the years and is now looking forward to a new chapter in the church’s history.
A service to be attended by the Bishop of Tasmania will be held on Sunday, 7 April at 9.30am to launch the new ministry. A warm invitation is extended to everyone.
The church recently welcomed a Locum Minister Reverend. Susan Willis who will lead services and help in the ministry of the Parish in the coming months.
For more information about the Bridge of Hope Anglican Church at Port Sorell, please contact Grant Atkins on 6428 7810.

Curtis Impresses National Coach
In January, Latrobe croquet player Curtis Mead participated in the Australian Under 21 Golf Croquet Championships held in Adelaide. Curtis just missed out on a place in the final four but went on to win the consolation event, which awarded him the title of Division 2 Australian Champion, from fellow Tasmanian Miley Fleming (Kingston). The two boys then teamed up to place third in the Doubles.
National coach Terry Ericson was so impressed with Curtis’ potential that he has offered to travel down from Queensland later in the year to give him some one on one coaching.

Picture: Curtis Mead (L) & Miley Fleming (R) Australian Under 21 Division 2 Champions
The Latrobe Croquet Club recently held their Golf Croquet Championships with Division 1 won by Patsy Paine in a final played with Gina Kirkland. Division 2 was won by Malcolm Maney in a final played with John Sumpton. The club is very pleased to have been asked to co-host, with the Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre at St Leonards, the 2020 National Championships which will be held in mid-September. This event attracts players from all over Australia and should prove to be a great way to showcase Latrobe.

If you are interested in trying the fascinating game of croquet, give Chris a call on 0499 990 239.

One Day Not Long Enough for Shedders

The recent Markets by the Beach, coordinated by the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, were a great success for the Port Sorell Men’s Shed. Prize winners of the Port Sorell Men’s Shed raffle were 1st. C Acheson, 2nd P Dixon, 3rd Mrs Shepard, 4th T Kitson, 5th L Evans and 6th A Jeffries. Thanks to all who supported the shed.

A bus trip to the Wooden Boat show in February was enjoyed by all who went. It was pleasing to see members from five other sheds join the occasion with the only downside being that the one day was not long enough.

More trips are planned so keep your eye out at the Shed for details.

The social BBQ’s on Fridays continue to be well patronised and enjoyed by all.

The Port Sorell Men’s Shed has a wide range of plant and equipment for members’ use. Additionally, many projects are supported throughout the community.

If you are interested in happenings at the Port Sorell Men’s Shed, its opening hours are Monday-Thursday inclusive from 9.30am-3.30pm and Friday 9.30am until approx. 2.00pm with the BBQ commencing at 11.30am. Annual membership remains at a reasonable $45.

Surf Club Redevelopment Getting Closer

It has been a busy season for the 45 patrolling lifeguards on the Port Sorell beaches these holidays. After a spate of rescues by Port Sorell Surf Club crews, mainly of inflatable vessels with or without occupants, an article in The Advocate newspaper brought the Club’s President and Junior Club Captain straight into the public eye. This was a timely reminder of the pathways available at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club and what can be provided; from excited, young and inexperienced flippers training on our beaches and learning about the environment and safety, to Senior members proficient in bronze medallions, advanced resuscitation and capturing skills, keeping locals and visitors safe.

Club redevelopment plans are on display in the noticeboard on the front of the surf club and form the basis of future funding applications. $300,000 is needed to make this expansion come to fruition, which are intended to meet the future needs of the club.

Club members will again be participating in the State Junior and Senior Championships, this time being held in Burnie and Carlton Park respectively.

The Club is competing well in the various statewide carnivals with great participation rates and best efforts by all involved.

For more information about the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, look for them on Facebook; their new website www.portsorellsurfsc.org.au or contact Public Relations and Communications Officer, Lisa Sanderson, on portsorellslsc@gmail.com

776 Enrolments for 38 Courses

The University of the Third Age (U3A) Port Sorell provides a diverse range of educational, creative and leisure programs to engage retired or semi-retired people over the age of 50 years in their ongoing well-being. Offered through participation in stimulating programs which support their physical and mental health, participation also provides the opportunity for social interaction and networking within the local community.

2019 has commenced with an amazing 776 enrolments for 38 courses in Term 1, with a diverse range of subjects, including some that are new to their program, such as: Cleopatra (Ptolemy VII); Shares, Investing or Gambling through to Bicycle Riding and Piano.

In addition to their regular courses, they also offer several interesting “one-off” educational presentations throughout the year. These are open to members and the public. On 15 March at 2.30pm, the topic will be “Weighty Issues - A New Approach to Healthy Living with Modern Technology”, presented by Viv Turner at a cost of $2 at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell.

At the same venue on 8 April, Warwick Morgan will talk about his father, who was an Olympic Equestrian, involved in the racing industry, and who went on to develop a leasehold of over a million acres in the Northern Territory. The cost of entry for this presentation will be $5, which includes wine and cheese.

The annual membership fee is $45 and there is a small additional charge, usually $2 per class, sometimes a little more depending on the type of class, materials etc.

Port Sorell U3A’s Annual General Meeting is to be held at 3.30pm on Wednesday, 27 March at the Banksia Centre. This will be immediately followed by a General Meeting. Port Sorell U3A is based at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell with office hours from 10:00 am until 12 noon Monday - Friday, phone 0499 162 539.

In the meantime, information about Port Sorell U3A can be found on the website at portsorellu3anet.org.au.

Exercising the Mind and Body

If you are looking for soft and gentle exercise of mind and body to take you through the cooler months ahead, please join Tai Chi at Port Sorell at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell on Thursday mornings at 9.15am for an hour long class.

Beginners and previous practitioners are welcome. Both men and women can enjoy the benefits of refining breathing techniques and recovering balance in body and mind.

Slow and smooth movement is practiced, which can be done seated or standing in a non-competitive and non-judgmental environment.

Want to know more, please contact Barbara on 6425 5275 or email barb3taichi@gmail.com
Learning Art in Latrobe

The Crowded Lounge art program has started with a rush in 2019. Pat Southern-Peace, a former Senior lecture at University of Cumbria, Lancaster, England, kicked the year off with 20 students all learning the finer skills of Urban Sketching. Such fun was had, drawing local buildings, with a little journaling and lettering. Pat stopped off here in Tasmania as part of a three-month teaching tour, taking in Sydney, the NSW Central Coast and the Blue Mountains.

Hot on the heels of Pat’s workshop were two talented local tutors, introducing students to their medium.

Sandy Michell has run an Introduction to Watercolour and a Master Class, whilst Ashlee Griffith has started her year with an Introduction to Coloured Pencils.

Both tutors now join June Wilson (Pastels) to run regular weekly classes for both beginners and advanced students.

All this creative activity is conducted in the coffee-filled atmosphere of The Crowded Lounge where “you gather with old friends and meet new ones!”

Details can be found on thecrowdedlounge.com or by calling 0406 772 947.

Life Expectancy Increases through Tennis

The Latrobe Tennis Club is currently opening their books for new members to join them on fun filled evenings of tennis on Tuesday and Thursdays starting at 5.30pm as well as Sunday morning for a social hit starting at 10.00am. All levels of experience are welcome and if you can brave it, which most of them do, they play through the winter under lights.

The clubhouse is licensed and often sees members stop and have a drink and a chat after the game.

The Latrobe Tennis Club has an equal mix of male and female players who are all very welcoming and would love to see new players join the club.

Latrobe Tennis Club President, Mr Roger Cuff, said “a recent ABC health article reported tennis tops the list of sports for increasing life expectancy by 9.7 years. I think we can all agree that’s a great way to live longer. Tennis also allows you to compete as an individual and as a team player all in one.

Our coach runs Hotshots on Wednesday for the smaller children, which is very popular.

Come along and give it a try, you have nothing to lose by seeing what we are all about.”

Further information is available by phoning 0403 939 433.

Suggestions Invited on Favourite Authors

Did you know that Libraries Tasmania orders new items every month? The Latrobe Library can help you find the latest offerings from popular authors and are happy to take suggestions for other items. It is also just the place to find books, magazines, dvds and more.

The Library also has a range of regular programs for adults and children throughout the year. These include:

- Twisted Stitches - a knitting/crochet club from 1.30pm-3.30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month. No experience is required, BYO yarn and needles/hook. Tutors provided.
- Latrobe Book Club is a get together to discuss books and movies that have been seen over the past month. There is no set book list. The next book club is on Tuesday 13 March 2019.
- Rock and Rhyme from 10.00am every Monday morning, apart from public holidays and school holidays, involves singing, dancing and making music to songs and rhymes. Story books are read and craft activities enjoyed. Just turn up and sing!
- The Latrobe Library Computer Hub offers printing, photocopying and scanning as well as assistance with computer basics and refresher skills.

The Latrobe Library is open from 1.00pm until 5.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Latrobe Library computer Hub is open every day from 10.00am until 5.00pm apart from Wednesdays.

We publish a regular “What’s On Newsletter” so drop in a pick up a copy.

Port Sorell Playgroup Reconvenes

The Port Sorell Community Playgroup has started up again after the school holidays and welcomed many new families in the first few sessions. This year they will extend their birth to 5-year-old children through a program of free play and structured activities, based at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall which is next to the Port Sorell Caravan Park playground on Meredith Street, Port Sorell.

Port Sorell Community Playgroup are affiliated with Playgroup Tasmania which costs $10 per family per year to join and provides loads of discounts including early bird access to the popular Playschool Concerts. There is then a $3 per family per week cost for the actual playgroup.

Port Sorell Community Playgroup have up-to-date toys and art supplies to keep everyone entertained with a big focus on gross motor development and plenty of opportunities to jump, run, slide and play outside, or stay cosy in the hall on cold days.

In a recent Playgroup Tasmania statewide survey, they found that one of the most important functions of a community playgroup is to provide a regular meeting place for families to help them feel connected and less socially isolated. This is particularly important in the transient Port Sorell area, where many families land for the first time in Tasmania.

Entirely run by volunteers, Port Sorell Community Playgroup welcome new families to come along and make friends, share a cuppa, let the kids socialise, learn and play, and make a mess outside!

Follow their Facebook page and turn up on Tuesdays from 10:00am-12 noon at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall.
A Wealth of Genealogy Information

The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc Mersey branch is again holding courses as part of Port Sorell U3A. The branch offers support by knowledgeable members on resources available when researching your family history. The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc Mersey branch has many items available and access to other records at their history library. Postal directories, Electoral roles, Parish records from local churches, cemetery and burial records for all the local small cemeteries in the Latrobe Municipality are but a few sources held. The history library holds hundreds of books on local family histories, local history, education, churches, funeral directors, military, etc. These have been catalogued and many have had their index added to the branch’s computers and are able to be searched by surname. So, whether you have researched all your family history, “hit a brick wall” or new to family research, come on along either by joining the Port Sorell U3A course or visiting the history library at the rear of Latrobe Library in the old police residence on Wednesday or Friday between 10.00am to 3.00pm. Enquiries can be directed to 6426 2257 or the branch Secretary on 6428 6328.

RSL Annual General Meeting Scheduled

The Latrobe RSL Sub-Branch is in full swing for the 2019 year with it timely to remind any folk wishing to renew memberships or connections with the Latrobe RSL, anytime soon would be appreciated.

The Annual General Meeting for the Latrobe RSL Sub-Branch Inc. will be held Wednesday 20 March at 7.30pm in an area set aside for this purpose at our offices (otherwise known as Belly’s Bar and Grill) at 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

ANZAC Day is approaching with the club advising there will be a Dawn (6.00am) Service at the Latrobe Cenotaph on ANZAC Day followed by cooked, buffet breakfast at Belly’s (last year’s cost was $10). All are welcome. This will be followed by the 10.00am Citizens Commemorative Services coordinated by Latrobe Council. All are welcome to attend both services.

If you would like to know more about the Latrobe RSL Sub-Branch, please contact incumbent Secretary, Mrs Betty Manners on 0447 021 776 or come to the bar area of the club on a Friday evening between 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

Tennis Day Flying High for Another Year

The Port Sorell Tennis Club is again running four nights of doubles tennis; mixed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:00pm; Tuesdays from 10:00am for older players and lady’s tennis from 6:00pm on Tuesday evenings. Alongside this, coach Mr Peter Georgiades is running his junior tennis coaching after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Private coaching is available by contacting Mr Georgiades on 0439 637 301 or visit his Facebook page “Port Sorell Tennis Coaching”.

In March, club representatives will head to the Forth Tennis Club to participate in an “inter club” fun day. This is an opportunity for Port Sorell tennis players to showcase their skills and enjoyment for tennis. A return match will be arranged later in the year.

The club’s two Radcliffe stars continue to shine. Annabelle had a successful trip to poly for Tasmania in the Bruce Cup, one of only seven young people chosen from the North and North West. She has also recently been awarded an Australian Institute of Sport grant in support of her attendance at the Bruce Cup, alongside sponsorship from the Club.

Felicity continues to spread her wings and is currently awaiting advice as to whether she has been successful in making the Pizzi Cup team. She also continues to help with tennis coaching across the coast.

Alongside all on the court, the Committee are working hard to develop the facility to provide a top-class playing environment all year round.

A grant has been submitted to replace court lights with new, LED club standard lighting with planning underway for a club house redevelopment, including fully functional change rooms and toilet block.

If you are interested in learning more about Port Sorell Tennis Club or would like to join a roster, or do some tennis coaching, then please email portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com.

Suggestions Sought for Community Projects

The Rotary Club of Latrobe continues to follow avenues of service within the community.

Most recently the Rotary Club of Latrobe, along with the Lions Club of Latrobe and Latrobe Council, helped organise and run the Henley-on-Mersey Australia Day festival, another successful and entertaining day.

The club is looking forward to the upcoming Community Awards night, when it will recognise several members of the Latrobe Municipality for their contribution to the community.

The Club has several community and youth projects underway where they can contribute to ongoing support to these areas.

The club is currently looking for minor and large community project they can actively support. Please send them your ideas to info@rcol.org.au.

If you are interested in joining their busy and active group, contact them as above or visit www.rcol.org.au to learn more.

Port Sorell parkrun

Would you like to become more active but don’t know where to start?

Do you find it difficult to stick to a day and time to be active?

Perhaps you enjoy being active but don’t like to do it on your own?

We might just have the answer you’re looking for! Ever heard of parkrun?

Come and join some of your fellow active community members every Saturday at 9:00am for a free, timed 5km walk or run. Bring your dog, bring a friend, bring the kids or pram (no bike or scooters please). Run it, walk it, stroll it or jog it - how you parkrun is up to you. No prizes, no pressure.


Fundraising Functions Benefit Aged
Rubicon Grove Auxiliary has commenced 2019 with a good attendance at its first meeting in February. The Auxiliary is once again looking at a year of fund-raising functions, to enable the residents of Rubicon Grove to benefit significantly.

The Auxiliary will be holding its Annual General Meeting on 20 March 20 with current President Noelle Geeves indicating that she will not be re-nominating for this position.

“Since becoming President in March 2014, my time working alongside a wonderful group of ladies has been a great journey for me. To know our tireless efforts of fundraising each year, are truly appreciated by the residents of Rubicon Grove and the staff.

If you are new to the district, wanting to meet others and put your valuable spare time to good use, come and join Rubicon Grove Auxiliary,” said Mrs Geeves.

The Auxiliary meets on the third Wednesday of every second month throughout the year at Rubicon Grove, 89 Club Drive Port Sorell, at 1.30pm.

Future meeting dates include 20 March (AGM), 15 May, 17 July, 18 September and 20 November.

Enquiries can be made by phoning 0408 637 019.

Pancakes and Waterslides Prove Popular

January and February have proved as busy as ever for the Port Sorell Lions Club. It kicked off with weekly raffles in the caravan park and Sunday morning pancakes and ice-cream in the Port Sorell Caravan Park camp kitchen, the proceeds of which will be donated to Relay for Life.

Australia Day celebrations commenced with the waterslide where there was a never-ending line of children waiting their turn to get as wet as possible on a scorching hot day. The queues for pancakes and ice-cream with topping were constant for three hours and the barbeque was equally patronised.

In early February, the Club supplied lunch for 150 Harley Davidson Owners Group members (HOGS) at the scenic Forth Cricket ground. It was pleasing to have members’ complimentary feedback on the quality of their BBQ lunch.

March too is a busy month with Relay for Life at Penguin and a morning tea for 120 members of the British Motorcycle Club of Tasmania during their National Veteran Motorcycle Rally for pre-1919 motorbikes.

Any community minded member of the public who would like to meet people and have fun while giving something back to the community is invited to contact Denzil King on 6428 6234 with a view to becoming a member of the Port Sorell Lions Club.

Less Stuff, More Life

Decluttering is currently ‘on trend’ due to Marie Kondo’s series on tidying up. Did you know we have an established decluttering service in the Latrobe municipality?

“Declutter with Di” began in Shearwater but covers the Coast through to Launceston.

People choose to declutter if moving to a new house, downsizing, after losing a loved one, or when they feel overwhelmed with “stuff”. Some seniors are decluttering now to save their children the bother. Swedes call it “dostadning” or “death cleaning”. The name is off-putting, but the concept is positive.

Decluttering is not just a physical process. When we physically declutter we also mentally declutter. It’s also an emotional process, revisiting memories that are triggered by our possessions. This can make decluttering a daunting task to undertake by yourself.

As a decluttering mentor, Di can provide practical help to simplify and organise your home. Learn how to live with less - stuff, work and stress! Create space for what really matters and save precious time by following organisational strategies.

Di offers a free consultation and will tailor a personal plan to address your needs and goals. She is also available as a guest speaker and workshop presenter.

For more information phone Di on 0438 843 149 or message Di at facebook.com/declutterwithdi.

Band Ready for Hectic Season

The Latrobe Federal Band are preparing for a few different events coming up over the next few months, pursing their aim to enjoy playing music and providing enjoyment to others in doing so.

The first will be an appearance at Steamfest, Sheffield on 10 March followed by some of the Juniors rehearsing with the North West Junior Band, as they prepare to compete in the National Brass Band Championships in Brisbane this Easter.

Each year the Band aims to perform an ANZAC Concert. This year they will be holding the concert on 24 April from 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall. Flyers will be posted around town with details. Tickets will be available at the door or at the Latrobe Council office at a cost of $10 adult, $5 children.

ANZAC Day will see the Band performing its usual duties - leading the Latrobe Dawn Service march, leading the march and performing at the Latrobe Citizens Commemorative Service as well as the march at Sheffield and concluding with the march for the Railton Service.

In May, the Band will be providing musical entertainment at the sold out “Harry Potter - Inspired Interactive Dining Experience” at Providore Place, Devonport.

For more information contact Secretary Leigh Heron on 0417 348 258. All new members, experienced and beginners, are welcome.

Funding Opportunities

Tasmania Community Fund - Large Grants

The Tasmanian Community Fund is calling for Stage 1 applications for a range of collaborative and sustainable projects increase Tasmanian’s capacity and capability to engage with or continue to engage with the workforce and educational opportunities in one or more of the following areas -

- Increasing the number of young people in employment, education and training
- Improving linkages between employment, education and training
- Increasing participation rates in education, training and lifelong learning that lead to increased workforce participation
- Increasing life aspirations and attainment
• Increasing functional literacy and numeracy (including financial and digital literacy)
• Improving language skills for Tasmanians for whom English as a second language is a barrier to participation
• Increasing capacity to transition through life stages

Funding amount - a total pool of $5 million is available for allocation with Stage 1 projects invited for $100,000 to $500,000).

Closes - 6 March 2019

For more information - Lola Cowle on 6232 7043 or email admin@tascomfund.org

Tasmania Community Fund - Small and Medium Grants

Funding applications are invited in the following five categories -

- Children and young people - supporting children and young people to reach their potential
- Community participation and recreation - supporting participation and volunteering in community activities, pastimes and events
- Community wellbeing and life skills - supporting sustainable and healthy communities, improving individual and community resilience, and overcoming barriers
- Connecting communities - supporting connections between and within communities through technology, transport and infrastructure
- Culture, arts and heritage - supporting a creative Tasmania, and preserving and celebrating our history.

To be eligible to apply, organisations must be not-for-profit, incorporated or be a not-for-profit legal entity, or sponsored by an incorporated organisation or a not-for-profit legal entity and based in Tasmania or proposing to undertake a project in Tasmania.

Funding amount - the total funding pool for Small and Medium Grants is in the order of $3 million with up to $20,000 available for small grants and between $20,000 and $70,000 for medium grants.

Closes -

- Small applications: 20 March 2019
- Medium applications: 10 April 2019.

For more information - general enquiries and small grants - Cheryl Walker on 6232 7395 while for Medium grant applications, contact Toni Ashlin on 6232 7269. Both are reachable via admin@tascomfund.org

Hydro Tasmania’s 2019 Community Grant Program

Grants are available to small, non-profit organisations for projects that address a defined need and will have an ongoing positive impact in the wider community.

To be considered for this program applicants must demonstrate that:

• The project will achieve a desired outcome for the wider community and will benefit a significant number of residents.
• The applicant and the project is based in Tasmania.
• The project has good prospects of successful implementation within 12 months and the applicant has considered long-term costs and/or maintenance.
• The organisation and the project do not conflict with Hydro Tasmania’s values, ethics and safety culture.
• The project has not received significant funding from another source.
• Applicants must be willing to provide information and photographs during the project for use by Hydro Tasmania.

