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## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY AND LIFESTYLE ON AUSTRALIA DAY

There are many special events scattered throughout the calendar during the year however there are none as important as Australia Day (26 January) and celebrating our national identity.

In many local communities, it is the day that we celebrate our enviable lifestyle, our somewhat quirky culture and relax with families and friends. Latrobe, arguably, hosts the region's if not the State's best Australia Day festival, Henley-on-Mersey at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9:30am to 3:30pm.

The Lions Club of Latrobe and Rotary Club of Latrobe have again excelled in presenting a fun-filled day of activities that can challenge your skill (and you win prizes), provide you with greater knowledge of fun subjects or you can just enjoy the day being entertained from the sidelines.

Activities include ferret racing, sheaf tossing, cherry pip spitting, skilled Axemans competition, novelty games, archery, duathlon, drone demonstrations, gumboot throwing, nearest the pin golf, and egg throwing, musical

entertainment including the opportunity to play the thongaphone, a variety of food and refreshments and so much more.

Boris Zagrocki will leave you shaking your head, wondering at his talent with extreme bicycle stunts.

Additionally, the new hobby horse championship will possibly reveal a talent by many in the community!

At 10:00am, the Latrobe Municipality's Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year will be announced.

This year's Australia Day Ambassador is Mr Bill Lark, the founder of Lark Distillery. Events continue throughout Australia Day at Port Sorell including the Port Sorell Lions Waterslide on the Port Sorell Bowls Club hillside and the Aussie Car Exhibition on the corner of Rice and Meredith Streets, also from 9:30am. The delicious Lions Club pancakes and barbecue will be available. The Port Sorell History Group will reveal their latest exhibition in the Port Sorell Memorial Hall from 10:00am.

Appropriately, Australia Day celebrations conclude with the induction of new citizens at the Latrobe Senior Citizens Clubrooms at 3:00pm.



Boris Zagrocki displays his extreme bicycle stunt talent. Photo supplied.



Patiently waiting for the Port Sorell Lions Club Waterslide to be operational.

## FOOD, FUN, FERRETS AND FITNESS HENLEY-ON-MERSEY



Australia Day

26TH JANUARY 9.30AM-3.30PM  
BELLS PARADE, LATROBE

- ~ FERRET RACES
- ~ AXEMANS CARNIVAL
- ~ EXTREME BICYCLE STUNTS
- ~ DRONE EXHIBITION
- ~ HOBBY HORSE COMPETITION
- ~ DUATHLON
- ~ OLD FASHIONED NOVELTY EVENTS
- ~ HISTORIC DISPLAYS
- ~ COMPETITIONS FOR ALL AGES
- ~ FINE FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

ADULTS \$5.00

KIDS \$1.00

\*CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE\*



## YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Peter FRESHNEY .....0417 287 006  
 D/Mayor Graeme BROWN...0417 598 116  
 Shayne (Cush) ALLISON .....0409 792 648  
 Michael McLAREN .....6426 2777  
 Vonette MEAD .....0407 055 180  
 Sommer METSKE .....0409 622 710  
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## HAVE YOUR SAY PORT SORELL

The Port Sorell Advisory Committee is a special committee of Latrobe Council that was established to consider and make recommendations to the Council on matters relating to the good development of the Port Sorell, Hawley and Shearwater areas and to assist with marketing, promotion and development of these areas. The Committee consists of a wide cross-section of the Port Sorell community with representatives from multiple community groups meeting the last Tuesday of the month. There are currently vacancies for individuals on this committee that may not belong to a specific group but have active networks in the sectors of community, youth and commercial tourism. If you know of someone that would be ideal for these roles, please encourage them to contact Sarah at Latrobe Council on 64264444.

## RISK OF SOCIAL ISOLATION

*Embracing the Future: Tasmania's Ageing Profile Part II Report* is based on 2016 ABS Census data and details information about older Tasmanian's health, relationships, cultural diversity, income, housing, and employment. It also includes a focus on social isolation and loneliness, highlighting populations who may be at risk of these while recognising that it is not a normal experience of ageing.

This document is being used by the government and community to better understand, plan for, and appreciate the opportunities of Tasmania's ageing population.

The full report is available online at <https://bit.ly/382Kf3B>

## DOG CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Late November, the Dog Control Amendment Bill 2019, informed by public consultation, was endorsed by Parliament. This Amendment Bill includes several amendments such as:

1. a new offence provision for instances where a dog injures or kills wildlife, which would carry a fine of up to 30 penalty units (currently \$5,040);
2. an increased penalty for taking a dog into a prohibited area containing sensitive habitat for native wildlife, either on or off leash; and
3. amendments to enable councils to allow

for, and set conditions around, the exercise of greyhounds off-lead, in a declared exercise area.

For more information on the new additions relating to dog ownership, go to <https://bit.ly/2LrFXt0>.

## IMPROVING HEALTH TO ALLEVIATE HOSPITAL DEMAND

Chronic ill-health is a growing challenge - a wicked problem that formal health services alone cannot solve.

The Tasmanian Anticipatory Care Action Research Project is currently researching how community-driven initiatives can influence the way that systems work and whether this can deliver better health outcomes.

Working within four different Tasmanian communities, the Anticipatory Care Project seeks to identify a broad range of activities that can improve the health and wellbeing in their communities to reduce rates of chronic disease.

These sectors include looking at how Local Government can be a connector, Aboriginal health delivery, improving connectivity between GP's and community as well as the role of Neighbourhood Houses.

The project is driven by identifying system change - shifting the conditions that are holding a problem in place so fewer people get to the hospitalisation stage for issues that could have been prevented.

It is scheduled to be completed in June 2020.

## 7 DAY MAKEOVER BUILDS COMMUNITY SPIRIT

According to David Engwicht the facilitator of the project, the recent 7 Day Makeover at Shearwater Village was the "Biggest Ever". The physical transformation of the Shearwater Village in just seven days was incredible, to say the least, but the building of community spirit and the creation of new friendships has been just as remarkable.

If you haven't already seen the transformation of the Shearwater Village, then do yourself a favour and go for a look. There is a new nature park, a 'shipwreck' or two, new seating, decks, gardens, and a very 'funky' public toilet. The kids will love it! There were many individuals involved in this project, including those that lived out of the area, and who will continue to see the fruits of their labour for many years to come. It is great to have such ownership within a community.

Additionally, some job network work placements who were seeking to develop and/or enhance their work skills to make them more job-ready were involved in the makeover. One of these participants stood out with an exceptional work ethic which has resulted in him being offered an apprenticeship position with Latrobe Council.

Now that the dust has settled and the wonderful, hardworking volunteers have had a chance to recuperate from such a frantic week, Sommer Metske is keen to keep the momentum going. Sommer is seeking interest from individuals who would be interested in being part of an independent community committee to get future projects up and running. The committee will also be responsible for organising the finishing those last few jobs that didn't quite get completed.

Committee members will be required to attend meetings, develop potential project ideas and associated costings, organise



fundraising campaigns, assist in applying for grants to fund projects, and help organise and facilitate the "mini-makeovers" to get the projects completed.

If you would like to be on this community committee, please contact Sommer on [sommer.metske@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:sommer.metske@latrobe.tas.gov.au) or 0409 622 710.

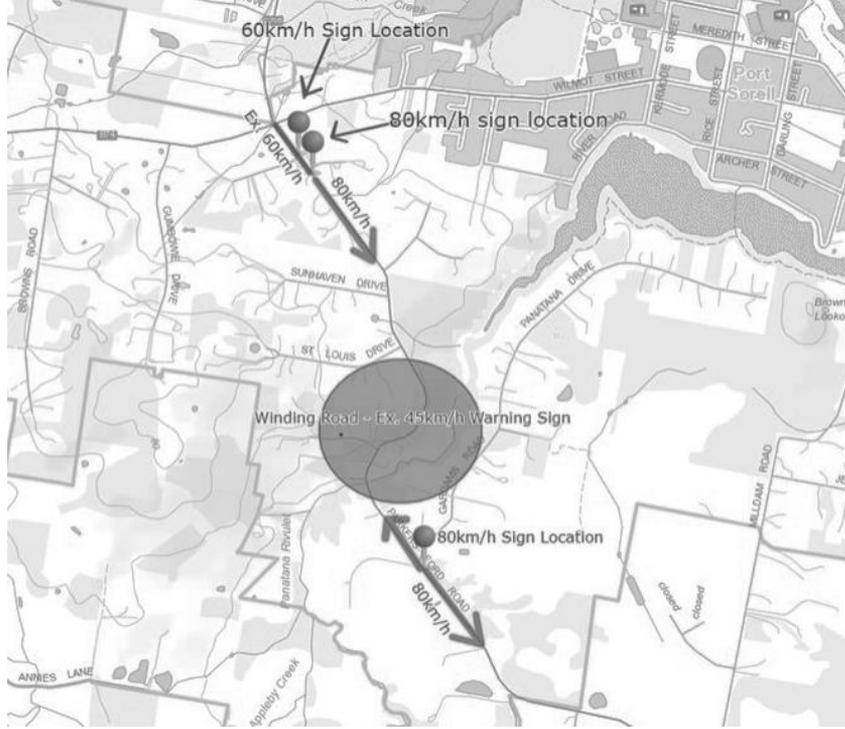
If you aren't keen to be on the committee but would still like to be involved in the hands-on side of future projects, make sure you like the Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/7DayMakeoverShearwater](http://www.facebook.com/7DayMakeoverShearwater) - to stay informed of what's happening.

Also, if anyone can spare some time to help with the watering of the new plants in the village please email Warren at [wrlockett2@bigpond.com](mailto:wrlockett2@bigpond.com). Warren and Neil would really appreciate your help!

## SPEED REDUCTION PROPOSED ON PARKERS FORD ROAD

Latrobe Council has recently been approached, more than once to reduce the existing 80km/hour speed limit from the roundabout on Port Sorell Main Road to Gardams Road, along Parkers Ford Road.

The case for this adjustment is that Parkers Ford Road is a residential area with children catching school buses and crossing that section of road. It also has several blind spots and a high incidence of crashes near the bridge in this section.



### STRATEGIC PLANNING SUSTAINS GROWTH

Latrobe Council has reactivated its Economic Development Committee to support, oversee, facilitate and review the 2015 Latrobe Council Economic Development Strategy.

The Latrobe Economic Development Strategy was initially developed to define objectives and prioritise actions for the Latrobe Council to continue to effectively manage ongoing economic growth and sustained community prosperity. The Municipality continues to maintain strong population growth however it is important to recognise that that does not just happen.

The Economic Development Committee will continue to identify initiatives that maintain the expansion of development, lifestyle and services that attract new residents.

Councillors Lesley Young, Vonette Mead and Sommer Metske have been appointed to this committee and will be assisted by relevant Council staff.

### RECORD PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning approval and building and plumbing approval are two separate processes. Often a particular use or development of land may require a permit for planning, building and plumbing. If this is the case, separate applications are required, and the Planning permit must be the first stage of the process.

The planning permit process regulates the use and development of land by assessing

proposals against Council's planning schemes and the State's planning legislation. The planning approval process focuses particularly on the impact of a proposal on the site and neighbouring land. Throughout October and November, Council received 49 planning applications. While November's applications were on par with the average of applications, they far exceeded the same time last year. October saw an unprecedented number of applications.

While many Councils are dealing with properties obtaining permits to operate as short-term accommodation venue, ensuring compliance with recent legislation, this was not the case for Latrobe. Most applications were for private dwelling developments.

### BUILDING UPDATE

A total of 52 building, plumbing, and commercial applications and notifications of works were received by Council during October and November.

They comprised of 13 dwellings; 3 dwelling additions/alterations; 6 outbuildings; 4 commercial/industrial and 26 plumbing applications with a conservative value of \$6,755,030.

The commercial/industrial activities included a workshop extension in Burgess Drive, development of three shops in Gilbert Street, alterations to Devonport Airport and shop alterations in Port Sorell. While the value of building works are below average, the number of applications is more than the same time in previous years.

Following an inspection of the route, the following was identified:

- A short section, approximately 230m south from the roundabout, is posted 60km/h and starts the 80km/h zone thereafter with two signs installed separately around 100m apart.
- While driving, the average speed was in between 50-60km/h in both directions, especially along the winding section of the road.
- The line of sight in both directions along the winding section is inadequate.
- There are a total of 30 accesses between Gardams Road and the roundabout.
- 18 crashes have been recorded occurred on this section of road in the last five years - one serious and four with minor injuries while the rest are property damage only crashes.

Based on this advice, Council believes that there is merit to reducing the speed limit to 60km/hour to reflect the current road environment but is seeking feedback from adjacent residents and regular users to enable a fully informed decision to be made. If this section of road, which is just two kilometres long, was reduced to 60km/hour, the total travel time would add less than 30 seconds to your trip; for most users, it would be closer to 15 seconds.

Comments are requested to be provided no later than Friday, 31 January to Latrobe Council's Manager Infrastructure and Assets, Mr Jonathan Magor, by post to P O Box 63, Latrobe, 7307 or email [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au).

### COMMUNITY COMMITMENT RECOGNISED

Several nominations for Latrobe Council's Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event of the Year were received and have been assessed by the selection panel. The announcement of these worthy recipients will take place 10:00am on 26 January 2020 at Bells Parade, Latrobe in conjunction with the staging of the Henley-on-Mersey Australia Day festival.

### COASTAL PATHWAY PROGRESS

The coastal pathway between Latrobe and Ambleside has received its planning permit with tenders called. The successful contractor is to be announced this month. Works are expected to commence during February-March and will continue into the Spring period.

This shared pathway will be developed on the river side of River Road, extending north from Bells Parade, past the weir and below the sewage treatment plant before rising to the road height. It then continues at this height through to the junction of River Road and Oakwood Drive at Ambleside.

Due to the significant bank stabilisation and construction works required, there will be times when traffic will be held for short periods in addition to a general speed reduction in proximity to the works. On-site signage and traffic management will be in place during those times.

Further information is available from the Cradle Coast Authority (6433 8400) as managers of the coastal pathway project, with assistance from Council.

## CALL FOR CHOCOLATE ACTIVITIES

The 17th Annual Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe will be held in and around the town of Latrobe on Sunday, 9 August. Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe was first held in 2004 to economically stimulate and profile the town of Latrobe during the quietness of Winter.

Over the years, the linking of chocolate to Winter has been a winner with many businesses and community organisations hosting a variety of chocolate-infused activities, raising awareness of their organisation and fundraising along the way. Will you be one of these in 2020? If you belong to a local organisation/business that can offer an interactive chocolate experience for patron engagement, you are invited to submit an Expression of Interest and return to Latrobe Council by Friday, 14 February.



*The talented Benoit Marchant of Drysdale Devonport displays his chocolate creation.*

The priority of participation is to support locals and provide diversity in activities. For more details of past festivals, go to [www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au](http://www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au) or phone Michelle (6426 4444).

## MAYBE NOT SO SWIMPLE

Environmental Health Australia (EHA) hold concerns regarding both the public health and the industry resourcing implications of the recently launched Swimplly app.

This app, described as ‘Airbnb for pools’, rents previously private pools to public users in a move that EHA believes to result in the pools becoming ‘public pools’ by definition of each state’s public health legislation with implications for user, owner, and inspection agency.



State public health legislation currently mandates the registration of public pools with local government authorities, the disinfection process for such pools, the frequency of water quality sampling, and appropriate water quality chemical parameters.

Under the Swimplly app terms and conditions, user of the service takes full responsibility and assumes all risks. EHA prefers to see appropriate and legislated health protection measures in place before users are asked to accept this risk.

## WASTE - THE MAIN GAME IN TOWN<sup>1</sup>

Late last year the Environment Ministers from each State and Territory met to discuss environmental matters of national significance, with waste dominating the agenda.

At the meeting, it was agreed that the waste export ban (announced at COAG) should commence on 1 July 2020 with a phased approach.

Ministers agreed the phase-out should be completed by the following dates:

1. All waste glass by July 2020.
2. Mixed waste plastics by July 2021.
3. All whole tyres including baled tyres by December 2021.
4. Remaining waste products, including mixed paper and cardboard, by no later than 30 June 2022.

Environment ministers also agreed to a new National Waste Policy Action Plan that will drive the implementation of Australia’s National Waste Policy.

It includes some targets including:

1. An 80 per cent ‘recovery’ rate of material across all waste streams.
2. Significant increases in government procurement of recycled materials.
3. Halving the amount of organic waste sent to landfill.

Policy Director with the Local Government Association of Tasmania, Mr Dion Lester, said “these announcements mark significant commitments from the Federal and State Governments.

We look forward to seeing how the action plan will be implemented at the local level from both a Local Government, but also industry development perspective.”

## URGENT NEED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Port Sorell Meals on Wheels is a community service that relies on volunteer support for a minimum of 2-3 hours per month.

This service includes Port Sorell, Shearwater, Hawley and immediate surrounds as well as all areas coming to Port Sorell from Latrobe as the meals are prepared at Strathdevon.

“Most Meals on Wheels clients are aged but can remain living in their own homes because of this service.

Many clients do however live alone and while they are receiving beautiful and varied meals, it is also the people contact that many look forward to. In some cases, the Meals on Wheels delivery may be the only person that they see on that day.

With most of our current volunteers retired and in the 70-80 year age bracket, Port Sorell Meals on Wheels are reaching out for younger people to come on board and assist with the future of this service”, said Port Sorell Meals on Wheels Coordinator, Mr Geoff Hicks.

“Meals on Wheels operates under a Charter of Aged Care Plan that all volunteers much comply with. As part of this, volunteers must pass a police check every three years. Meals on Wheels funds that application process.

Volunteers must also have their own vehicle as there is not a designated vehicle for the Port Sorell service. Meals on Wheels will pay an allowance to cover your fuel costs and provides

vehicle insurance whilst delivering meals,” added Mr Hicks. For more information, phone Mr Hicks on 6428 6353 or 0419 911 268.



*Sharon Hayward and Kim Smith of Strathdevon hand over the meals for delivery throughout Port Sorell to Geoff Hicks.*

## OLD PORT SORELL LANDFILL REHABILITATION UPDATE

Following the recent installation of the fence at the former Port Sorell Landfill site, Council advise that additional onsite and offsite groundwater bores are being installed.

These bores will allow further assessment of the groundwater including any potential impacts on the water table and aquifers in the area. The contractors have completed all necessary safety inductions to access the site and work on local roads.

Following the installation of these groundwater monitoring bores, it is likely further landfill gas bores will be put in place to ensure the Council has all the information available to inform the long-term future of the site.

As previously advised, now that the fence is in place, it will allow for safer access to the site so investigations can continue. Please be assured that all necessary checks and approvals (such as Dial Before You Dig) have occurred before these activities.

As a reminder, this site contains a few potential hazards and to minimise the risk of any possible exposure, Council ask you to stay within the Waste Transfer Station and Tip Shop area and to follow all signage and instructions. Gas monitoring and alarm

systems continue to be operated at the site, which also remains a no-smoking zone.

Council continues to confirm the general precautions published in August 2018:

- No smoking or naked flames within the Waste Transfer Station site.
- Access to the Waste Transfer Station and Tip Shop is only by the main entry in Hawk Hill Road and only during opening hours.
- Avoid drinking creek or bore water around the Waste Transfer Station site.
- Avoid swimming in the creek or downstream dams to prevent accidental ingestion of water.
- Do not eat any fish or shellfish caught in the creek.
- Do not use creek or bore water on vegetables or fruit trees. Do not use creek water on lawns.

Further updates will be provided in due course, but for more information on the environmental testing and rehabilitation project, visit [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) or call the Council office on 6426 4444.

### RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP MORE THAN JUST FEEDING IT<sup>2</sup>

Domestic cats are a part of many households and are a valued companion pet to many people.

Responsible ownership of a cat goes beyond just ensuring that you care for and feed the cat. Legislation now requires that cat owners ensure their pet cats don't kill native wildlife or become a nuisance to others.

*"But my cat doesn't roam, kill wildlife and isn't a nuisance to my neighbours!"*

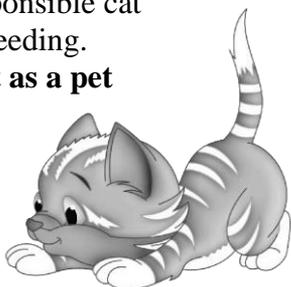
You might be surprised! The secret lives of other pet cats that 'didn't roam,' captured in the Cat Tracker Project from the USA, was certainly an eye-opener with many pet cats roaming kilometres from their homes. To better look after your pet cat, while also helping to protect Tasmania's native wildlife and be a good neighbour, there are five simple things you can do -

1. **Desex your cat** - not only will it typically live longer and be less territorial, making it a better pet, but desexing also prevents unwanted litters of kittens.

Under the Cat Management Act 2009, any person may give away or sell a cat but there are requirements for desexing and microchipping of cats before sale. All cat breeders in Tasmania must be registered either as an individual or as a member of an approved cat organisation. If buying a cat, ask for proof of registration from the breeder to help promote responsible cat ownership and breeding.

2. **Identify your cat as a pet**

Pet cats that are microchipped can be identified by local councils and animal



shelters meaning a quick and safe return to you if they get injured or lost.

Putting a collar on your cat will also help people identify that it is a pet.

3. **Never dump your unwanted kittens or cat**

Dumped cats are likely to become feral and prey on wildlife as a food source. Unwanted cats and kittens should be taken to the RSPCA located on Tarleton Road, Latrobe

Dumping or abandoning cats or kittens is an offence under the Cat Management Act 2009 and severe penalties apply.

4. **Keep your cat from roaming**

Cats that are prevented from roaming are protected from being hit by cars and from being injured or catching diseases from interactions with other cats. Pet cats should stay at home either indoors or in a specially designed cat enclosure.

In fact, pet cats that are prevented from roaming have been found, on average, to live up to four times longer than those that roam.

5. **Don't feed stray cats or kittens**

About one in five households feed a stray cat that does not belong to them. Many stray cats are not desexed and feeding them supports breeding, resulting in greater impacts on native wildlife, disease spread, public nuisance and more cats for the feral population. Do not feed a cat that is not yours but instead take it to the RSPCA.

TassieCat is an initiative of the Tasmanian Cat Management Project to encourage responsible cat ownership in the Tasmanian community. The TassieCat website provides expert advice and useful resources to help you keep your cat safe, healthy and happy while protecting our wildlife and our communities.

### COUNCIL'S WORKS REPORT

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during January and February:

#### CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TEAM

- Club Drive reconstruction between Alexander Street and Quinlan Crescent
- Gilbert Street footpath reconstruction
- Laura and George Street construction of footpath infills where there are gaps in the roadside footpath network.
- Road resealing - various locations
- Rural roadside mowing
- Footpath, kerb and stormwater network repairs - various locations



#### TOWN SERVICES TEAM

- Latrobe Recreation Ground grandstand balustrade replacement
- Bosworth Park - construction of shade structure
- Shearwater Park - construction of shade structure near the playground

#### GREEN SPACES TEAM

- Pig Island walking track continuation of upgrade works
- Port Sorell Recreation Ground - covering of drain in front of clubrooms
- General mowing and grounds maintenance

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

<sup>2</sup> <https://bit.ly/35ZzixY>

## NEIGHBOUR DAY

Yearning for a change or feeling frustrated by a situation, many of us have been known to utter - 'why doesn't somebody DO something about that?'

But how many of us have been willing to be the SOMEBODY to take the first step, and do something?

If you have already stepped up to run a Neighbour Day event in the past then congratulations, you're one of those 'Somebodies' making a difference!

Neighbour Day is held on the last Sunday in March, this year on 29 March with a theme of Social Connection.

As a Neighbour Day host, you will meet some great people in your neighbourhood and felt the warmth and enjoyment of bringing people together; actively building a happier, safer and more connected community.

Relationships Australia has investigated the experiences of people who participated in a Neighbour Day event.

They found that participation in a Neighbour Day event creates new relationships, renews old relationships, and deepens existing relationships while the person that took some form of neighbourly action experienced a greater sense of belonging and satisfaction with their community, and perceived their neighbourhood more positively.

Their research highlights the benefits associated with Neighbour Day and showed the positive impact that such social participation has on the well-being of Australians and their communities. So, if you are ready to be that 'Somebody' and host your local Neighbour Day event, download your Neighbour Day e-kit at <http://neighbourday.org/resources/neighbour-day-kit/> and register your event.

## NEW LIFTS FOR MERSEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

The Mersey Community Hospital (MCH) is currently replacing its four public lifts with building works beginning in late January and occurring over two stages:

- Lifts 3 and 4 (located next to the main entrance) will be replaced between January - March.
- Lifts 1 and 2 (next to the Emergency Department) will be replaced between April - July.

MCH Nursing Director of Operations, Mr Anthony Hurst, said "the staging of the works meant that two lifts would continue to operate at all times.

Directional signage will be in place to show people where to go.

If you have an appointment at the hospital - particularly for surgical, antenatal or outpatient clinics - we encourage you to arrive a little earlier to allow extra time to find your way.



*MCH Project Manager Richard Rainbird and Project Nurse Victoria Brown in front of the lifts to be replaced*

If you are not sure how to get to your appointment, talk to our friendly staff who will be able to point you in the right direction."

Mr Hurst said the works would inevitably create additional noise and general disruption.

"We apologise for any inconvenience and thank everyone for their patience during the works," he said.

## HERE WE ARE ARTS INITIATIVE REVEALS COMMUNITY STORIES

*Here We Are 2020* is an ongoing community-based arts project that nurtures connection and celebrates the local stories of those living and connected to the North-West Coast of Tasmania. Achieved through a facilitated process led by professional artists to nurture the sharing and creative response to and curation of stories through community-based installations and interventions, *Here We Are* has evolved from the successful *Here She Is* project launched on International Women's Day, 2019 as part of the Ten Days on the Island Festival program.

"More than anything, through the *Here She Is* process and the overwhelming community support that the project received, it revealed that there are just so many more stories to tell.



*Here She Is* participants. Photo: Lauren McKinnon

"This time, *Here We Are* takes the project out of the gallery and in to the community through tailored workshops in partnership with community organisations that include all members," said Project Coordinator, Anne Morrison.

The creative contributors include Anne Morrison and Jessie Pangas as Project Coordinators and Artists, Liz Braid as Illustrator and photographer, Lauren McKinnon. Anne and Jessie have been awarded Australian Government Regional Arts Funding, a major community grant to undertake this exciting creative project, with in-kind support from Latrobe Council, Rubicon Grove, Rosebery Community House, Ten Days on The Island, Central Coast Council and Mt St Vincent Nursing Home, Ulverstone.

*Here We Are* will involve creative workshops over two days throughout March and April at Rubicon Grove, Port Sorell. Dates are yet to be advised, dependent on venue, community group and creative availability.

"At the first workshop, the artists will introduce the project concept and story-telling then focus the resulting conversations on place and stories of people and community members that those attending have known and loved. Participants will be encouraged to bring photographs and mementos to share. Workshop materials and examples of creative responses will be provided and initial responses facilitated by Anne Morrison and Jessie Pangas. Illustrator Elizabeth Braid will capture one quote from each participant to be illustrated and given as a gift to participants at the end of the project.

Photographer Lauren McKinnon will also capture one portrait of project participants and along with the illustrations and responses from participants will be included in a mini-exhibition and accessible on a future online project archive.

The exhibition will be put up within Rubicon Grove at the end of the second workshop - 'Sharing the Story' - enabling participants to invite friend's family, staff and the wider community to share in a celebration of the stories gathered, said Ms Morrison. Further information on participatory dates will be advised in the next newsletter.

## WESLEY VALE EAT AND GREET BUILDS FRIENDSHIPS

If you are looking to connect with others throughout the Wesley Vale community, then come along to the Wesley Vale Eat and Greet held the third Friday of each month, concluding 20 March. This initiative of Grant and Jan Bingley started in October and, after a couple of months, they now have confidence to promoting it widely.

Eat and Greet at Wesley Vale is a way for newcomers to the area to meet locals but also an opportunity for those living in the area to catch up socially with others.

"Everyone attending brings a plate of food to share and they are chatting in no time at all.

If they have a musical instrument or games they like to play, they bring them along and everyone gets involved one way or another. It's marvellous to see the interaction and how people come out of their shell," said Mrs Bingley.

Eat and Greet is held at the Wesley Vale Community Church Hall, opposite the Wesley Vale Shop from 6.30pm on the third Friday of the month - 17 January, 21 February and 20 March.

There is no need to register, just turn up.



Attendees at a recent Eat and Greet at Wesley Vale. Photo supplied.

## ONE DAY VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The Rotary Club of Latrobe is seeking volunteers to assist with the staging of fun activities at the annual Henley-on-Mersey Australia Day festival at Bells Parade on Sunday, 26 January.

This event is a major fundraiser for the Latrobe Rotary and Latrobe Lions Clubs which supports the delivery of projects in your local community so, if you can give two or more hours of your time on that day to volunteer, it would be gratefully appreciated. Please register with John by phoning 0457 883 006.

Latrobe Rotary also holds a monthly barbecue at Bunnings, Devonport; are providing the barbecue at the Horsecare Australia 2020 Tasmanian Dressage Championships at Thirlstane on 29 February/1 March and have recently donated \$5,500 to Rural Alive and Well to support mental health activities.

Members are also supporting the international efforts of the Rotary Foundation and will combine with the Devonport Rotary Club for the annual Million Dollar Meal. No, it's not an expensive meal but an opportunity for members to donate over a meal to this worthwhile cause.

If you'd like to know more about Rotary, please contact John on the number above.

## NEED HELP PAYING YOUR ENERGY BILLS?

Stronger protections are now available to households having trouble paying their energy bills.

The Australian Energy Regulator has taken action to assist vulnerable customers experiencing payment difficulties by introducing an enforceable Customer Hardship Policy Guideline.

The Guideline requires energy retailers to provide consistent minimum standards of assistance, ensure hardship programs are easily accessible and processes are in place to identify customers who may need help. Customers participating in a hardship program will get access to different payment options, help find a better energy plan, receive tips on energy efficiency, and information about government concessions, relief schemes, energy rebates and financial counselling services. Other help may also be available. For more information, visit the Australian Energy Regulator's website at [www.aer.gov.au/consumers/my-energy-bill/help-for-customers-in-hardship](http://www.aer.gov.au/consumers/my-energy-bill/help-for-customers-in-hardship).



Although we typically live in a relatively safe state, we should not be so blasé to believe that there is not a risk of attacks by gun, knife or similar weapon, whether they be terrorist or otherwise.

Did you know that there is a Counter Terrorism Unit within Tasmania Police? Although a small branch, they work closely with the Australian Government's National Security team to support activities that could keep our communities secure and safe.

The ESCAPE. HIDE. TELL. campaign was recently launched by Australian National Security on what to do if you are faced with such an attacker.

It is important to be prepared to react quickly in such circumstances and remembering these three words: ESCAPE. HIDE. TELL. - could help.

As all situations are different, the need to make quick decisions during an attack is common and you need to be prepared to change your plan.

Remembering the ESCAPE. HIDE. TELL. principles will help in deciding what to do. For instance, you may have to hide before you can escape. In some situations, you may still need to hide once you have escaped the immediate area.

For more information, go to <https://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au/Securityandyourcommunity/Pages/escape-hide-tell.aspx> where they also have training materials developed for businesses and owners/operators of crowded places to educate staff in more detail on what to do in the event of an attack, terrorist or not.

## TRIM BUSHES TO REDUCE HAZARD

Footpaths throughout our community are for pedestrians to walk along and shared pathways for cycling as well.

Unfortunately, vegetation from adjoining gardens sometimes spill on or over these paths which can not only restrict the use and potentially divert users to roadways but also may create a trip hazard.

If you have a footpath or shared pathway in front of your residence/business, please check that your vegetation has not escaped beyond your boundary and that tree branches are not hanging low over paths. If they have or are, some urgent maintenance to trim back to your boundary will ensure unimpeded pedestrian and cycling access.

## BEING SOCIAL IN RETIREMENT



The Rubicon Combined Probus Club provides regular meetings for retired and semi-retired men/women and spouses/partners who

appreciate and value, in their retirement, opportunities to meet new people in a friendly environment, hear from guest speakers on topical subjects, and visit places and organisations of specific appeal to members.

Guest speakers have spoken on a range of topics including ornithology, bookbinding,

writing your first novel, to managing your health issues in later life.

Members recently enjoyed trips to the tulips at Table Cape, Woolmers Estate, with some even ventured as far afield as Norfolk Island. Outings to local restaurants, wineries and food producers are also well supported.

The Club meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday from 10:00am to 12noon at the Port Sorell Golf Club.

Their next meeting is on 22 January when they will celebrate all things Australian.

They welcome visitors and prospective members. If you have recently retired or have just moved to the area, please come along. They look forward to seeing you.

## COURSES RELEASED ON 28TH



For the 2019 year, U3A Port Sorell offered 28 courses at multiple venues in

and around Port Sorell in which over 400 registered members participated.

The development of programs that engage retired or semi-retired people over the age of 50 years with very different interests is always a challenge, but the dedicated program team come up with the goods every term.

While the University of the Third Age (U3A) Port Sorell is currently closed for a well-deserved rest, the program team are busy firming up activities for Term 1 for release on 28 January, the same date that the office reopens.

To take advantage of these courses, you must be a member of U3A Port Sorell. Membership dues of \$45 apply per calendar year.

U3A Port Sorell's office is located at the front of the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell. Office hours are 10:00am to 12noon Monday to Friday; phone 0499 162 539 or visit their website at <https://portsorell.u3anet.org.au/>

## BOOKS AND CRAFT

The Latrobe Library will be holding two "How to Make a Miniature Garden" craft sessions from 1:30pm until 2:30pm on 6 and 13 January for children aged 7+.

Some parental assistance may be required with bookings a gold coin donation and essential via [www.evenbrite.com.au](http://www.evenbrite.com.au) or directly with Rachel on 6478 4220.

If you love books and movies, then come along to the Latrobe Library Bookclub at 1:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month where the group talk about books read over the past month, what has just been published, movies viewed and what the library has recently purchased.

Twisted Stitches, the crochet/knitting club, will not be held during January but will resume on 27 February.

Rock and Rhyme also resumes on 10 February at 10:00am. These sessions involve singing, dancing and making

music to songs and rhymes, plus storytelling. Rock and Rhyme helps young children of all ages to learn the joy of music, and books whilst having fun. There is no need to book just turn up and enjoy the noise. Book packs are also available to borrow for children to enjoy in the comfort of their own home.

The Latrobe Library Computer Hub is staffed by volunteers who are ready to assist you with printing, photocopying and scanning. They are also able to help with computer basics and refresher skills.

The Latrobe Library is located at 113 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. For any further information, please contact Rachel on 6478 4220.

## OPEN COURT

The Port Sorell Tennis Club will be rolling out an exciting new initiative from Tennis Australia that will introduce tennis to beginners in a fun and exciting format and encourage former players to return to the game.

The "Open Court Sessions" program will start during the Australian Open and continue through the rest of summer.

This is a great opportunity for first-time players to try the game without the pressure of thinking "I'm not good enough".

The club will provide all the equipment on the night, refreshments and a guarantee you will meet some new people and find skills you didn't think you had.

Additionally, the Port Sorell Tennis Club's 2020 rosters will begin from Monday 10 February.

For more information search FOR THE Port Sorell Tennis Club on Facebook or email [portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com](mailto:portsorelltennisclub@hotmail.com)

## LEARN A NEW CRAFT

If you are new to the district, bored, lonely, just need some "me" time or would like to make new friends and learn a new skill, Chat 'n Choose will commence at the Latrobe Baptist Church, 123 Gilbert Street, Latrobe on Wednesday, 5 February.

Approximately 10-12 classes with skilled, volunteer tutors eager to share their talent are offered from 10:00am until 12 noon each Wednesday during school terms. Registrations are accepted at any time during the term however no creche is available.

The cost per session is a low \$2 and includes morning tea and a five minute "think spot" with a Biblical theme. Chat 'n Choose is an inter-denominational craft morning with a welcoming environment.

For more information, please contact either Glenis (6426 1220) or Fay (6426 1740).



## MAKEOVER INVESTMENT WORTHWHILE



The Lions Club of Port Sorell was pleased to be involved physically and financially with a donation of \$10,000 to the 7 Day Makeover project within Shearwater Village.

The outpouring of community involvement has demonstrated great pride in what has been achieved to make the area more welcoming and bolster the viability of the boutique businesses located within Shearwater Village.

If you haven't yet seen the transformation, it is well worth a visit.

The club is continuing to assist the Lions Club of Latrobe with their canteen operations at the Latrobe Speedway this season.

It is through this support that club members get to know each other better and support the raising of funds that are reinvested back in the community.

The next community event that the club will host is the traditional Australia Day Waterslide, pancakes and barbecue as well as the continuation of the Aussie Car Exhibition that was first staged last year. Come along and join in the fun.

If you would like to know more about the Lions Club of Port Sorell, please phone Denzil on 0467 286 234.

## SKILLS SHINE IN COMPETITION

It has been a very busy couple of months of competitions for the Latrobe Croquet Club with the Northern Pennant season almost complete. Several Club Competitions have also been run and won. The Golf Croquet Doubles title went to Elaine Berridge and Brian Rubock and the Golf Croquet Club Medals saw Gold being awarded to Elaine Berridge, Silver to Flick Green and Bronze to Denis Walker.



Denis Walker and Flick Green. Photo supplied.

Patsy Paine contested and won the State Silver Medal Competition in Hobart in October.

This was followed by the Latrobe Croquet Club entering nine players in the State Divisional Championships held in Launceston with junior member, Curtis Mead, heading to Geraldton WA this month to compete for the Australian Under 21 title.

Social play is held every day from 10:00am until 3:00pm except Fridays and Sundays. If you would like to give croquet a try, give Chris a ring on 0499 990 239.

## CONNECTING WITH OTHERS



The ladies of the Mersey Valley Ladies Probus Club reconvene for the 2020 year at the Senior Citizens Club in Hamilton Street, Latrobe

at 10:00am on 24 February for fun, fellowship and friendship.

They enjoy listening to one of their own members as club speaker and after morning tea are privileged to hear from an invited Guest Speaker. Having Guest Speakers keeps them informed and connected with what is happening within the district and beyond.

Once a month they have a morning tea at Anvers, lunch after their monthly meeting, a monthly dining experience to sample food at different eating venues. They also go on trips. These activities are not compulsory to attend but are always very enjoyable.

Last October the Mersey Valley Ladies Probus Club celebrated their 32nd Birthday. Probus is a great way of meeting new people. If you are interested in attending, please phone Alida on 64247536.

## YOU TOO CAN BLOW YOUR OWN TRUMPET



The Latrobe Federal Band have been busy over the Christmas period and are about to resume rehearsals in preparation for the annual Henley-on-Mersey Australia

Day festival at Bells Parade, Latrobe on 26 January. You'll find the band set up at the far end of the Parade in their usual spot, under the large shady tree.

Following that the Latrobe Federal Band prepares for one of their busiest days of the year - ANZAC Day on 25 April. On this day, the band participate in Dawn and morning Services at Latrobe, Sheffield and Railton.

If you'd love to learn a brass instrument or if you are already a player and want to get involved with a great group of people, then come along and see what the Latrobe Federal Band is all about. There is no age limit and you'll be made to feel most welcome.

Band practice is held in the E J Coventry band rooms, under the grandstand at the Latrobe Recreation Ground, Gilbert Street, Latrobe on Mondays from 6:00pm for Juniors and Beginners and 7:30pm for Seniors. Seniors also have a rehearsal most weeks on a Thursday evening at 7.00pm.

Want to know more? Contact David (0408 262 187) or Leigh (0417 348 258).

## EIGHTBALL CHALLENGES HAND EYE COORDINATION

The Rubicon Grove Auxiliary express their appreciation for the community support of their White Elephant stall at the Port Sorell Spring Fair. Raising about \$450, the funds are used to benefit residents of Rubicon Grove. This includes the recent purchase of an 8 Ball Table which residents have taken quite a shine to.

The earlier purchase of the Tri-Shaw bike has given residents celebrity status, receiving lots of waves as they travel about the community. They advise that they feel like Kings and Queens!

This year, the Rubicon Grove Auxiliary has set a target of fundraising for a new bus. If you can assist with donations, they would be gratefully received.

Just a reminder that the community knitting group continues to be held each Thursday evening at Rubicon Grove, 89 Club Drive, Port Sorell, commencing at 6:30pm. This is open to anyone who wants to learn or continue knitting with like-minded people. More information is available from Kaye (0459 472 758).

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the Rubicon Grove Development room on Wednesday, 19 February at 1:00pm. If you would like to know more before then, please contact either Sharron (0419 352 359) or Elaine (0408 63 019).

## BENDIGO BANK PARTNERS WITH SURF CLUB

A filming day at the Port Sorell Surf Club was an initiative of the Port Sorell Community Bank to create a video showcasing the amazing community spirit emerging from this fast-growing area. The video highlights how a community can work together and how the bank's sponsorship benefits such organisations. There have been many changes at the Port Sorell & Latrobe Community Enterprise. A new Branch Manager will be introduced to the community soon, as well as changes in the structure of banking as you know it. Appreciation is extended to the staff at the branch/agency who managed the increased workload following the resignation of the Branch Manager.

The Port Sorell & Latrobe Community Bank would like to extend appreciation to the many customers who have supported the branch or agency during the past year. Customers who have opened accounts, taken out insurance, enquired about loans or any of the other services available at Bendigo Bank are experiencing the difference with the community bank and are becoming more aware of how their contribution, no matter how small, can ultimately flow on to benefit the community. Your continued support ensures the future of the bank in our local community.

## SKILL SHARING WORKSHOPS



Rubicon River Arts (RRA) members Rasa Dunlop, Karen Scott-Hoy, Stephanie Tuckett and Kim O'Brien were thrilled

to be a part of the 7 Day Makeover of Shearwater Village in November. Kim led a group creating stone carvings from South Australian limestone. Inspired by endemic sea species of the region, the resulting sculptures were warmly received and certainly brought the arts to the makeover. Apart from Kim, none of the members had previously carved in limestone.

"Latrobe Council were fabulously supportive, going above and beyond with the staff, some Councillors and the Mayor rolling up their sleeves to help with the makeover" said Mr O'Brien.

The RRA Summer Exhibition is now showing at Latrobe Arts Hub from 10:00am until 3:00pm daily and displays an eclectic range of mediums and arts practised and explored by members. RRA's first meeting of the year will be held on Saturday 1 February from 10:00am until 12 noon. New members are enthusiastically welcomed to satisfy a passion to acquire creative skills or further develop presentation abilities. The 2020 Workshop Calendar is available on RRA's Facebook page. If you are interested in participating in an activity, you are encouraged to apply early to avoid disappointment. Workshop fees are discounted for members.

For more information on Rubicon River Arts Inc. Events, go to Facebook, email [rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com](mailto:rubicon-river-arts@googlegroups.com), call Angela on 0498 243 460 or call into Latrobe Arts Hub, 21 George Street, Latrobe.

## NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS AT THE CROWDED LOUNGE

The new year brings new beginnings and new ownership by a local family in their purchase of The Crowded Lounge.

After almost a decade, June and Brian Wilson are shifting gears and have sold their business to Eric and Michelle Smith and their extended family.

The Wilson's have formed many wonderful and enduring relationships through their operation of The Crowded Lounge with the Smith's assuring regulars there will be the same great coffee and continued ambience under Brian's mentorship, that the Crowded Lounge is known for.

June Wilson's pastel classes will be a continuing feature in the art studio calendar as will previously held classes and art tutors, while Michelle will offer classes for over 50's, some photography workshops and be assisted by her daughter Karly who is undertaking art studies.

There will be quite a few new faces and workshops on offer in the new year from fabric hand painting to painting with chocolate for various ages. See some of Michelle's photography at <https://www.facebook.com/michellemillerphotography>

Art classes will expand to incorporate some children's school holiday programs and classes for the less experienced art enthusiasts.

There are also some special, one-off events and the occasional evening out with live entertainment on the cards.

June and Brian remain living in Latrobe and will contribute to the community, with both commenting that their time operating The Crowded Lounge has enriched their lives, endeared the community of Latrobe to them, and opened the door for many rich and rewarding partnerships.

Brian and June thank all their faithful customers and supporters that have made their time at The Crowded Lounge and June Wilson Studio Gallery, so enjoyable and wish Eric, Michelle and family all the best for their new and exciting venture.

## WHAT'S ON

### JANUARY

- 3 Market by the Beach** at North Freers Beach in front of the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Clubrooms from 5:00pm until 9:00pm. Live music, entertainment for the kids, market and food stalls, bar facilities. Contact [marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com](mailto:marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com)
- 3 Dylan Boys** perform at Shearwater Resort Tavern, Shearwater from 7:00pm until 10:30pm. Free entry. Bookings for dinner - 6428 6205
- 5 North West Dressage New Years Competition** at the Thirlstone Golf Club, Squeaking Point Road, Thirlstone from 8:30am until 4:00pm.
- 6 Make a Miniature Garden** for 7+ year olds at the Latrobe Library, 113 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 1:30pm until 2:30pm. Gold coin donation, bookings essential via [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) or directly with Rachel on 6478 4220.
- 9 SOWO (Schools Out, Wheels Out) - Intermediate** at Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails, Warrawee Reserve, Latrobe from 8:30am until 10:30pm for ages 8-10. Fun trail ride and skills session with fellow shredders and your fun + entertaining mountain bike instructor! A great session for kids already riding the green and blue trails and starting to do drops/jumps - we will be giving them a few creative ways to ride the trail to open their minds up to freestyle riding and have some fun. Cost: \$40. Tickets from [www.shapeandride.com](http://www.shapeandride.com)



- 9 SOWO (Schools Out, Wheels Out) - Advanced** at Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails, