



FERTILE SOIL PRODUCES AWARD WINNING RESULTS

It is said that the Latrobe Municipality has some of the best agricultural land in the country. This statement was recently supported as three local properties were recognised for their excellence in poppy production at the annual Tasmanian Alkaloids Grower Awards.

These prestigious awards recognise the “best of the best” from more than 250 farmers growing for the Westbury-based business.

Tasmanian Alkaloids Field Operations Manager, Noel Beven said “the Tasmanian Alkaloids Grower Awards methodology was changed this year to better reflect the fact that Tasmania’s regions really are extremely different when it comes to climate and soil structure.”

Four different varieties of poppies are grown for Tasmanian Alkaloids - Ted (Thebaine), Tasman (Codeine), Eve (Oripavine) and Noscapine.

“The four varieties have vastly different outputs in terms of kilos of alkaloid harvested per hectare, so we felt it was appropriate to award a prize to the best producer of each of the varieties in each of the two zones,” said Mr Beven.

Zone 1, which is west of Bishopsbourne Road to the North and West, covers our area with awards presented for the production of -

- Ted - Craigie Bros, Andrew Craigie, Latrobe
- Tasman - Addison Farm Produce P/L, James Addison, Harford
- Eve - Skelbrook Produce, Bill, Sheryl, Scott and Brad Rockliff, Sassafras

with Kim Braid “just up the road at Lower Barrington” taking out the Noscapine Award.

“We are very proud to work with resilient and resourceful farmers who always work hard to grow the best quality poppies in Tasmania,” Mr Beven said.



Photo: Sassafras Poppy Field c. Neil Hargreaves, film and photo

With contracting now complete for the coming season, and 180 growers are set to plant some 3,400 Ha statewide, Executive General Manager - Alkaloid Raw Material Business, Peta Dolan, said “Tasmanian Alkaloids is well positioned into the future as the major supplier of alkaloid raw materials to the globe’s largest producers of pain-relieving medications.”

NOMINATE A LOCAL ACHIEVER AND COMMUNITY EVENT

Nominations are open for the 2021 Latrobe Municipality Australia Day Awards, which celebrate the achievements and contributions of highly respected residents who contribute to the Latrobe Council area.

They inspire us through their achievements and challenge us to make our own contribution to creating a better municipality. This year has been particularly tough but there are still people in our community that have made a difference and inspire and strengthen our community. Reflect on who is active in your community, respect them by nominating them for an award and celebrate their work achievements and inspiring stories. These are normally people that do not do what they do for recognition but because they want to make a difference in their community. Please take the time to nominate them so we can all show our appreciation.

In the 2020 awards, tireless community campaigner Carolyn McLennan was Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year was Tess Horton and Community Event of the Year was Port Sorell parkrun.

While many events have been cancelled this year, there are still many wonderful organisations that have continued to bring the community together and are worth considering for nomination.

Nomination forms are available from the Latrobe Council office or online at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/austdayawards.



Photo: Tess Horton, Carolyn McLennan, Deb Hicks and Mayor Freshney

YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Peter FRESHNEY ... 0417 287 006
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DISCOVERING CREATIVES

If there has been a good part of life slowing down due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it is that many residents are exploring their creativeness that they then share to encourage movement through the community.

There are a few people that have taken up the hobby of painting rocks and hiding them throughout the Port Sorell community to be discovered.



Photo: Some of the painted rocks hidden around Port Sorell.

“On locating the painted rocks, they can either keep them or put them elsewhere. It is not something new, there are a lot of people painting rocks and even Facebook groups such as Tazzy Rockz and TAS ROCKS that share photos of the painted rocks talent, but it is an enjoyable past time.

Along with a large variety of paints available from local art supplier Virtue’s Spirit at 93 Gilbert Street, Latrobe, now have glow in the dark paints which make for an eerie look at night and colourful look by day,” said local rock painting enthusiast, Mrs Sharrone Brown.

The bushland in our community also have a number of fairies making their homes there.

Shanli Perkins has created a series of miniature secret fairy homes that can be discovered in Pitcairn Reserve near Port Sorell Primary School while the fairy village at the northern end of Pig Island, established by Emma Harris a number of years ago, still remains to the delight of littlies.

While tempting to take a piece of the fairy creations home with you, please don’t. Please leave them for the fairies to return to and others to discover. You might however feel inspired to create your own fairy home.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

An update to the Community Service Directory, detailing services and community activities that are primarily based throughout the Latrobe Council area, has been completed.

This directory will assist residents to connect with their community in a variety of interest areas.

Additionally, it also contains a COVID-19 Pandemic Support supplement as your one-stop to finding the support you need. If you can't find what you need in this document, please go

to www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au

Due to the constantly evolving nature of this document with updates, it is accessible online at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/community.

If you belong to a community service organisation that should be in this directory or there has been a change in your organisation’s details, please contact Council’s Community Development Officer, Mrs Michelle Dutton, on 64264444.

HOLIDAY HERE THIS YEAR

Wendy Askew, Liberal Senator for Tasmania recently supported the call for Tasmanians to holiday at home.

“Tasmania has so many beautiful locations where you can take some time out and recharge, and now is the time to plan your holiday here.

Holidaying at home has the double benefit of keeping us safe as we’re not travelling to COVID-19 hot spots, plus provides a much-needed boost to the Tasmanian economy.

While the Australian Government’s decision to close our international borders has helped keep us safe and suppresses the spread of coronavirus, those restrictions have hit the travel industry hard.

After months of heightened awareness around hygiene, who you’ve been in contact with, home schooling and working from home, you deserve a holiday and tourism operators across Tasmania’s regions are ready to welcome you with open arms.

These businesses have been so resilient during the first part of 2020, but now is the time to show them some love and help keep their businesses afloat by generating economic activity in your own backyard. So, book a holiday at home and spend money in Tasmania’s regions exploring somewhere new to you?”

If you’re looking for inspiration, look for Tourism Tasmania’s Make Yourself at Home intrastate campaign at www.tourismtasmania.com.au or Tourism Australia’s Holiday Here This Year campaign at www.tourism.australia.com

GO LOCAL FIRST

The Go Local First national campaign encourages you to give preference to local retailers when buy your goods before purchasing from overseas.

Not only will you get your product a lot earlier but you will be supporting local businesses that support you throughout the year.

FUTURE LEARNING SUPPORT

Each year, Latrobe Council offers grants to pursue further education -

- \$3,000 to assist a resident to access tertiary study with the University of Tasmania; and
- \$1,000 Year 11-12 Education Bursary to a resident aged between 16 and 20 years and in receipt of or included on a Health Care Card, who wants to further their education to Year 11-12

Details of these grants are available at <https://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/grants>.

CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES SAFETY PLANS

A series of online information sessions were recently held to provide support to the cultural and creative industries in developing their compulsory COVID-19 Safe Plan.

They covered off on why you need to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan; where to find checklists, guidelines and plan templates; tips and tricks to filling in the plan template or add to your existing workplace plan and where to get help with writing your plan.

These videos are now available online at -

www.eventstasmania.com/sectorsupport

Arts and Museums/Galleries - www.arts.tas.gov.au/industry_development

Screen -

www.screen.tas.gov.au/industry_links

Work continues with Public Health to answer a range of questions submitted at the forum with answers expected shortly on the respective website.

If you have questions or comments, email opsctd@stategrowth.tas.gov.au

CALLING BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS

With the development of the new Latrobe and Port Sorell tourism website, action photos are being sought to showcase the vibrancy of our local lifestyle and facilities.

If you would like to submit photos for consideration, please contact Council’s Economic and Tourism Development Officer, Mr Ian Waller, on 64264444.



HARDSHIP SUPPORT TO FAMILIES AND BUSINESS

Latrobe Council, like the entire Local Government sector, has been severely impacted by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, due to past prudent financial management, Council has been able to include in its 2020-21 budget a \$17m capital works program aimed at stimulating the local economy.

With the added support of the State Government's 'COVID-19 Loans Program', and Federal Government grant funding, Council's 2020-21 capital works budget includes amounts for the Banksia Centre redevelopment, the upgrading of the Port Sorell Caravan Park, commencement of the Latrobe Flood Mitigation works, and in excess of \$5m for road upgrades.

Council recognise that there are ratepayers experiencing genuine and serious financial hardship due to COVID-19 and to assist them Council recently adopted a **Financial Assistance Hardship Policy**, providing support in the relief of rate payments.

A second round of Council's **Business Recovery Grants**, closes on 30 October. These grants offer support to eligible local businesses/ organisations to assist in the transition to alternate models of commerce, outreach, and engagement, including digital solutions and/or supporting circular economy initiatives from simple re-use to repair, re-make and revalue ideas.

Details on the financial assistance and grants available can be found on Council's website (<https://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/covid-19/covid-19-community-recovery-and-care-package>) or by contacting Customer Services on 6426 4444.



BUSINESS BOUNCE BACK

While the worst of COVID-19 may be behind us, it's a long uphill climb for a majority of businesses.

The Cradle Coast Authority has partnered with the CPA's and the University of Tasmania to provide small business support with free access to mentoring and other support for recovery from the economic impacts of COVID-19.

Assistance is negotiated between the mentor and mentee with UTAS providing mentors with COVID-19 recovery training and resources.

This service is available to any small business in the Cradle Coast region, i.e. contractors, sole traders and not for profits. For more information, contact the Cradle Coast Authority on 6433 8400.

If you need help getting your business online, to build a website, create a social media presence, gain a better understanding of all the free online marketing tools then look no further.

Switch Tasmania are offering free sign up to the Australian Small Business Advisory Services (ASBAS) Digital Solutions Program to businesses with less than 20 people, an ABN, and who are a for profit business.

They offer low-cost, high value advice and training on a range of digital solutions in four key areas including websites and selling online; social media and digital marketing; using small business software, and online security and data privacy.

These 1:1, self-paced mentoring sessions are provided at a low-cost due to funding support by the Australian Government. So, if you are looking to explore your entrepreneurial dream and vision, contact Switch Tasmania on 6408 7005 or email admin@switchtasmania.com.au

WHO ARE YOU?

In these ever changing times it is essential that Latrobe Council's Economic and Tourism Development Officer, Mr Ian Waller, maintains regular contact with all local businesses (not just shop front retail) to ensure each and every business has access to relevant information, including an awareness of financial support packages.

To ensure the Council's Business Database remains current, businesses are invited to complete the online Business Database form at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/forms/contact-us2.

YOUNG OF AGE AND MIND

The Latrobe Senior Citizens Club recently held a public meeting to reinvigorate its membership and detail opportunities to current and new members.

It was reported in The Advocate newspaper a while ago that the Latrobe Senior Citizens would be closing their doors due not only to the inability to meet COVID-19 restrictions, as the organisation managed the day-to-day operation of the building at 20 Hamilton Street, Latrobe, but also because the existing Executive were not re-standing and no eligible person had expressed an interest in taking on an Executive role. After much discussion, the club resolved to make some key changes to their Constitution to alleviate the administrative burden on the Executive while still being accountable to members. Another key change is that the club will now be known as the "Latrobe 50 and Over Club", to enable a more youthful membership.

They also handed the building back to Latrobe Council while securing a deal for priority use for the next 10 years. This

will enable other organisations and individuals to hire the building for public or private activities by phoning 64264444.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Latrobe 50 and Over Club, please contact Katrina (0409 031 057) or Dorothy (6426 1713).

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held at 20 Hamilton Street, Latrobe on Tuesday, 8 December at 10:30am.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

With the transfer of the former Latrobe Senior Citizens Clubrooms in Hamilton Street to Latrobe Council, suggestions are invited for a new name for this venue that connects it to community while also being catchy and encouraging of diverse community use.

Potentially, it could be used for performances, meetings, as an exhibition space, private functions etc.

To be considered, name suggestions should meet the following selection criteria:

- Distinctive, easy to remember, say and spell;
- Future oriented e.g. positioned for multi-use;
- Reflects the aspirations of the community - a place that people want to use;
- Communicate something meaningful; and
- Representative of the community but does not represent an individual community member;

so be creative when considering a potential name for this facility. Ideas and contributions are invited up until 30 September 2020 and should be forwarded to Latrobe Council, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe or emailed to council@latrobe.tas.gov.au.

NBN ISSUES?

Latrobe Councils Economic Development Committee have asked that a local Position Paper be developed that addresses access to and the reliability of NBN and mobile telecommunications services in the Latrobe Council area.



To ensure that the information contained in this Position Paper is correct and reflects the needs of all the community, an online survey has been developed - www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPYJP8F. Alternatively, you can phone Council on 6426 4444 for a printed copy of the survey.

The Latrobe Economic Development team will collate the data received and produce an NBN/Mobile Telecommunications Position Paper for presentation to Council and ultimately to the NBN and Local Service Providers. Council cannot guarantee to fix your problems but are happy to address shared issues on behalf of the residents of the Latrobe Council area on this matter.

COMMUNITY VOICES PROJECT

Mersey Valley Community Voices combines the opportunity to get the extra support that young people need when looking for employment with the joy of music.

The goal of the project is to provide participants with a range of support options that will improve their wellbeing and connect them with their community, as well as help them get a job.

Who is eligible?

If you are under 25 years old; unemployed (or eligible for a benefit); and live in the Mersey Valley area you

can receive free access to one-on-one, customised support.

This can provide you with a clear pathway to securing a job while also building your confidence and networks through online choir sessions and other opportunities for social engagement offered most weekdays.

Eligible and interested? Please contact your Jobactive or Disability Employment services provider.

If more information on the project is needed, phone Allana on 0439 107 006 or email allana.bugge@wiseemployment.com.au

The Community Voices project is supported by the Try, Test and Learn Fund - an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Social services.

BUSINESSES ON THE MOVE

While businesses are “doing it hard”, their adaptability is ensuring their ongoing survival. It is even more amazing then, during these challenging financial times, that some businesses have the courage to establish or move to larger premises.

Notable recent movements throughout the Latrobe Council area include -

- Sew ‘n Sew have moved to larger premises at 52 Gilbert Street
- Ladybird established at 71 Gilbert Street



An age diverse workplace is good business

Tips, tools and support for recruiting in the time of COVID-19: www.work45plus.org.au



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT AND STIMULATE OUR ECONOMY

Council recognises that our local residents are our strongest assets against not only the spread of Coronavirus but, importantly, the recovery from its devastation.

Significantly networked key representatives of a broad cross-section of sectors or industries have formed the Latrobe Municipality's COVID-19 Recovery Action Committee to guide our Municipality through the recovery process in partnership with our communities -

- Mayor/Committee Chair - Councillor Peter Freshney - 0417 287 006
- Municipal Recovery Coordinator - Michelle Dutton - 6426 4444
- Agriculture representative - Nathan Richardson - 0418 122 508
- Business representative (Latrobe) - Carolyn McLennan - 0499 986 191
- Business Representative (Port Sorell area) - Lyndsey Holmes - 0409 284 287
- Church representative - Pastor Ralph Terry - 0405 464 023

- Education sector representative - Rosemary Lincolne - 0418 870 767
- Economic and Tourism Development Officer - Ian Waller - 0448 286 121
- Environmental Health / Deputy Recovery Coordinator - Glenys Nicholls - 6426 4444
- Health Service representative - Carole French - 0409 969 457
- Job Network representative - Karen Malone CVGT - 13 24 38
- Latrobe Economic Development Committee Chair - Councillor Vonette Mead - 0407 055 720
- Sport representative - Greg Donald - 0438 329 676
- Service Group representative - Rod Bramich - 0407 852 946

While these representatives will consult in their fields, you are encouraged to refer issues directly to them via their listed number. While there will undoubtedly be some issues that are beyond Local Government's capacity, the identification of such matters can be further progressed by the Committee to the relevant authority, seeking actionable outcomes and promoting solutions.

- Humble Homewares established at 75 Gilbert Street
- Modo Mio Naked brownies established a shop front at 1/70 Gilbert Street
- The Yard Inn moved to larger premises at 1/131 Gilbert Street
- Franks Bridal and Fabrics relocated to larger premises at 140 Gilbert Street
- Muse Shearwater extended their al fresco dining at 7 Club Drive

If you are a business looking for a shop front in progressive towns, Latrobe and Shearwater Village await your interest.

LOCAL JOBS PORTAL

Latrobe Council is developing a portal to support local businesses to match up with prospective employees, further stimulating our economic recovery from COVID-19.

In this portal, businesses will be able to list their vacancies which will be accessible to residents, providing them with the first opportunity to gain sustained employment.

This initiative has been generated from the Latrobe Council Recovery Committee.

If you are a business owner and wish to take advantage of this free service, please contact Council's Economic and Tourism Development Officer, Mr Ian Waller, on 64264444.

NEW AUTHORS REVEAL PASSION THROUGH BOOKS

Port Sorell seems to be an emerging location for authors if activities over past months are to be taken notice of. Port Sorellians, Mrs Lynette Stuart and Mrs Shanli Perkins have recently published their works of passion.

In her book "Let There Be Light", Mrs Stuart recounts the story of her grandfather, William Campbell, and his 41 years of life as a lighthouse keeper in Tasmania. This book evolved from Mrs Stuart's passion for family history and attempts to rediscover a lost branch of the family tree.

She ended up tracing the life of William Campbell, from joining the British Navy in Devonport, England at the age of 16 through to completing his naval service in Sydney.

He then moved to a career as a lighthouse keeper, ensuring the safety and integrity of many shipping lines as they made their way around the Tasmanian coastline.

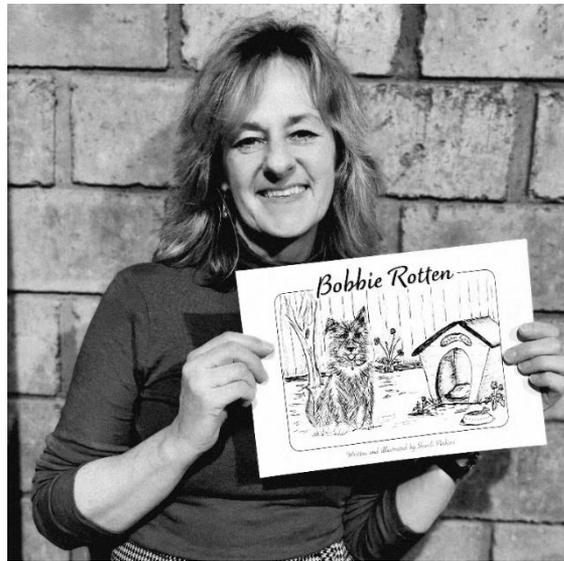
The initial book launch was to have been held in April however, with the impact of COVID-19, it has been deferred to 4 September and will take place then at The Crowded Lounge, 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.30pm until 6.30pm.

"Let There Be Light" will be available to purchase at the launch event.

Bookings are recommended to 0459 239 192 to ensure COVID-19 restrictions are complied with.



Pictured: Mrs Lynette Stuart with her book "Let There Be Light"



Pictured: Mrs Shanli Perkins with her book "Bobbie Rotten"

For Mrs Perkins, her book was three years in the making with the North West Coronavirus lock down proving just the incentive to move it from a concept to reality.

Admitting that the North West COVID-19 lock down was a personally stressful time, writing and illustrating the book - "Bobbie Rotten" - proved to be calming.

"Bobbie Rotten" is a humorous children's book written in rhyme that tells Mrs Perkins' recollections of Bobbie Rotten's mischievous antics in the Port Sorell area.

"Bobbie was an Australian terrier that came to my family from Carrick. He was just a little devil, hyperactive busyness, but we loved him very much. He did however know how to push our buttons and looked like he smiled when doing it," said Mrs Perkins.

The book is in black and white and hand drawn.

"Initially illustrated by talented artist, Krystal Clancy, I ended up continuing her influence and completing the illustrations while in lockdown. I'm sure I redrew each page 10 times. It was very time consuming but also focussed me and I loved it. The feedback too has been quite humbling and lovely," Shanli added.

"Bobbie Rotten" is now on its second reprint and is available through the Latrobe Newsagency for \$20 or you can directly message Shanli Perkins on Facebook. It is also available to borrow from the State Library.

COVID-19 AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Tasmanians have worked hard to minimise the spread of coronavirus. It's been challenging and at times overwhelming, but our communities are now starting to come back to life following the lifting of Stage 3 restrictions.

As restrictions continue to ease, it's important to stay up to date with the latest information and continue to follow distancing and gathering restrictions to keep yourself, family and friends safe. Here is what you need to know now.

If you have any cold or flu-like symptoms, make sure you get tested for COVID-19. Check locations and times for clinics at www.coronavirus.com.au.

COVID-19 is spread through contact with people, so physical distancing and limits on the number of people who gather (or group) together, continues to be the strongest safeguard to prevent the spread of the virus.

Wherever possible, keep 1.5 metres (two arm's length) between yourself and another person.

Limits on the number of people that gather in a single space at any one time also remain in place, including for households and shacks remain capped at 20 visitors at any one time.

If you have cold or flu-like symptoms or you are unwell, ask your visitors to come another day, but keep connected with a long phone conversation. If your visitor has symptoms or is unwell, it is okay to ask them to call back when they are well. It is up to you who you let in your home. All businesses and workplaces, including markets, may open if they choose to do so, but patron numbers apply. The maximum number of people allowed in any one space is 250 people indoors and 500 people outdoors, as long as it is possible to maintain 2m² for every person. If it is not possible, the lower number applies.



Sports and recreation activities are also back in the game. Full training and competition may start and change rooms and other shared facilities may be used.

Businesses, workplaces and event and sporting venues use COVID-19 Safety Plans to help keep workers and the patrons safe. They may differ based on the venue. Each time you visit one of these places, follow their directions to help keep yourself and everyone in your community safe.

COVID-19 has, and will continue to be, a confusing and sometimes overwhelming time for many people. There are many services waiting to listen and support anyone who needs advice or is worried, stressed or needs a friendly and understanding voice to talk things through.

A Tasmanian Lifeline has been specifically set up to provide information, advice, and support. Trained staff are available 7 days a week from 8:00am to 8:00pm - phone 1800 98 44 34.

The National COVID Older Persons Information Line also has specially trained staff to provide advice to older people, carers, people living with dementia and their families - phone 1800 171 866.

Rural Alive and Well (RAW) is a Tasmanian service that also provides a friendly ear in a difficult time - phone 1300 4357 6283 (24 hours, 7 days).

TESTING FOR COVID-19 AND WHAT TO EXPECT

Coronavirus is spread through close contact with an infectious person; contact with droplets from an infected person's uncovered cough or sneeze (if you are within 1.5 metres or two large steps of an infected person) and touching objects or surfaces (like doorknobs, sink taps and tables) that have cough or sneeze droplets from an infected person, and then touching your mouth, nose or eyes.

While Tasmania has had low cases, complacency will be the trigger for this to change. It is also expected that with increased mixing of people and when the borders re-open, mixed with complacency, that there will be a community transmission. The State Government is well prepared to manage positive cases with their track, trace and response capabilities.

If you are experiencing ANY cold or flu like symptoms - fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue, shortness of breath - you are encouraged to mask up (which will protect others) and get tested at the East Devonport Recreation Centre (67 Caroline Street) with or without an appointment. This site is open from 8:30am until 3:30pm daily. If you would like an appointment, phone the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

If you don't have your own transport to the testing clinic, tell your GP or the Public Health Hotline when you make your appointment and ask for help getting to the testing clinic.

With the use of thinner swabs, the test is as simple as the healthcare worker taking a swab of your mouth (you will gag a little) and each nostril (make sure you have your head firmly on the headrest of your car) which they send for testing.

After the test, you should go straight home and isolate until you receive the results -



generally by text message within 48 hours of testing.

If you test negative, life goes back to normal. If you test positive, you must follow health professionals' instructions, including continued isolation to prevent the spread of the virus to others.

ISOLATION VS QUARANTINE

Isolation starts as soon as you feel you have flu symptoms coming on. You should immediately get tested.

There are also many in our community that are continuing to self-isolate. Please respect their decision to do so.

If you test positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19), you must ISOLATE to prevent the spread of the virus to others.



This will either be in hospital if you need hospital care, your home if it is suitable, or another location if needed as decided by your public health authority.

Isolating means that you stay at home. You don't go out and stock up. You do however seek help from family and friends for supplies or essential tasks. They should not visit but leave supplies at your door. Alternatively, the Public Health Hotline can arrange support.

If you share a home, consider if you or other members of your household can stay elsewhere. If this is not possible, stay at least 1.5 metres (two big steps) away from household members and wear a facemask; sleep in a separate bed; use a separate bathroom; keep personal items separate; do not share food or drinks; stay away from shared spaces i.e. kitchen; practice good hygiene and cover coughs and sneezes. Frequently touched surfaces such as door handles etc, should be frequently disinfected.

The public health authority will advise you when you can leave.

In comparison, QUARANTINE is when you are well but may have been in contact with someone with COVID-19. If this happens you will be required to separate from other people to prevent the spread of the virus for 14 days.

You will also need to go into quarantine if you have returned home from overseas, have been in contact with someone who has been confirmed or is likely to have COVID 19, or if you are entering a state that has a required quarantine period. When asked to quarantine you must go straight to your home, hotel room or other accommodation as directed. You cannot

stop anywhere, not even to buy food, medicine or groceries. Where possible, use personal transport such as your own car.

You must stay in quarantine for the entire 14 days to stop the spread of the virus. This is because you may be in the incubation period (the time between getting the virus and showing symptoms). If you leave quarantine before the end of 14 days, you may face criminal charges or a fine.

If you develop symptoms during this time, you will need a test for COVID-19. Even if you test negative, you must stay in quarantine for the full 14 days. If you test positive you will need to go into isolation. For further information, go online to www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au

NEW INFECTION CONTROL TRAINING FUND

Tasmanian businesses will soon be able to access no or low-cost infection control training for customer-facing workers as part of the Tasmanian Government's new Infection Control Training Fund.

The new fund will allow businesses to reopen or continue to operate safely, reduce the risk of transmission and help build confidence among Tasmanians returning to our shops, bars and restaurants.

In partnership with the Australian and Tasmanian Governments, the fund will provide training in infection control for Tasmanian businesses and workers in two rounds.

Round one will cover retail, food handling, transport and logistics sectors, which need to be operating effectively to help bring our economy back to full strength.

The Tasmanian Government recognises that as we recover from the impacts of COVID-19, we need to support our local businesses and frontline workers.

Training placements for frontline workers through round one are expected to commence in the coming months.

COVID 19 WORKSAFE BUSINESS PLANS

The Tasmanian Government's COVID-19 Safe Workplaces Framework supports workplaces as they re-open or expand their business activities during the pandemic, while ensuring the health and safety of all Tasmanians.

Mandatory COVID-19 Safe Plans must be implemented and followed by staff and clients, however they must also be updated as restrictions change, and documents that support your plan such as cleaning schedules, attendance lists etc must be kept in case of an inspectors visit or if contact tracing is required.

The Framework encompasses Safe Workplaces Guidelines and minimum standards.

To comply with these new minimum standards, you should complete a safety plan and/or checklist. The Safe Workplace Guidelines will help you complete your safety plan/checklist.

The safety plan will document measures and show how they are keeping customers, workers and the community safe.

For this documentation and more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2DpPBLQ>

FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

Many people in our community are involved with food preparation with an increasing number now conducting home based businesses, making products from their home kitchen or the more usual method of working in a café or restaurant. All of these people must have the relevant skills and knowledge for their food handling procedures.

Latrobe Council's Environmental Health Officer runs annual training sessions for any interested community members to attend.

This year's food safety training session is planned for late September/early October at a venue and date to be announced. Each attendee will receive a certificate confirming they have attended the training. Information will be available on Latrobe Council's website or ring Council 6426 4444 closer to the time if you are interested in attending.

RURAL LIVING RESOURCES

Living in rural Tasmania offers a very desirable lifestyle for many but there are important factors to recognise and acknowledge prior to making the move. Resources, available online at www.tfga.com.au, have been developed to help assist prospective and existing rural residents to understand many of the issues. These resources and website links have been developed on community relationships, biosecurity, cat management, dog control, fencing, property management planning, right to farm, seasonal farming practices, stock management, waterways, and weeds management.

DRIVER LAW CHANGES

In December 2020, changes to learner and provisional driver laws will come into effect throughout Tasmania.

The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Honourable Minister Ferguson MP recently stated that "Tasmania is one of only two states that do not already require a green P plate for the P2 stage. The positive road outcomes from other states already using green P plates have helped informed the Government's decision to introduce this requirement in Tasmania."



He did however go clarify that "once these changes are implemented existing P2 licence holders would not be required to display green P-plates however, all P1 licence holders will be required to display the green P-plates as they progress to their P2 status."

For more information, go online to <https://bit.ly/3gF4Cba>

HAMILTON STREET ROUNDABOUT FUNDED

Receiving Black Spot funding of \$350,000 from the Federal Government, the roundabout at the intersection of Gilbert and Hamilton Street is scheduled to commence within the next 12 months. Federal Member for Braddon and Chair of the Tasmanian Black Spot Consultative Panel Gavin Pearce said this investment in Black Spot projects would deliver safer

roads in local government areas throughout Tasmania.

For more information on the Australian Government's Black Spot Program, or to nominate a black spot, visit <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/blackspots>.

FIRE ABATEMENTS

Residents with vacant blocks that could do with a tidy up, or a bush property that is in need of boundary fire breaks, to please ensure that this work is completed prior to the upcoming bushfire season.

To make your property "fire safe", mow around the fence and building line, trim trees and hedges, remove accumulated rubbish (especially that which builds up around old vehicles and machinery) and removing flammable materials such as tyres.

Council officers will be issuing fire abatement notices to property owners where their land is assessed as a fire risk. Please do not wait until you receive the notice in the mail. If you do receive a notice, please ensure the work is completed promptly to alleviate the risk and to avoid substantial penalties. It is up to every property owner to ensure their property is fire safe.

Properties less than 2,000m² are not permitted to conduct backyard burning under any circumstance.

Residents living on blocks larger than 2000m² are permitted to burn vegetation but does not include prohibited wastes. Prohibited waste includes tyres, plastic, foam or polystyrene, painted or treated wood, oil or general household waste.

These products are prohibited due to the toxic nature of the smoke emitted from burning them. Significant monetary penalties apply.

If you have any queries regarding making your property fire safe, contact Council's Fire Abatement Officer on 64264444 or Tasmania Fire Service have a range of resources on their website -

<https://www.fire.tas.gov.au/>

To report illegal burn offs please contact Latrobe Council's Environmental Health Officer on 64264444.

FUEL REDUCTION PLANS FOR DOOLEYS HILL AND PITCAIRN RESERVE



Every summer, bushfires threaten homes and businesses throughout Tasmania. Over the past decade a series of devastating bushfires have impacted Tasmania, with significant loss of property, livelihood, and our natural environment. Bushfires respect no boundaries!

To combat this, the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) works with other agencies to implement the Fuel Reduction Program on both public and private land.

The Fuel Reduction Program will not prevent bushfires but works toward making them easier and safer to bring under control. This reduces

damage to homes, businesses, and the environment.

Fuel reduction burning is planned and undertaken in a strategic and coordinated manner that focuses the resources where they are needed the most, to reduce the risk of future catastrophic fires.

This Spring and Autumn, the Tasmania Fire Service has fuel reduction burns planned at Dooleys Hill near Latrobe and Pitcairn Street in Port Sorell.

These coordinated burns will only be undertaken if the conditions allow and it is safe to do so.

For further information on the Fuel Reduction Program, please visit fire.tas.gov.au.

CALLING ALL TWITCHERS FOR ANNUAL BIRD COUNT

Our common backyard species give us the best indication of the health of our natural environment - think of birds as a barometer for nature!



That's why each October, people count how many birds they see within 20-minutes in their backyard, local park, or any other area. This provides a snapshot at the same time each year, allowing Birdlife Australia to look at trends in our bird communities, and enabling you to make an important contribution to citizen science from your own home!

RUBICON RICE GRASS

Rice Grass is an aggressive and troublesome weed continuing to spread in the Rubicon estuary that has the potential to impact on boating, aquaculture, community recreation and the estuarine environment. It out-competes threatened native saltmarsh and reduces the area of mudflats that provide food and habitat for fish, migratory and resident wader birds, shellfish, and crabs.

An introduced plant, originally from the northern hemisphere and endemic to the British Isles, Rice Grass spreads rapidly and produces lots of seeds. In the Rubicon-Port Sorell Estuary, Rice Grass has invaded more than 660 hectares of intertidal habitat making it one of Australia's largest infestations. Cradle Coast Authority, in partnership with Latrobe Council, has secured funding over three years to reduce the Rice Grass infestation in the Port Sorell Estuary. Rice Grass will be treated north of a "containment line" between Squeaking Point and Eagle Point to establish a Rice Grass Free Zone.

The project also aims to treat some of the extensive infestations south of the containment line to allow natural restoration of native habitat and mudflats. Ground-based weed control commenced earlier this year using a grass-specific herbicide registered for use on Rice Grass. This will continue in December and early next year during the optimal Rice Grass control period.

Cradle Coast Authority is also seeking an aerial spraying permit to enable larger areas beyond the containment line and inaccessible areas to be treated. This permit will only be pursued if supported by the community and scientific experts. The manual removal of Rice Grass is not recommended as rhizomes can remain in the ground and new plants re-establish. If Rice Grass is removed it will not be visible for treatment. Removing Rice Grass in the estuary requires approval and the soft mud can be hazardous.

Since 2013, these yearly bird counts have shown strong (400) sightings of Pied Oystercatchers however last year there were less than 100 seen.

With a population estimate for Australia Pied Oystercatchers at 11,000, 1% would be 110 birds therefore the Rubicon Estuary still has a significant number for such a small area.

The Port Sorell boat ramp was a typical roost for these birds but not so much now. If you sight a Pied Oystercatcher, in fields or places where you have not seen then before, keen bird enthusiast Julie Ann, would appreciate you advising her on 64286405.

If you would like to spend some time observing nature while participation in the 2020 Aussie Backyard Bird Count, register now to be part of the nation's largest annual citizen science event at <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>

All it takes is 20 minutes in your backyard, local park, or favourite outdoor space - anywhere you can count birds.

For further information about the project or to report a Rice Grass infestation contact Ms Anna Wind, Environment Project Coordinator, Cradle Coast Authority on 0429 804 449 or email awind@cradlecoast.com

IMPROVING THE PLAYING FIELD GRANTS

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The Tasmanian Government recognises the importance of sport and recreation and is committed to assisting the sector to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Improving the Playing Field Grants offer financial assistance to upgrade amenities at sporting facilities around Tasmania, allowing them to cater for all participants. There is \$10 million available to be distributed across a small and large grants round, with \$5 million allocated each year in 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Higher priority may be given to projects where there is a funding contribution from the sport and other relevant organisations in the community.

Local sporting organisations are eligible for funding under this grants program but will need to demonstrate the priority of their project to their relevant State Sporting Organisation and Local Government. For more information, guidelines and application form, go to <https://bit.ly/31s0c0P>

Small grants close at midday on 4 September; large grants close at midday on 23 October.

BE A HEALTHY TASMANIAN

The Healthy Tasmania Fund Round 2 will open 7 September, and close on 30 October.

Round 2 provides small grants (up to \$30,000) and large grants (\$30,001 to \$200,000) for successful projects that build community connections while helping Tasmanians to reduce smoking; improve healthy eating; be more physically active as well as improve mental health and wellbeing.

Community Information Sessions will be held where you can find out about the

grants, how to apply, share ideas and ask questions. A snack will be provided. To book your place, go online to <https://bit.ly/3khFKs5>

TREES REPLACEMENT

Coinciding with National Tree Day recently, Latrobe Council's Green Spaces Team began the Hamilton Street tree planting project which involved planting approximately 40 *Pyrus fauriei* 'Westwood' - Korean Sun pears trees (pictured) from Gilbert Street to Cotton Street and from Reibey Street to Calthorpe Street.

In Spring the trees will have beautiful white flowers and transform into a brilliant red colour in Autumn. They also only grow to a height of 4m so they will not interfere with the power lines.

This project is the first of many planned by the Latrobe Tree Planting Committee over the coming years.

GOOD SPORTS, HEALTHY MINDS

Good Sports recognises the hard work that clubs put in to creating a safe and inclusive environment.

Community sporting clubs across the country are leading the charge when it comes to promoting physical fitness, but clubs can also support those

who are experiencing mental health issues. Through the Good Sports Healthy Minds Program, sporting clubs can build stronger and safer support networks that encourage open and inclusive conversations around mental health.

Healthy Minds is completely free and fully facilitated. If your club would like to get involved, please contact Hugh Graham on 0490 940 768 or email hugh.graham@adf.org.au.



WATCH OUT FOR OTHERS

Back in June, when all was quite with limited movement throughout our community, a seven-foot obelisk was stolen from the front yard of a property in Shearwater. Also, some of the glued down limestone sculptures have also been removed from Shearwater Village in recent times!

While police reports have been lodged, one of the best ways to keep your property safe is to get to know your neighbours and/or question those removing items from private or public spaces.

Please don't ignore suspicious activity, this is what thieves rely on - apathy. Reporting suspicious behaviour to Tasmania Police (dial 000 for an emergency or 131 444 for a non-emergency) will not only potentially increased patrols but also a record of activities so when offenders are caught, they can be charged for multiple acts.

SENIORS RESPITE

Get creative with arts and crafts, catch up with friends or make new ones over a cuppa at the Platypus Club in Latrobe. Run from the Uniting AgeWell Latrobe centre in Hamilton Street, and Platypus Club is back with a morning and afternoon session every Wednesday.

As restrictions continue to lift, Uniting AgeWell clients will be able to resume the centre's popular exercise classes, games, lunch sessions and outings including bus trips.

Program Manager Ria Padman says stringent health regulations are in place and they're being very cautious with limited numbers per session, to maximise everyone's health and safety. Ria says what everyone is looking forward to most is getting out of their homes and chatting to friends or making new ones.

If you're a member - welcome back! If you want to be a member, please phone Ria on 6289 8800.

AT LAST COUNT, 1,500

An association with wood has been a lifetime pursuit for Bruce Hays.

"I was a wood chopper for 35 years and ground axes for 30 of those years, so the move to creating items from wood just seemed natural.

I've been at the Axeman's Emporium since it started about 15 years ago and create products using Tasmanian timbers. My salt and pepper grinders would have to be the most popular with over 1,500 of them sold," said Mr Hays.

Located within the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame complex at Bells Parade, Latrobe, approximately 20 stallholders operate as a cooperative to run The Axeman's Emporium from 11:00am until 2:00pm Thursday to Sunday each week. Handmade items are the feature of the Axeman's Emporium and, as well as woodwork, include resin art, glassware

jams and preserves, clothing, accessories, kitchenware, bathroom products, stationery, infused waxes and more.

The Axeman's Emporium currently has three stallholder vacancies. Contact Amanda on 6492 3146 for details on how to become involved in this cooperative. If you haven't been to the Axeman's Emporium for a while, now is the time to explore it again.

WELCOME JANET

The Port Sorell and Latrobe Community Enterprise Limited (PS&LCE Ltd) is pleased to announce the appointment of Janet Edmunds (pictured) as Customer Relationships Officer.



Janet's appointment shows confidence in the local economy and it is very encouraging to be able to attract a new staff member whose experience can take the branch to a new level.

A new Memorandum of Understanding has been formalised with the Latrobe Council that shares a common interest in providing funding for projects in the Port Sorell community. By working together, it enables projects of a larger scale to be researched and acted upon for the benefit of the 7307 area.

If your sporting club/community organisation is looking for financial support, there may be ways the bank can assist you. Please enquire at the branch for an application form to start the process of forming an agreement with the bank. A good example of a combined community initiative is the production of the recent video of the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club and the PS&LCE. Showcasing our beautiful area, this video portrays how such partnerships can successfully operate in our community.

TAI CHI FOR HEALTHY LIVING

After starting Tai Chi 25 years ago to improve her health and strengthen her back, that was so bad that she was looking at surgery, Mrs Sharrone Brown now leads this gentle exercise on a weekly basis at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell.

A few months into Tai Chi, Sharrone's back and mobility started to improve and she felt more positive. It was then that she dedicated the next four years to learning the traditional Yang style Tai Chi with Tai Chi Master Patricia Kent and Master Liu Wan Chun.

Since qualifying, she has helped hundreds of people of all ages and levels of fitness - from personal trainers right through to people that needed walking aids.

"Tai Chi is suitable for everyone and the benefits include relaxation, improved balance and circulation. It is even being used in some hospitals as a complementary therapy alongside their treatment, to promote a feeling of wellbeing and confidence," said Mrs Brown.

LINC ALIGNS HOURS

The Latrobe Library in Gilbert Street, Latrobe is open with a full range of services including browsing, borrowing and public computer or internet access. Members can place holds online and come to the library to collect them, or just browse, borrow and go.

Joining the library is an easy process, free and there are no longer any late fees. Become a member today and gain access to a wide range of resources including books, magazines, DVD's and CDs. Ask the library staff and volunteers for assistance on how to use all the free eResources including eBooks, eMagazines, eComics, eFilms, online databases, historical newspapers, family history resources, research and reference materials, and research support through Live Chat.

Please note that the hours to the computer hub have been aligned with those of the Library - 1:00 until 5:00pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

COUNCIL'S WORKS REPORT

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during September and October:

Civil Construction and Maintenance

- Road seal maintenance
- Rural roadside drainage maintenance
- Road shoulder maintenance
- Road spraying

Town Services

- Shearwater Park shelter installation at playground
- Bosworth Park shelter installation at playground
- Water fountain installations at Port Sorell jetty and Hawley Esplanade
- Jetty carpark upgrades and resurfacing
- General buildings facilities maintenance
- Footpath maintenance

Green Spaces

- Bosworth Park landscaping and improvements
- Recreation Ground wicket renovations - changeover from football to cricket
- Town and parks spraying
- General parks mowing and garden maintenance

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

LATROBE LIONS TURN 50

This year marks the Lions Club of Latrobe's 50th year with members excited to again be able to attend their regular meetings at Belly's Bar and Grill.

A subdued changeover event was held recently where Mr Stuart Ritchie was inducted to President and Mrs Kae Campbell as Secretary.

Members have recommenced their annual support of the Latrobe Football Club by manning the gates at their home games. This is part of their community service. While restrictions are not likely to relax further in the foreseeable future, the club are reviewing their activities to determine what and how they can continue to provide them.

In the meantime, don't forget to drop off your no longer used spectacles at Coventry's Pharmacy or Morse's Butchery to enable their repurposing for overseas vision impaired.

If you wish to contact the Lions Club of Latrobe, please phone Lion Stuart (0459 191 444), Lioness Kae (0438 241 129) or email latrobe@lionstasmania.org.

OVERWHELMING RESPONSE

To keep people busy during lockdown, U3A Port Sorell put out the call to see if people could knit 200 squares for children in Africa.

Such was the response that they were inundated with squares not just from U3A members but from the wider community. Coordinator, Mrs Anne Lockett said "we received over 450 squares but unfortunately the African appeal stopped receiving donations due to COVID-19 so we donated them all to the ABC Rug Up for Winter Appeal."

Anne and the team from U3A expressed their appreciation to everyone who participated.

U3A PORT SORELL RESUMES

U3A Port Sorell are delighted that a full range of classes for Term 3 will recommence on 31 August.

With the relaxation of restrictions to Stage 3 at the end of June, U3A began a slow return to face to face programs. The conditional return was based on each tutor's assessment as to whether their activity could meet the cleaning, hygiene and physical distancing prerequisites of the COVID Safety Plan.

"This slow return was met with great excitement on the part of members with 12 programs operating between the end of June until early August," said Tutor and Program Sub Committee Chairman, Jim Rudling.

Term 3 featuring 35 classes begins on 31 August and ends on 29 November. If you would like to join U3A Port Sorell and take part in these and other wonderful programs you can find further information online at <https://portsorell.u3anet.org.au>

INTERESTS SHARED

Probus, derived from the first three letters of PROfessional and BUSiness, is all about friendship, fellowship and fun in retirement.

Being from all walks of life, members enjoy fellowship with Club friends. They enjoy listening to invited Guest Speakers, who share their hobbies and interests. Over the past year, members have learnt about the cocoa beans for chocolate creations; a family's journey of love, determination, understanding and fun in raising two Aboriginal boys; how clever birds really are and enjoyed a trip to Hobart for a show called "Senior Moments".

During this stressful time of COVID-19, the committee stayed in contact with and supported members on a regular basis, ensuring they were okay and well.

Technology was embraced during "lock down" with the monthly newsletter distributed electronically. These activities were greatly appreciated by members.

The Mersey Valley Probus Club have resumed meeting on the 4th Monday of the month at 20 Hamilton Street Latrobe. For more information, please contact the President on 6424 7536

FUNDRAISING ON HOLD

The Rubicon Grove Auxiliary is grateful to the Tasmanian Government, Hon. Peter Gutwein and member for Braddon, the Hon. Roger Jaensch for the \$1,000 contribution towards the purchase of the pool table that is being well used by residents of Rubicon Grove.

Fundraising is now underway for a new bus for the residents and has been started with a donation from the Latrobe Senior Citizens Club.

As the Auxiliary has been in recess due to COVID-19 and unable to fund raise, these donations have been sincerely appreciated. Resident Eileen recently celebrated her 100th birthday with big celebrations provided by the wonderful staff at Rubicon Grove. The Auxiliary presented her with flowers to mark this fabulous milestone. The Auxiliary meet at Rubicon Grove, 89 Club Drive, Shearwater on the third Wednesday of each month. Their next meeting is 16 September, commencing at 1:00pm. For more information, please contact the President, Sharron (0419 352 359) or the Secretary, Elaine (0408 637 019).

COMMUNITY FOCUS

The Rotary Club of Latrobe held their annual Changeover of Officers function with John Hibbins stepping up to the President position and Vanessa Dane remaining in the Secretarial role.

The club now meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Latrobe Senior Citizens rooms in Hamilton Street.

On 9 September, members will be attending a dinner at Drysdale.

This will be followed by judging the Science and Engineering Challenge in Burnie on 24-25 September.

In October, the Citizen Awards Evening, will be held.

Rotary are looking forward to supporting the Deloraine Craft Fair in November.

Sadly, some of the activities that Rotary is normally involved in have been cancelled, such as the LBRC Christmas Carnival.

The club does however look forward to providing a BBQ at Bunnings sometime soon.

Keep an eye out on Rotary's website (<https://rotary9830.org.au/clubs/latrobe>) and Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-Of-Latrobe-330425567015230/>) for the latest activity and to potentially join the group.

SPRING FAIR KICKS OFF

The Lions Club of Port Sorell is preparing to run a barbecue, as part of the Port Sorell Spring Fair in October, should it receive the go-ahead tick of approval.

Last year's Lions Expo was a successful event, held in conjunction with the Spring Fair; with Club volunteers looking forward to it again this year.

The local community has always strongly supported Port Sorell Lions in fundraising endeavours; last financial year an amount over \$38,000 was raised. Lions Club volunteers contributed around 3,700 hours in various activities.

On behalf of the community, the Lions Club of Port Sorell donated \$63,000 to various charities and causes; the mainland bushfires being the biggest recipients. The following Lions are ready to take your call:

- membership queries to Denzil King - 0467 286 234
- COVID Recovery Group community representative Rod Bramich - 0407 852 946
- Lions cakes orders Reuben Newman - 0419 162 691

WE'RE BACK!

The Tasmanian Family History Inc.

Mersey Branch is open each Fridays from 10:00am until 3:00pm with an effective COVID-19 Safe Plan in effect.

"It's great to be back helping people who have used the lockdown time to start their family history. During our public closure, library assistants were able to re-quiet themselves with the numerous books held in our library.

The subjects range from births, deaths and marriages as well as cemetery and burial records, newspaper index and notices, church, school, medical and military histories as well as immigration and family histories.

There is also access to online sites - Ancestry.com being one.

Our assistants can also show you efficient, online searching techniques," said Mrs Coss.

If you have an interest in history, come along and utilise the resources that the branch has. Located off Gilbert Street, behind the Latrobe State Library, you can direct your enquiries to 6426 2257 or email Secretary Sue Ellen at secretary@tfhsdev.com

SONGS OF PRAISE

The Latrobe Baptist Church has been meeting since June with full COVID-19 regulations in place. Many parishioners have commented how good it is to be back singing together each Sunday at the 10:00am Service.

The Latrobe Community Playgroup has resumed this term and is being held every Friday morning from 10:00am until 12 noon at the Latrobe Baptist Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. All parents/carers with children aged from 0-4 years are welcome to attend. The cost is a low \$2.00. For more information, contact Nelleka on 0405 464 023.