Funding amount - up to $5,000

Closes - 5.00pm on 31 March. Grant awarded by 30 June 2019.

For more information, go online to www.hydro.com.au/community/community-grants or, if you wish to speak with someone, contact Kate Hickey, Community Coordinator on 0428 978 588 or email kate.hickey@hydro.com.au

Emerging Needs Grants

Funding eligible organisations that do not currently receive financial support from Latrobe Council and who have identified and seek to address a need with tangible and self-sustaining outcomes within the Latrobe Municipality in the fields of environment, health and community welfare; and sport and recreation.

Funded projects include equipment purchases, simple facility or infrastructure improvements, research or planning projects, and projects to develop and empower the community.

Funding amount - up to $2,000 per project

Closes - 9 May 2019

For more information, contact Michelle Dutton on 6426 4444 or email council@latrobe.tas.gov.au

Arts, Culture and Festivals Sponsorship

Funding eligible organisations to nurture new and established arts, culture and events activities in the Latrobe Municipality; which result in self-sustaining social, cultural and economic benefits for the municipality in to the future.

Funding amount - up to $1,500 per project

Closes - 9 May 2019

For more information, contact Michelle Dutton on 6426 4444 or email council@latrobe.tas.gov.au

What’s On

Information on regular, weekly activities is detailed on Council’s website at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au (under tourism).

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1 Shannon Hunter performs at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater from 6.30pm until 10.00pm. Free event. Bookings not essential. 6428 6205

2 Speedway Racing at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Road, Latrobe featuring Super Sedans, Sprintcar (State Title), Formula 500, Juniors, Modifieds (State Title), AMCA and Karts. Gates open at 3.00pm. Karts from 4.00pm. Main track racing from 6.00pm. Admission fees apply. 11 and under free. Eftpos facilities available. 0417 593 518

7 Port Sorell Community Information Evening detailing location specific Council activities at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 7:00pm. Attendee registrations required to 64264444.

8 Trev Weaver performs at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater from 6.30pm until 10.00pm. Free event. Bookings not essential. 6428 6205
9 Continental and Fair Isle Knitting Workshop with Irene Nissen at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre and Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. Every second Saturday monthly until 10 August 2019. Cost is $110 Non-members, $90 members. Book with Irene at irenenissen@bigpond.com.

10 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.00am until 11.15am. BYO gardening implements and wear appropriate clothing. Free sausage sizzle and drink at conclusion. 0417 598 116

10 Thanksgiving Harvest Service at the Latrobe Baptist Church, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.00am. All welcome.

10 Agent 99 perform at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater from 7.00pm until 10.30pm. $5 entry. Bookings not essential. 6428 6205

12 Latrobe Council Meeting from 5:00pm at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. All welcome.

15 “Weighty Issues - A New Approach to Healthy Living with Modern Technology”, presented by Viv Turner at a cost of $2 at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell. This is a Port Sorell U3A presentation open to the wider community to attend.

16 Leonard Tome perform at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater from 6.30pm until 10.00pm. Free event. Bookings not essential. 6428 6205

16 Botanical Drawing workshop with Helen Richards at the Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. Helen will teach easy techniques for beginners to advanced at a cost of $40 Non-members, $35 for members. BYO materials, list on request. Bookings to be made via helengay.richards@bigpond.com

17 Port Sorell Canine Community Walk from the Port Sorell Fire Station, Rice Street, Latrobe. Registrations from 10.30am, departing at 11.00am. 2km and 4.5km walks Cost: $5 family; $3 individuals with proceeds supporting the great work of the Delta Therapy Dogs. Come and try the agility course and indulge in a sausage sizzle after the walk. 6424 8948

17 Thanksgiving Harvest Service at the Sassafras Community Church, 14 Chapel Road, Sassafras from 10.30am. All welcome.

17-24 Harmony Week Tasmania Sport, food, music and entertainment plays an important role to promote cultural diversity. Events registrations are accepted at www.harmonytasmania.com/index.php/events/register-event/ or email projects@mcot.org.au

23 Speedway Racing at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Road, Latrobe featuring Super Sedans, Sprintcars, Street Stocks, Formula 500, Wingless Sprints, Juniors, Modifieds and Karts. Gates open at 3.00pm. Karts from 4.00pm. Main track racing from 6.00pm. Admission fees apply. 0417 593 518

