

Prohibited Areas for Cats

Latrobe Council has been at the forefront of cat management in Tasmania, including being the first council in Tasmania to implement the Cat Management By-Law, in 2006.

While cats can be great companions around the home, feral and stray cats have a major impact on wildlife and livestock through predation, competition and disease transmission.

Latrobe Municipality is fortunate enough to have some fantastic bushland reserves, at Latrobe and Port Sorell, which support healthy communities of native species.

The risk of feral cat populations becoming established in these reserves is substantial should the Council not be proactive in managing the feral cat population.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 19 of the Cat Management Act, 2009, Council has declared the following areas prohibited to cats;

Latrobe:

Bells Parade Precinct
Dooleys Hill Reserve
Kings Park
Bass Highway Detention Reserve
Latrobe Cemetery

Port Sorell:

Rubicon Reserve
Pitcairn Reserve
Aub Luck Reserve
Panatana Park
Camp Banksia
Port Sorell Transfer Station



CAT-ASTROPHE: A bird in the bush is worth two in the mouth

Under this declaration Council will undertake the trapping, humane destruction, seizure and/or detainment of cats found to be in these areas.

A map of the prohibited areas is available at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au and from the Council office.

Interim Planning Schemes: Have your Say

October 19th was a milestone date for planning reform in the region, and state. Our council, along with the other eight councils in the North-West, introduced a new planning scheme based on a single Regional Land Use Plan.

The new schemes – known as Interim Planning Schemes – remove unnecessary differences between municipal areas and improve consistency in the format, structure and content of regulatory provisions. In the Interim Planning Schemes, things are similarly described and are generally dealt with the same way, no matter which municipality they occur in. This consistency delivers more certainty for landowners and communities.

Another new feature of the Interim Planning Schemes is the ability to read them online via the Tasmanian Planning Commission website –

<http://schemes.planning.tas.gov.au/cradlecoast.aspx> This online tool makes it quicker and easier to find the sections of the scheme that are of interest to you.

A two-month period of review and comment on the new schemes is underway. Comments can be made in writing by individuals or businesses and delivered before 5pm on Friday 20th December 2013. After this date, the Minister and Tasmanian Planning Commission will review the submissions and consider what, if any, alterations need to be made to the Interim Planning Schemes. A hearing will be held by the Commission to help it consider each submission, the details of which will be announced in early 2014. Once all submissions have been considered, and any changes made to the Interim Planning Schemes, the Minister will announce them as the final planning schemes (no longer regarded as Interim).

Now is the time to have your say. You can see the Interim Planning Schemes online at the Tasmanian Planning Commission website above, via our council website or in printed format at our council office. Written submissions can be made via email, post or delivered in person – delivery details and useful tips for preparing a submission can be found on our council website.

Resource Sharing

Latrobe and Kentish Councils endorsed at their October monthly meetings a new aspect to their resource-sharing arrangements.

The two councils will undertake increased resource sharing of plant and equipment.

The resource sharing of Council's plant and equipment and expertise enables more cost effective services to be provided while at the same time improving career paths, succession planning and back-up resources for both Councils.



The new resource sharing arrangement also includes a revised organisational structure for Planning Services, Building and Environmental Services and Engineering and Works for the two Councils.

Applications will soon be called for a new Planning Officer position to be employed by the Latrobe Council.

There should be no additional costs borne by the Councils as a result of the restructure without an improved level of service being provided.

The two councils will also align their fee schedules for Planning, Building and Plumbing applications.

Local Government is facing challenging times with ratepayers and residents continuing to expect more and improved services while also wishing not to pay extra rates and charges.

Scouts in trouble

The Latrobe Scouts will go into indefinite recess this Christmas, due to a lack of scout leaders.

Scout leader Shirley Padman said the Latrobe scout group had been providing fun, knowledge and fulfilment to kids in the Latrobe municipality for years. However, the district's youth will no longer have this opportunity, if Mrs Padman doesn't get some help. Scouts provides both boys and girls, aged 10.5 to 15 years, with adventure, skills, and the qualities they need for adult life. Latrobe Scouts gather during school terms at Picton Grange, within the Latrobe Recreation Centre in Gilbert St, Latrobe, on a Wednesday night from 7pm.

Mrs Padman is particularly seeking the help of male leaders.

For more information, please contact Mrs Padman on 0400 425 970.

Installation of Solar Panels Update

The following information is provided to all property owners who may be considering installing solar panels.

At the time of going to press (29/10/13) an amendment to the Building Regulations 2004 came into force on 28th November 2012 that exempts solar panels less than 18 m² in area from requiring a Building Permit. It is possible the exemption will be increased to 38 m² in the near future.

If installation costs can be demonstrated to be less than \$5,000 (which will normally be the case for residential purposes) then a Minor Works Alteration Notice can be issued under Section 60 (4) of the Building Act 2000 by an accredited Building Surveyor. Evidence of the building work components,

including the relevant labour, will need to be provided to the engaged building surveyor.

Building Regulation Advisory Note No 3 of 2013 issued 20th September refers to an array (bank of solar panels) being less than 18m². The cost of the solar panels are not included in the cost of the works only the "mounting rails or framework and their fixing".

Should you be considering installation of solar panels with a total area of over 18m² you will require;

- 1 A building permit from your local council (which requires engaging a building surveyor in the first instance) or alternatively,
- 2 Engaging a building surveyor who has determined the particular work to be a minor alteration under Section 60(2) (b) of the Building Act 2000.

Before work commences the building surveyor will notify council that for this project a building permit is not required.

Council advises that in the first instance the owner of the property contact an accredited building surveyor who will ascertain each project on its own merit and to ensure the current regulations still apply.

Stamp on your eggs

From November 26, 2013 eggs sold in Tasmania for retail and for catering purposes must be individually stamped with a unique identification.

Egg producers that plan to sell to the public must be accredited with Department of Primary Industries Parks Water and Environment, who will provide this unique identification after completing the application process and payment of appropriate fee.

Anyone producing or processing eggs for sale (including to markets, corner shops and roadside stalls etc.) will need to be accredited and will need to stamp their eggs:

A person is allowed to produce eggs at home for their own consumption (and their family and guests) without accreditation.

Please contact Council's Environmental Health Officer on 64214650 if you have any questions.



Latrobe Art and Photographic Exhibition Two Competitions - One Theme

The 28th annual Latrobe Art Exhibition and Sale returns in 2014 with a twist - two competitions staged simultaneously to the same theme.

Entrants in the two-dimensional art competition and digital photography competition - Latrobe Art and Photographic

Exhibition - are challenged to develop an artwork interpreting "An Island Revealed".

This new direction seeks to maintain the intrinsic value of Latrobe's annual art exhibition while expanding photographic creativity through a digital competition.

The renamed Latrobe Art and Photographic Exhibition is open to all ages with great prizes to be won.

Entry forms are available at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au and will be received up until 10 January, 2014.

It is highly recommended that entrants read the all-important Terms and Conditions prior to entering to ensure the requirements of the competition are met.

The exhibition will be displayed at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 21-26 January, 2014 with awards presented at 11am on 26 January, 2014.

Further information is available by contacting Michelle Dutton on 0400 578 746.

The Latrobe Art and Photographic Exhibition 2014 is proudly sponsored by Latrobe Council, Tasmanian Alkaloids, House of Anvers and supported by the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame and Rubicon River Arts.

Cancer chats

Women with cancer are encouraged to have a coffee and a chat in Latrobe on the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 10am-noon. If you would like to attend please call Cancer Council Tasmania's North-West support officer Kris on 6425 8601 for details.

Meanwhile, Cancer Council Tasmania's fundraising efforts continue this month with the annual Blue Tie Dinner on Saturday, 9th November 2013, at Pier01 in Ulverstone, to raise awareness of men's cancers.

The Blue Tie Dinner promises a night to remember with inspirational speakers and auctions, prizes and a mysterious treasure chest filled with surprises.

There will be entertainment provided by Katy Patinga and the Royal Australian Navy Band Tasmania who will play a selection of jazz and rock.

Tickets are on sale at www.easybookings.com.au or at the Ulverstone office, 50 Victoria Street.

For a gold coin, buses are available from Devonport and Burnie. For more information please phone Karen on 6425

Get loose in the main street

Dr Stephen Akkermans and his wife Peta, have come to Latrobe from Queensland's Sunshine Coast, where they have run a successful Osteopathic Clinic for the past 10 years.

Osteopathy is a form of manual therapy that combines techniques for both muscular and spinal problems.

It is a safe and gentle form of therapy that treats a wide range of common ailments, from back pain, to arthritic pain, headaches, pregnancy pains and sports injuries.

Stephen has regularly consulted and worked with some of Australia's elite athletes who strive to get the most out of their body's performance and who wish to stay in peak condition. Some of these committed sports people continue to travel from Queensland to be treated by him.

Treatment, however, is not confined to athletes alone.

Osteopathy helps everyone from young babies to the elderly and Stephen's patients include people from all age groups with a wide range of ailments and problems.

Both Stephen and Peta fell in love with Tasmania - and Latrobe in particular, and decided to make this home. They love the people and the heritage that goes with the town.

Latrobe Osteopathy is open every weekday morning from 9am to 1pm, except Wednesday when they have an afternoon clinic from 1pm until 5pm. Their Clinic is situated in Gilbert Street, Latrobe, opposite the Commonwealth Bank.

If you would like an appointment, please phone 6426 3055 and speak to Peta, who will happily answer any further questions and can arrange a time and day to suit you.

Promoting Latrobe

Latrobe municipality will be featured in an interstate and intrastate TV and online advertising campaign over spring and summer.

The Latrobe and Port Sorell Tourism Association, Latrobe Council, Kentish Council and individual operators have partnered with the North-West Regional Tourism Organisation (part of Cradle



ON GOLDEN BEACHES: Port Sorell and Latrobe are part of an interstate tourism campaign

Coast Authority) to ensure Latrobe is front and centre in the minds of those planning to travel to Tasmania this summer.

The interstate TV campaign will run on WIN-TV in regional Victoria and NSW during November. Watch out for the advertisement on WIN-TV in Tasmania in March.

AppnGo

The Tasmanian Visitor Information Network has joined a national tourism mobile phone app, which is intended to serve as the primary source of smart phone information for tourists visiting Australia.

Tasmania is the second state to complete its involvement, after NSW. Other states will follow in coming months.

Latrobe tourism-related businesses, along with those from the rest of the state, get a free listing with basic contact details. The app can also include a picture and description of the business, plus website details, at an annual cost of \$250 per business.

Please download AppnGo from the iStore or via Android and check if your business is listed.

If it qualifies, but is not listed, please contact Tourism & Economic Development Officer Chris Frankcombe via email at chrisf@latrobe.tas.gov.au or phone the council on 6421 4650.

Seasonal fruit pickers

Costa Berry Exchange is developing a berry farm, packaging and distribution centre at East Devonport, and will be seeking a large number of seasonal pickers over the summer months in future years. Last year, Costa employed just over 300 seasonal workers. In three years' time, that is expected to balloon to almost 1000.

Subsequently, there is a very large demand for short-term accommodation (1-5 months) from November to April in the region. Council Tourism & Economic Development Officer Chris Frankcombe has been working with local accommodation providers to ensure as many seasonal workers as possible call our municipality home this summer, and in future summers, as this will have significant benefits for local retailers and goods and services providers.

If anyone has accommodation available and would be interested in letting a room (which must have access to kitchen and laundry facilities) to seasonal workers, please contact Chris at chrisf@latrobe.tas.gov.au or phone the council on 6421 4650.

Green Cleaner

It doesn't take much for Australians to get back into cooking on the barbecue.

If your barbie grill is a little worse for wear with rust spots, try covering the spot with aluminum foil (wrapped tightly) around the grill. Light the barbie and when it is glowing, leave for 10 minutes. Allow to cool and dry and remove the foil. Your rust spots should have disappeared.

To prevent rust from reoccurring, rub oil over the surface before beginning to cook again and after each cook up.

Plan to make commuter bus travel quicker and easier

Phoenix Coaches, Metro Tasmania, DIER and the Cradle Coast Authority are working together on a plan for a new commuter bus service along the North-West Coast. The plan aims to link the major centres along the highway – including the feeder services around Latrobe and Port Sorell - with an express bus service so that we can have greater access to jobs and education. Improved commuter services can also encourage people from the west of our region to travel east, and vice versa, for retail shopping and access to other services.

Whatever the end-design of the plan, the system should offer frequency, cost and travel time improvements between major centres that is attractive to daily commuters.

The Authority and the State Government have each committed \$25,000 to the plan. Metro Tasmania and Phoenix Coaches are participating in the planning and DIER will be involved at all stages.

The planning project is underway and is targeted for completion in early 2014.

Fitness Equipment for Latrobe

The planned fitness equipment at Perkins Park, Latrobe and themed playground equipment suitable for Under 5s at Bells Parade was unfortunately subject to the Federal Labor Government regaining power at the September elections and will therefore not be proceeding.

Council is informed that the Federal Coalition are looking to initiate similar funding support in the future but until that is announced, Council's existing works program does not enable this infrastructure to be provided.

Aged Care Reform

As part of the aged care reform the Commonwealth Home Support Program will be introduced from 1 July 2015. This Program will bring together a range of services currently providing basic home support - including the Commonwealth HACC Program.

The Commonwealth Department of Health is conducting national discussions as part of the Reviews of Community Transport, Home Modification and Home Maintenance during October and November 2013 to ensure the new program continues to meet client needs by providing flexible and responsive services.

In parallel with the national discussions, separate website questionnaires for Community Transport, Home Modifications and Home Maintenance will be available.

Interested service providers and clients/carers/ representatives can register their interest in attending the following information sessions:

Community Transport: Discussion for clients, carers and their representatives: Hobart, Wednesday November 13. Phone Allison Knight on (03) 9489 3233 for further information and to register.

Community Transport: National discussion for service providers: Hobart, Wednesday November 13; or Launceston, Thursday November 14. Phone Allison Knight on (03) 9489 3233 for further information and to register.

HAAC Home Modification and Maintenance: Discussion for clients, carers and representatives: The information session has passed. Input is still possible via the online survey at the Living Longer Living Better website through www.health.gov.au

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Alternatively, undertake the online survey at the Living Longer Living Better website through www.health.gov.au.

The website questionnaires will only be available until 18 November 2013.

Rotary Changing Lives



The new board of the Latrobe Rotary Club is in full swing and organising events for the coming year.

If you visited the Deloraine Craft Fair recently, you no doubt saw Latrobe Rotarians providing event support throughout the weekend. The funds received from this undertaking are invested back into the local community.

A picturesque Latrobe Rotary calendar is currently in production and will be available for sale in November. The calendar features spectacular Latrobe municipality scenes. 100% of profits from this project will be used to benefit worthy causes throughout Latrobe and Port Sorell.

Rotary Club Secretary John Blackwell was "amazed" with the response from the municipality's businesses and thanked them for their support of a local initiative. John hopes residents show as much support for their local businesses and the Rotary Club, by supporting those businesses, and buying the calendar. Money raised through calendar sales will go to local charities and projects.

The first major event for the club, in partnership with Latrobe Lions and Latrobe Council, will be Henley-on-Mersey on Australia Day (26 January). Funds raised from this activity are utilised in the development of the Bells Parade area.

Simultaneously, club members are working on the 2014 Rotary Club of Latrobe Wedding Expo, which will be held on Sunday, April 6, at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10am until 3:30pm.

There will be two fashion parades on the day to whet your appetite with outfits for the whole wedding party.

The purpose of the Expo is to highlight anything that may be of interest to those planning a wedding. If you have something that fits with this objective and are interested in being an exhibitor at the 2014 Wedding Expo, please e-mail weddingexpo@rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au, Facebook or ring Tim or Tania on 0427 558 516 or 0437 070 178.

The major sponsor will again be Harvey World Travel, Devonport who are always really eager to look after your holiday needs.

If you are interested in being invited to be part of this dynamic team, Rotary meets every Wednesday at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 6pm for fellowship and to hear from guest speakers. For more information, contact President Mike McLoughlin (6492 3034) or Secretary John Blackwell (6426 2613) or visit www.rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au.

Finally, the club also conducts BBQs in front of Coles in Devonport on many weekends. If you see the crew there, stop and buy a sausage.



BACK TO GRASS ROOTS: Newly planted grasses on the Hawley foreshore. Photo: John Boevink

Erosion along the foreshore

You may have noticed that the foreshore along the edge of the Rubicon Estuary at Port Sorell is being eroded by the sea in some places. This erosion is particularly pronounced where the coastal vegetation has been removed. Rubicon Coast and Landcare members, with support from the Latrobe Council, have been planting native trees, shrubs and grasses along the edge of the estuary over many years. The roots of these plants hold the soil together and resist erosion by the sea. **protect the plants, and protect the foreshore!**



The first week in December is Coastcare Week in Tasmania. Rubicon Coast and Landcare will have its annual Sea Spurge Pull on Tuesday 3 December, followed by a barbeque at Hawley Beach. Sea spurge is an invasive weed that can smother coastal native plants and make the upper parts of beaches unsuitable for nesting birds, such as hooded plover and oyster catchers. Sea spurge has become established at Narawntapu National Park but local residents and visiting

school students are keeping it under control on the Port Sorell side.

Contact Anna at rubicon_inc@hotmail.com if you would like to take part in the Sea Spurge Pull or find out more about Rubicon Coast and Landcare Inc.

Rubicon Coast and Landcare members care for the indigenous vegetation along the Rubicon estuary and in coastal reserves. Contact rubicon_inc@hotmail.com for further information.

Art and Graft

The annual Rubicon River Arts exhibition for 2014 is titled 'Graft', a term related both to gardening and the link between the gardeners and artists on this occasion.

Artists will seek inspiration from gardens of the Port Sorell Garden Club members, a collection of native and traditional oases hosting colourful landscapes of flowers, shrubs, trees, mosses and succulents.

Do you have a passion for the arts but your art equipment just sits in the corner gathering dust? Perhaps Rubicon River Arts will interest you. They meet monthly and invite interested folk to join in arts activities and access information through Tasmanian Regional Arts.

Membership includes award-winning artists through to hobby artists, all with a passion for creating and sharing their skills. Writers, textile artists, painters, sculptors, poets to printmakers etc are all welcome. It's amazing how one skill can inspire creativity in another field.



Rubicon River Arts' activities for this quarter include refreshing the paintwork on the Council caravan and coordinating the hanging of artwork for the 28th Annual Latrobe Art and Photographic Exhibition, in January, entitled 'An Island Revealed'.

Congratulations to Mary Lou Wright on her prize in the TasArt exhibition at Burnie Regional Art Gallery.

New members are always welcome to delve into the world of art and share your skills with others. For more information, phone Angela on 6424 3463 or 0419 490 042.



www.lapsta.com.au

The Latrobe and Port Sorell Tourism Association is a collection of local businesses who are keen to work together to promote our area for tourists (both international, interstate and intrastate) to spend time and money enjoying the huge range of lifestyle and holiday experiences that are offered. Please check out the new website www.lapsta.com.au.

After Keith Moylan's outstanding and lengthy contribution as chairman, a new chairman was elected at the recent annual meeting. Incoming chairman Peter Button is keen to meet with as many business owners as possible over the next few weeks to:

- understand your views on how we can develop new ways in which we can promote our businesses co-operatively; and
- get feedback or thoughts on how you might contribute or become involved in broadening and/or refocussing LaPSTA's work.

Mr Button was enthusiastic about meeting with individual business owners to discuss their thoughts and ideas. Please feel free to call him at Tranquilles in Port Sorell, or email him at peter@tranquilles.com to arrange to meet over a cuppa.



Lions Club

Recently a BBQ was held before the MAST meeting - this was well attended.

The Triple 5 donation containers are now placed in and around the Port Sorell area. This year the donations will go to Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch. Please donate your 5¢ pieces - The Watch is a very worthy recipient.

The Lions Christmas Carols will once again be at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall on Sunday 15th December. A community BBQ will start at 6pm and the program starts at 7pm.

Organisation is well underway for the Australia Day Celebrations in the Lions Caravan Park.

Jazz at the Port will be on February 2nd at Camp Banksia. Last year was the inaugural concert and those who attended had a lovely day. Keep the date free and come along for an afternoon of fun and great entertainment.

If you would like to become a member of the Lions Club of Port Sorell, contact Lion Rosemary Rabbetts on 6428 7389.

Say Hello to Reusable Bags

Plastics are a major pollutant in our environment and waste valuable resources.

From 1 November 2013 Tasmanian retailers will not be allowed to supply shoppers with non-biodegradable, lightweight plastic shopping bags. The ban has been implemented by the Tasmanian Government and applies to all Tasmanian retailers.

You can make a difference and help reduce the number of plastic bags by bringing your own bag.



Neighbourhood Watch

Over the last twelve months, Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch is thankful for the stream of volunteers who've made it possible to fill positions vacated by long-standing members unable to continue. As time passes, the group is saying "Goodbye" to many founding members, so there's an ongoing need for new volunteers.

The strong position currently enjoyed can only be maintained by filling with new people with the skills needed to ensure a good "line of succession" across the various administrative roles.

The Newsletter Production team needs fresh helpers and the group is also seeking assistants for both the co-ordinator and

secretary, enabling ropes to be learnt over the next twelve months. With this in mind, if anyone would like to give back to their community by volunteering, please contact Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch.

You must be aged between 18-80, a resident of Port Sorell, Shearwater or Hawley, and able to pass a police check.

Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch wishes all a safe and happy Christmas season, remembering to secure your valuables, act responsibly during celebrations, find ways to include those in the community who might otherwise be isolated at this time, and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch meetings are held at 7pm in the Port Sorell Memorial Hall on the last Tuesday of the month, from February to November and is contactable on 0412 456 740.

Playful Penguins Update



The group runs every Tuesday during school terms in the Port Sorell Memorial Hall from 10am until noon and costs \$3 per session.

For more information, phone Catherine on 0409 720 213 or visit the Facebook page "Port Sorell Community Playgroup" or simply turn up at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall on a Tuesday.

Christmas Parade - Carols and Candy Canes



How will you brighten your Christmas Float?

Entry forms are available from Morse's Butchery and the Latrobe Council Chambers. We are also encouraging Gilbert St businesses to be part of the celebration by decorating their windows with the Carols and Candy Canes Theme.

Christmas Cakes: will be available from Morse's Butchery and Ritchie's Supermarket and our dedicated cake sellers will be outside the Latrobe Newsagency on most Thursdays, alternate Saturdays and Sundays until Christmas.

Mainly music

After much interest in the group, Mainly Music sessions are now held weekly on Wednesdays at 9.30 am to 11 am at the Bridge of Hope Church in Rice Street, Port Sorell.

The sessions have attracted many families but there are still vacancies for the remainder of this term.

Mainly Music is a fun, interactive music group followed by morning tea and a free play/social time for children from birth to school age along with a parent or care-giver.

You can come along and register on the day or phone Wendy Thiele for more information on 6428 8648.

The group will continue weekly until December 11 resuming in February 2014.

Used Stamps and Used Spectacles

Our community supports us very well with these two Lions projects. Spectacles are sent to underdeveloped countries where they give those who would otherwise never have the ability to afford spectacles the opportunity to see life through new eyes.

Stamps are sent off and auctioned to assist in the purchase of walking devices for children with cerebral palsy. We only ask

that they have an area of about 4 millimetres envelope left as they no longer sell stamps which have been removed from the envelope. Used spectacles may be left at Coventry's Pharmacy, the Latrobe Family Medical Practice and Ritchie's Supermarket, Stamps may be left at Ritchie's Supermarket

PLEASE DON'T THROW THEM AWAY - We will see they are put to good use!!!

Club Meetings: The Lions Club of Latrobe meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at Shadows Cafe, 6.30 for 7pm. For more information please contact: Stuart Ritchie, Peter Burk, Kae Campbell, or any Lions member.

Port Sorell Men's Shed

Sales of raffle tickets for the life-size cubby house is proceeding well, despite the poor weather conditions being experienced over the past few weeks. Our trusty ticket sellers have endeavoured on three occasions to man a stall at Latrobe Markets and Axeman's Hall of Fame, though each occasion was rained out.

We are, however, persisting and again plan to visit these venues in the near future.

Tickets are also available at several Shearwater businesses or from any Shed member.

Draw for the monster raffle is at The Port Sorell Lions Club Christmas Carols on 15th December 2013.

Should you require tickets please phone the secretary on 0408 852 111.

Family History

Tasmanian Family History Society Mersey Branch library holds a collection of books and articles pertaining to the Latrobe District.

The "In Loving Memory" series, Latrobe books 1 and 2 of cemetery inscriptions, is still available from the library and an ideal Christmas gift for the person who has everything.

The Mersey Branch Family History library is situated at the back of the LINC State Library complex and is open on Tuesday and Friday from 11am until 3pm.

The group's annual fundraiser hamper raffle is being held throughout November and will be drawn on December 8 at the group's Christmas lunch.

The library will be closed from Friday, December 6, re-opening on Tuesday, January 7.

Enquiries are able to be directed to the Secretary 6428 6328 or the library 6426 2257.

Fishing for help

Junior fishing days at Taylors Dam, opposite Anvers on the Bass Hwy at Latrobe, has proved hugely popular with the kids of the region, but the organisers need some help.

These events continue to introduce a new generation of North-West Coasters to fishing and outdoor recreation, but a recent shortage of volunteers has put the popular event in doubt. The fishing days are hosted by the Devonport Anglers' Club on the second Sunday of each month, from 10am to 3pm. The junior program enhances the development of junior anglers, encouraging them to fish in our beautiful Tasmanian waters. Members and families attend the "Fish-out days" to

learn to fish in a safe and supervised environment. The club has an onsite office and male and female toilets.

Junior members must be within the ages of 3 to 17 years and a member of the club (which can be arranged on the day).

Disabled anglers can be catered for, at the club's discretion.

Children aged under 14 must be supervised by a parent of guardian. Parents can assist their children, but are not permitted to fish in Taylor's Dam.

Junior anglers (aged up to 17 years) are exempt from requiring a fishing licence at the dam. The event encourages bait fishing, such as worms, grasshoppers, grubs, cockroaches and flies. Spin and fly fishing is permitted at the club's discretion. Fishing gear is provided for juniors who do not have their own equipment.

But men and women over the age of 18 are needed to assist at the events. There is a particular need for ladies to assist girls wanting to try their hand at fishing. There are duties other than baiting hooks. Assistants with first-aid skills are especially welcome. Volunteers are needed for tasks including assisting with fishing methods, baiting, casting, retrieval of fish, weighing, cleaning, kitchen duties, record keeping and set-up and pack-up.

Private fishing days at the dam can be arranged for schools and other community groups.

The Devonport Anglers' Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month, at either Devonport or Latrobe, and would welcome new members. Phone Peter Maloney on 6426 2099 or jump on the website at www.axemanshallofame.com.au

Asbestos Month



Asbestos Awareness Month (November 1 to 30, 2013) aims to educate Australians about the dangers of asbestos in and around homes because Australia has one of the highest rates of asbestos-related diseases in the world.

With asbestos-related diseases continuing to increase among Australians as a direct result of exposure to asbestos fibres during home renovations and maintenance, the importance of raising awareness about the dangers of asbestos and how best to manage it in and around homes, cannot be overstated.

Asbestos Awareness Month 2013 aims to educate as many Australians as possible about the dangers of asbestos and how best to manage it.

Many wrongly believe ONLY fibro homes contain asbestos. Asbestos products can most likely be found in ANY Australian home built or renovated before 1987 even brick, weatherboard, fibro or clad homes.

Asbestos can be found under floor coverings such as carpets, linoleum and vinyl tiles, behind wall and floor tiles, in cement floors, internal and external walls, ceilings, eaves, garages, around hot water pipes, fences, extensions to homes, outdoor toilets, dog kennels, chook yards and backyard sheds it could be anywhere!

It's vital that Australians take the warnings seriously, that they stop playing renovation roulette and protect themselves and their families from exposure to asbestos fibres during renovations and maintenance.

For the legal requirement when working with asbestos in Tasmania, go to Asbestos Tasmania www.asbestos.tas.gov.au.

CCC news from the Building Department September 2013

Over the past 12 months an increasing number of illegal building works have been brought to the attention of Council. These matters arise particularly when a property sale is imminent and the potential purchasers visit Council to ensure that what's located on the site has been approved by Council.

There can be lengthy delays on settlement, increased costs and fines to the current owner, and potentially a loss of sale should illegal works be confirmed on a property.

The most common offences are:

- Adding a roof over an existing deck
- Adding carports and outbuildings such as gazebos and roofed barbeque areas,
- Dwelling additions and modifications eg: turning a decked area into a room.
- Converting a garage into a habitable room

With recent amendments to planning and building legislation, Council advises property owners to always call to the office and discuss any building work they may be considering.

We are often told by an owner that someone in the building industry had advised that a permit was not required for a particular small project. This is generally not the case, but even internal modification details should be provided so that information held on Council records of the property reflects what is actually on site.

It remains the property owner's responsibility to ensure all building work undertaken complies with the relevant Planning Scheme, Building Act and Building and Plumbing Regulations. There is nothing to lose by checking with Council, but it can be very costly if work is undertaken without obtaining the required approvals.

Contact Council's Development Services on 6421 4650 if you have any queries.

Cradle Coast Innovation

A new community based organisation has secured a three year Tasmanian Government contract to provide free business advice in our region.

Cradle Coast Innovation Inc. was established to "switch on" innovation and enterprise in the community. The organisation was formed when a group of local business and community leaders decided to do something about ensuring that our region remains one of the best places in the world in which to live, work and invest. In September, Cradle Coast Innovation was contracted by the Tasmanian Government to deliver Enterprise Centre services across the Central Coast, Devonport, Latrobe, Kentish, Meander Valley and West Tamar municipalities.

As well as working with existing businesses, the organisation wants to help those in the community who have a business idea but don't know where to begin. Cradle Coast Innovation's business advisor Daryl Connelly can help people refine and evaluate their idea and help make it a reality. The

service is free, and Daryl will visit people in their homes, at a local café or at the nearest council chambers.

To access Daryl and the Enterprise Centre services, phone him on 0488 333 893 to make an appointment.

Dilapidated Buildings and Front Yard Junk

The State Government is acting to give local councils more power to deal with dilapidated buildings and unsightly junk such as car wrecks in front yards.

The Minister for Local Government Bryan Green introduced legislation to Parliament this week which will also allow councils to issue fines for people who do not comply with abatement notices. The legislation includes provisions for councils to issue infringement notices of \$390 against people who refused to comply with directions to clean up junk in their front yards. Councils will have additional powers to direct owners to fix unsightly and dilapidated buildings.

The legislation will provide councils with the ability to take action if a neglected or damaged building is having a detrimental effect on the amenity of a neighbourhood.

Councils will be able to direct building owners to undertake the work necessary to remedy unsightly nuisances.

Currently, councils can only act if buildings are considered a risk to public health or structurally unsound. The new laws have been developed with the Local Government Association of Tasmania and endorsed by the Premier's Local Government Council.

Provided courtesy of LGAT

World-class bands hit Latrobe

Rock sensation James Reyne is set to take centre stage at Ghost Rock's annual Concert in the Vines on Saturday, March 1.

It's a huge weekend in Latrobe, as the front man of iconic band Australian Crawl brings his full band to the event for the daytime concert.

That night, The Wolfe Brothers will rattle the roof of the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame with their brand of power country-rock. The Tassie band has found international acclaim after finishing second on the hit TV series *Australia's Got Talent*.

Tickets to the Wolfe Brothers are \$25 and doors open at 7.30pm. Book at The Axeman's Hall of Fame on 6426 2099.

That is also the weekend of the Sassafras Farm Heritage Weekend and a big night of racing at Latrobe Speedway.

James Reyne kicks off at the vineyard at 12 noon and runs through until 5.30 pm. There are also some fantastic support acts lined up with details to be announced later. Ghost Rock Vineyard are also excited to announce a new barbecue and Aussie theme, with patrons able to bring their own nibbles (no eskies please) and also purchase something delicious from the Aussie barbecues.

So bring along your chair, hat and sunscreen, comfy footwear and a jacket as this is an outdoor event.

Gates will open at 11am with parking available on site. Buses will also be running between the venue and Port Sorell, Devonport, Ulverstone and Burnie.

Tickets to "The Lawn" are \$60 per person while a Premium ticket, which includes access to the deck, indoor toilets and bar facilities, is \$120 per person.

Tickets are on sale now via <http://ghostrock.com.au/> or through the Devonport Entertainment and Convention Centre (6420 2900).



Gift Boxes

Port Sorell buddy classes 5/6B and PrepG recently made gift boxes for children in undeveloped countries. Prior to making the boxes the Port Sorell students viewed a DVD of the happy and appreciative children receiving and opening their gift box.

Each box was packed to include toys to love and play with, books and pencils for school, clothing, including colourful, hand knitted beanies, and items for personal hygiene.

Students at Port Sorell Primary School had as much fun making the boxes as the children will have when receiving them. Along with their teachers Mrs Georgiades, Mrs Grave and Mrs Baldock, the students sincerely thank parents and community members for their thoughtful donations.

_ by Tammy Baldock

School's in

Andrews Creek Primary School will be holding its official opening on Tuesday November the 26th at 10.30am in the school hall. Anyone with, connections to or an interest in, either Wesley Vale or Moriarty Primary School or the amalgamated Andrews Creek Primary School is invited to attend the opening. The school will be officially opened by a member of parliament, current students will demonstrate a selection of their learning from the year and there will be a brief presentation from a local community member.

Tasmanian Trail Attracts Cyclists/Walkers

The Tasmanian Trail, which runs from Devonport to Dover through Latrobe, now caters for cyclists and walkers following the appointment and input of Mr John Dawson.

Mr Dawson is active in the Rogaining and Cycling communities throughout Tasmania and has completed the Tasmanian Trail twice.

In doing so, Mr Dawson has engaged with proprietors of accommodation facilities along the Trail who are keen to welcome cyclists on this adventure.

This has resulted in the following initiatives -

- Safe bicycle parking and storage
- Accommodation for 1 night

- Basic bicycle repair tools for simple repairs
- Amenities to wash and dry clothes and equipment
- Information on cycle services in the region (printed and web).

Further information is available at www.tassietrails.org or www.rt.asn.au

Seasonal Workers - Costa Exchange

Costa Berry Exchange is undertaking a huge expansion in berry production and is seeking accommodation for seasonal berry workers.

The company is also seeking local workers to employ during the berry season, from November to April.

If you have accommodation in the range of \$100-\$120 per person per week, and that includes kitchen and laundry facilities, contact Glenda Diggerman on 6422 6900 or email glenda.diggerman@costaexchange.com.au

The Fun of the Fair

The Latrobe Primary School Twilight Fair will be held throughout the school grounds in Lewis Street, Latrobe on Friday, 8th November from 4pm until 7pm.

Featuring a variety of food and refreshments, patrons will also be able to participate in mini jeep rides, a jumping castle and slide, the hurdy gurdy, buy a ticket in the major raffle, chocolate wheel, have your face painted, buy a lucky jar or helium balloon, try your luck with the chocolate coin toss, guess the jelly beans, get feathers or crazy hair, try poo lotto, pumpkin racing, milky way cars, buy some produce, play dough and goop, lipstick the teacher, frogs in the pond, gumboot throwing, craft stall, the reptile show, taekwondo performances and more.

Further information is available by phoning 6426 1203.



TigerTour Product Update

As the Discover Tasmania website redevelopment project approaches completion, it's essential all operator information on the website is accurate and complete.

The TigerTour database is the source of information for the Discover Tasmania website. The improved database will allow better search and display options for product information on the website. Tourism operators should ensure their product information in TigerTour still accurately reflects their business and that all contact details are current and correct. For enquiries or to update your details email tigertour@tourism.tas.gov.au

Latrobe Men's Shed

The new Latrobe Men's Shed in Kings Lane will officially be opened on Saturday, 9th November at 11am.

All men from Latrobe and surrounding areas may attend and are welcome to inspect equipment, make enquiries, become members or just talk about future projects.

The erection of the shed was made possible by a \$40,000 grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund and generous support from Latrobe Council, local businesses and the Latrobe Baptist Church. Over 1000 hours of voluntary labour has also been provided.

Already the shed has several woodturning lathes and other donated equipment.

The shed will initially open on Wednesdays 10am-noon with other opening times allocated as the need and interest grows.

For more information contact Ralph Terry on 6427 0006 or Peter Creeley on 64261674 or 0409 978 514.

Discovery Ranger

The Discovery Ranger Program is a free, fun and educational activity held in Narawntapu National Park, Port Sorell, Devonport, Ulverstone and Greens Beach during the following 2013-14 summer dates;

- Friday 27 December - Sunday 5 January
- Thursday 9 - Sunday 12 January
- Thursday 16 - Sunday 19 January
- Thursday 23 - Monday 27 January
- Friday 31 January - Sunday 3 February
- Friday 7- Sunday 9 February

The program will treat participants to Whale Tales, Devil Detectives, Tracks and Scats, Tassie's Special Shorebirds, Rockpool Rambles, Kids Capers, Slideshows, Quiz nights, Guided walks and Spotlight walks.

Every Friday evening from 8pm until 9.30 pm during this summer program, join the Discovery Ranger on their famous 'Sunset Stroll' as the light fades and Narawntapu's native animals come out to play. Meet at the Discovery Den opposite the Narawntapu National Park Visitor Centre.

Please check the local community noticeboards, or visit the Parks and Wildlife Service website for the program of events at www.parks.tas.gov.au closer to the start of the program.

Latrobe Council Works Report

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality over the next couple of months.

Roads

- Rice St kerb & channel construction
- Alexander St kerb & channel construction
- Road resealing
- Cotton St kerb & channel construction
- Stanley & Cotton St stormwater upgrades
- Reibey St footpath construction
- Reconstruct and seal Kobie Lane
- Roadside spraying

Buildings

- Sandblast and paint steelwork at Latrobe Rec Ground grandstands
- Port Sorell Surf Club concrete path to foreshore
- General building maintenance
- Tas Regional Arts disabled ramp access
- Painting of several buildings

Parks and Reserves

- Mowing
- Parks spraying
- General parks maintenance
- Sheean walk path maintenance

Should you have any queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Engineering Works Coordinator on 6421 4650.

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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Cheryl Sims Art at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm Wednesday to Sunday. ☎ 6428 4005

2-4 Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Admission charges apply. ☎ 0417 132 687

3 Dress Up Your Pet (and Yourself) Day at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 11.00 am until 12 noon. Cost \$2. Prizes to be awarded. Bookings not essential. ☎ 6426 2099

8 Walk to Work Day

8 Latrobe Primary School Twilight Fair from 4.00 pm until 7.00 pm throughout the school grounds in Lewis Street, Latrobe. ☎ 6426 1203

8 Secret Men's Business at Tranquilles, Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 6.30 pm until 9.30 pm. Enjoy a night out with mates, cooking up a storm on the BBQ or in the wood fired oven while enjoying a brew or two and letting those tall tales flow. Cost: \$99 pp. Bookings essential to 6428 7555

10 Doctors Rocksters perform at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown from 1.00 pm until 4.00 pm. Free. ☎ 6428 4005

11 Remembrance Day Service at the Latrobe Post Office Reserve, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.45 am. ☎ 6426 1255

11 Latrobe Council Meeting at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.00 pm. ☎ 6421 4650 (Candice)

11- Babes n Bubs Market, Latrobe Memorial Hall, 9am-1pm.

15 Business Networking Breakfast hosted by Business and Employment at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 7.30 am until 8.30 am. Cost: \$10 (includes breakfast). RSVP to <http://www.businessandemployment.biz/events/overview/> or telephone 6422 7777

16 Latrobe High School Fair from 10.00 am at Latrobe High School, Percival Street, Latrobe. ☎ 6426 1061

16 Filipino Cooking with Margie Good at Tranquilles, Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 1.00 pm until 4.00 pm. Full of flavour, fresh and healthy for the whole family to enjoy. Cost: \$95 pp. Bookings essential to 6428 7555.

24 Viv Brown Memorial Shoot Competition at the Fossil Bank Gun Club, 435 Native Plains Road, Sassafras from 10.00 am. ☎ 6427 8864 or 0448 032 080

24 Treats for Christmas at Tranquilles, Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 11.00 am until 1.30 pm. Make some tasty treats in readiness for Christmas that will impress friends and family. Cost: \$110 pp

- 26 Official opening of Andrews Creek Primary School,**
Westwind Drive, Wesley Vale from 10.30 am. ☎ 6428 4088

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Art by Deborah Conroy at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm Wednesday to Sunday. ☎ 6428 4005

- 1 Christmas Decoration Workshop** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe. Come dressed as Santa's Little Helper and make some great Christmas decorations. Morning session from 10.30 am until 12 noon. Afternoon session from 12.30 pm until 2.00 pm. Cost \$2 (includes materials). Bookings not essential. ☎ 6426 2099
- 5 Latrobe Diabetes Support Group** meet at the Latrobe Family Medical Practice Meeting Room, 45b Gilbert Street, Latrobe 11am-noon. ☎ 6425 0800 (Nancy)
- 8 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee** from 9.00 am at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. BYO whipper snipper, gloves etc. Complementary drink and sausage provided AFTER you've done the hard yards. ☎ 6426 1797 (Mike) or 6421 4650 (Candice)
- 8 You3** perform at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown from 1.00 pm until 4.00 pm. Free. ☎ 6428 4005
- 9 Latrobe Council Meeting** at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.00 pm. ☎ 6421 4650 (Candice)
- 15 Port Sorell Carols by Candlelight.** Activities from 6.30 pm, Carols from 8pm. Venue to be advised.
- 21 Wiggies Radiators Christmas Shoot Competition** at the Fossil Bank Gun Club, 435 Native Plains Road, Sassafras from 10.00 am. ☎ 6427 8864 or 0448 032 080
- 21 Latrobe Lions Twilight Christmas Parade** from 6.30 pm. Note that street closures will apply. ☎ 6426 1442
- 22 Carols in the Park,** Kings Park, Latrobe from 7.15 pm.
- 26 Latrobe Boxing Day Criterium.** Perkins Park, Gilbert St, Latrobe, from 6pm
- 27 Latrobe Carnival** featuring cycling, athletics and wood chopping at the Latrobe Recreation Ground. ☎ 0429 475 249

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- 1 Penguin Island Swim** from the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club, Hawley from 11am. ☎ 0429 803 026
- 4 Port Sorell Surf Fiesta** in Shearwater Park and North Freers Beach from 11.00 am until 4.00 pm.
Email psfiesta2012@gmail.com
- 12 East 39th Jazz Trio** perform at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown from 1.00 pm until 4.00 pm. Free. ☎ 6428 4005
- 18 Kids in the Kitchen** at Tranquilles, Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 11.00 am until 1.30 pm. A fully supervised cooking experience for 7-11 year olds where they make their lunch and other tasty treats to take home. Cost: \$60 pp. Bookings essential to 6428 7555.
- 20-26 Latrobe Art Exhibition and Sale** at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9.30 am until 3.30 pm daily. ☎ 0400 578 746
- 26 Henley-on-Mersey** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm. Celebrate Australia Day with a host of Australian

themed challenges and displays of interest to all ages. Great prizes to be won. ☎ 6426 1442 or
www.henleyonmersey.com.au

- 26 Port Sorell Lions Australia Day Waterslide** and community activities at the Port Sorell Lions Club Caravan Park, Meredith Street, Port Sorell from 9.30 am.
- 31 Parent and Child Creative Cooking** at Tranquilles, Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 11.00 am until 1.30 pm. Cost: \$145 for both. Bookings essential to 6428 7555
- 31 Australian Sprintcar Championships,** Bendigo Bank Arena. Latrobe. January 31-February 1. Starts 6pm.

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- 2 Jazz at the Port** at Camp Banksia, cnr Pitcairn and Anderson Street, Port Sorell from 1pm until 5pm. Cost: \$10. Tickets at the gate. ☎ 6428 7394
- 5 Chat 'n Choose Registration Day** from 10.00 am until 12 noon at the Latrobe Baptist Church Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 6426 1220 or 6426 1740
- 15-16 Latrobe Flower and Vegetable Show** at Latrobe Memorial Hall from 9am until 4pm both days.
☎ 6428 4170
- 16 Kram** performs at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown from 1pm until 4pm. Free. ☎ 6428 4005
- 16 Country Music Day** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 11am to 4pm. Drinks and sausages available. ☎ 0407 803 529
- 16 A Day for Butt** at Perkins Park, Latrobe. All-day event. ☎ 0417 386 191

Your Elected Representatives

Mayor Mike Gaffney, 43 Gilbert St Latrobe	6426 1797
Deputy Mayor Rick Rockliff, 90 Churchills Road, Sassafras	6426 7283
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Deadline..... Distribution Date

5 December..... 6 January, 2014

13 February, 2014..... 3 March, 2014

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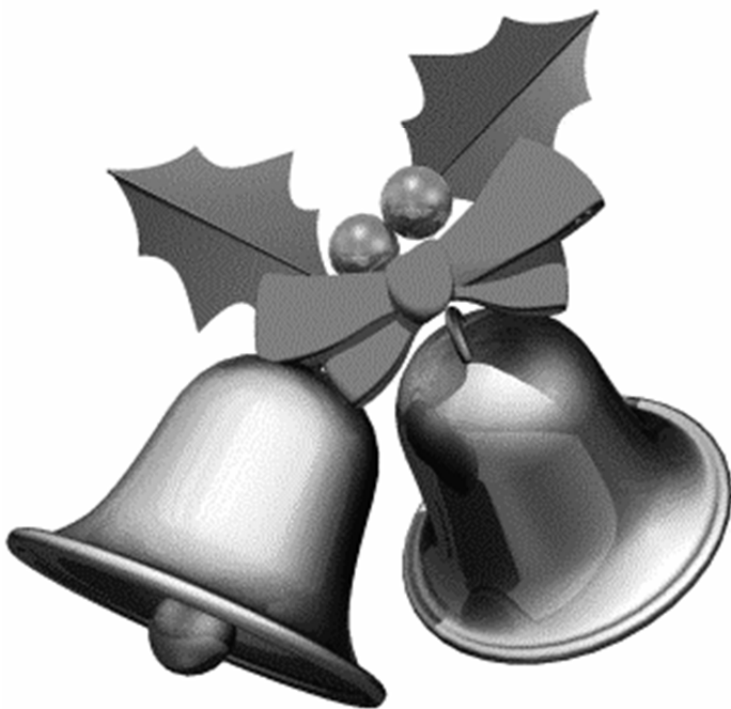
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Port Sorell Carols by Candlelight

December 15

from 8pm

Venue to be advised



Carols in the Park

December 22

King's Park

Latrobe

From 7.15pm

Latrobe Lions Twilight Christmas Parade

December 21

Gilbert St, Latrobe

From 6.30pm