The Latrobe Men's Shed is back in full swing and willing to assist with any community projects or to help those in need within the home or garden. Contact Ralph on 0405 464 023.

NEW TABLES FOR BRIGADE

The Port Sorell Men's Shed recently built four new BBQ tables for the Port Sorell Fire Brigade.

Starting before COVID-19 struck, the delivery of the materials to member David Ingram's shed, and the help of fellow men's shedder Peter French, enabled the tables to be assembled and delivered after lock down.



Photo: Port Sorell Fire Brigade Chief, David Prince, front left hand side, Port Sorell Men's Shed Vice Chairman David Ingram centre front and Secretary Peter French back right hand side surrounded by Brigade members.

The Port Sorell Fire Brigade Chief, Mr David Prince, wrote - "thank you and your members for the generous donation of four BBQ tables and seats to the Brigade. The new tables have added greatly to the usefulness of the area and we (and our children) now feel safe using the area under our new shelter.

Please pass on the thanks and gratitude of all our members to yours. We greatly appreciated the time, effort and spirit that went into making these tables and seats for us."

If you would like assistance from the Port Sorell Men's Shed, phone 6428 7904.

EXECUTIVE CHANGE

The Latrobe Croquet Club's Annual General Meeting was held a little later this year. Fortunately, the weather was kind to the club as it was held outdoors to ensure physical distancing compliance. The new executive committee is Dee Gibson - President, Chris West - Secretary and John Sumpton - Treasurer.

It has becoming something of a tradition for the Club to celebrate the Winter Solstice with an evening game under lights followed by dinner somewhere local. This year was no exception with members enjoying a few chilly games followed by dinner at the Lucas Hotel.

A scaled back statewide competition hosted by the St Helens Croquet Club saw 14 local members participate with Dee Gibson winning the singles competition and John Sumpton (Latrobe) and Dick Ruse (St Helens) tied for runner up. The inter-club match was won by St Helens 12 games to 4.

While the Latrobe Croquet Club is still scheduled to host the National Croquet Championships in November, this is looking increasingly doubtful due to the border restrictions.

Croquet is a game that easily allows for physical distancing so if you are looking for something to break the monotony of all these COVID-19 restrictions, give Chris a ring on 0499 990 239 and come and give it a try.

ARTS CATCH UP

The wonderful advantage of limited contact is having so time to explore and develop creative skills and finish projects at home, for which there was never enough time. It is so much more fun to create with likeminded others, so Rubicon River Arts (RRA) members will gather again when circumstances allow.

In the meantime, RRA would like to thank their volunteers for donating their time and expertise at the Latrobe Arts Hub - exhibiting their original works, running workshops for the public and generously promoting arts in the Latrobe Council area. RRA members continue to assist with the makeover of Shearwater Village and appreciate the opportunity to work with the community and Council to formulate ideas to grow and promote the arts in the local region.

Later in the year a revised workshop timetable will be issued. For now though, you can see the 2020 Workshop Calendar at www.facebook.com/rubicon.

river.arts - register early to avoid disappointment.

Keep watch in 'What's On' for future workshop dates and details.

To contact Rubicon River Arts Inc. email rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com or phone Angela (0498 243 460).

COMING EVENTS

August

- 24 Tasmanian Apex Australia Teenage Fashion and Arts Youth Festival online competition entries open. Entry \$10. Details - 0428 834 628
- 28 Cancer Council Daffodil Day fundraiser from 8:30am until 4:30pm at Station Square, Latrobe and in Club Drive, Shearwater.
- 31 Port Sorell U3A Term 3 commences

September

- 2 Latrobe High School Cross Country around Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9:00am until 2:30pm. Phone - 6426 1061
- 4 Legacy Collection outside the Latrobe Newsagency, 90 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9:30am until 2:00pm.
- 14 Latrobe Council meeting at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe at 5:00pm. Limited attendee numbers to maintain COVID-19 restrictions. RSVP's recommended to 6426 4444

October

- 12 Latrobe Council meeting at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe at 5:00pm. Limited attendee numbers to maintain COVID-19 restrictions. RSVP's recommended to 6426 4444
- 12-18 Seniors Week. The printed/online Events Guide will be distributed in September or phone 6231 3265.
- 19-25 Aussie Backyard Bird Count (refer to article)
- 28 Tasmanian Apex Australia Teenage Fashion and Arts Youth Festival online competition entries close. Forward to aatfa.tas@gmail.com. Winners announced in November.
- 31 Halloween Dinner (adults only) at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe. 7:00pm start. Licensed event. Bookings to 6426 2099



November

- 31 Oct-2 Nov Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe - open Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am until 5:00pm and Monday from 9:00am until 3:00pm

WILD MERSEY MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL UPDATE

Construction of the Wild Mersey project continues with the team from Trailscapes busy working away in the Badgers Range. Making the most of favourable weather conditions, Trailscapes are on track to have more trails open by the end of the year than planned. This will ensure that the Wild Mersey offers a range of new riding experiences for the busy summer. The Warrawee trailhead facilities have been landscaped to improve the drainage and overall amenity of the site. In coming months, picnic tables will be installed to provide a scenic place to enjoy a bite to eat.

It has been great to see all the families and visitors to Latrobe on the trails in the past few months. With unseasonably fine winter weather, many people have taken the opportunity to get out and ride the Wild Mersey.

To keep up to date with the project, look up Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails on Facebook or go to www.ridewildmersey.com.au.



Photo: Wild Mersey Mountain Bike trail and carpark c. Gerald Monson

CHRISTEL PRESENTED WITH TENNIS LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Latrobe Tennis Club was proud to award one of their long-standing members, Christel Jahnig (pictured), a Life Membership at their Annual General meeting on 23 July.

The Club committee unanimously voted for this honour and it is the first Life Membership the Club has awarded.

Christel has been a member for roughly 24 years and served at various times as both Treasurer and Secretary.



She has been a great contributor to the ongoing success of the Latrobe Tennis Club and is always ready to help when needed.

Meanwhile the Latrobe Tennis Club is actively sourcing funding for new courts with the assistance of Tennis Tasmania.

“We hope new courts will be built for the benefit of the fast-growing community of Latrobe in the not too distant future,” said member Bonita Hingston.

Social tennis is held on the courts in Gilbert Street, Latrobe each Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30pm, all welcome.

THE TASMANIA PROJECT

The University of Tasmania’s Institute of Social Change has established “The Tasmania Project” to give you a voice and to gather important information during and beyond the pandemic.

They continue to seek the input of Tasmanian residents in surveys and/or interviews. What you tell them will help Tasmanians work together through the pandemic and support recovery for a strong future.

The information gathered is summarised as a resource for those making critical decisions in response to the pandemic.

This work started in April, with 32 surveys conducted to date over multiple interest areas - from life satisfaction, work choices

and housing, through to tourism and financial wellbeing.

To register your interest to participate, phone 6226 7542 or register online at <https://www.utas.edu.au/tasmania-project>.

To read the survey insights, go to <https://blogs.utas.edu.au/isc/>

FUTURE EDITIONS

Article deadlines and distribution dates are provided to assist contributors with their forward planning promotion -

Deadline Edition

1 Oct Nov-Dec

26 Nov Jan-Feb 2021

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