24 Harvest Festival Service at the Wesley Vale Community Church, Port Sorell Main Road, Wesley Vale from 10.00am. All welcome. 0408 568 847

30 Chiseled perform at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater from 7.00pm until 10.30pm. $5 entry. Bookings not essential. 6428 6205
increase their bike control. Free but bookings are essential to Shellie Wakefield, Cycling Tasmania on 0498 882 389 or shellie.wakefield@cycling.org.au

19 Good Friday Church Services
9.30am - Rubicon Grove, Club Drive, Shearwater
10.00am - Stations of the Cross at St Joseph’s Mass Centre, Wilson Street, Port Sorell
10.00am - Latrobe Baptist Church, 125 Gilbert Street, Latrobe
11.00am - Stations of the Cross at St Patrick’s Church, 195 Gilbert Street, Latrobe
11.00am - Bridge of Hope, Hamilton Street, Latrobe

21 Easter Sunday Church Services
6.30am - Sunrise Service at the End of Vine Street on Hawley Beach
8.00am - St Patrick’s Church, 195 Gilbert Street, Latrobe
8.00am - St Joseph’s Mass Centre, Wilson Street, Port Sorell
10.00am - Latrobe Baptist Church, 125 Gilbert Street, Latrobe
10.00am - Wesley Vale Community Church, Wesley Vale Road, Port Sorell
10.30am - Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 16 Meredith Street, Port Sorell
10.30am - Sassafras Community Church, 14 Chapel Road, Sassafras
11.00am - Bridge of Hope, Hamilton Street, Latrobe
11.00am - Bridge of Hope, 45 Hermitage Lane, Newground

21 Gypsy Rose performs at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater from 4.00pm until 8.00pm. $5 entry. Bookings not essential. 📞 6428 6205

24 ANZAC Concert in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 7.00pm. Tickets available from either Latrobe Council or at the door on the night. Cost $10 adult, $5 child. 📞 0417 348 258

25 Latrobe Dawn ANZAC Day Service at the Latrobe Centenaph, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. March steps off from James Street, Latrobe at 5.45am. Road closures apply for the march and Service with detours via Cotton Street. No wreaths are laid at this Service. If you would like to participate in the March, please register by 18 April to Latrobe RSL. Breakfast follows at Bellys Bar and Grill, 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. 📞 0447 021 776

25 Port Sorell Dawn ANZAC Day Service at the Port Sorell Defence Memorial, cnr Rice and Meredith Streets, Latrobe. Limited off-street parking adjacent to the Port Sorell Recreation Ground. No wreaths are laid at this Service. Breakfast follows at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, cnr Meredith and Darling Streets, Port Sorell. 📞 0407 852 946

25 Latrobe Citizens Commemorative ANZAC Day Service at the Latrobe Centenaph, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. March steps off from James Street, Latrobe at 9.50am. Road closures apply for the march and Service with detours via Cotton Street. If you wish to lay a wreath or book at this Service, please register with Latrobe Council on 6426 4444 or michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au by 18 April.

If you would like to participate in the March, please register by 18 April to Latrobe RSL - 0447 021 776.

25 The Ringmasters perform at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater from 1.00pm until 5.00pm. Free event. Bookings not essential. 📞 6428 6205

30 Targa Tasmania Lunch Break and Moriarty Stage. The lunch break for all participants will be held at the Latrobe Recreation Ground, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9.45am until 2.00pm. The Moriarty Stage of Targa includes Valleyfield Road, along Oppenheims Road, in to Hermitage Lane and concludes along Bonneys Lane which means that these roads will be closed to all traffic from 10.25am until 2.55pm.

May

5 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.00am until 11.15am. BYO gardening implements and wear appropriate clothing. Free sausage sizzle and drink at conclusion. 📞 0417 598 116

6 Introduction to Needlework Workshop with Helen West and Ros Donald at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre and Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. Every Monday until 8 July 2019. Costs apply. Bookings to roslyn.donald@gmail.com

13 Latrobe Council Meeting from 5:00pm at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. All welcome.

June

1 Hook Rug Workshop with Joanne at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre and Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe. Costs apply. Bookings to wildjoanne1@gmail.com

Your Elected Representatives
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D/Mayor Graeme BROWN.....6426 1404 or 0417 598 116
Shayne (Cush) ALLISON .............................................. 0449 792 648
Michael McLAREN................................................. 6426 2777
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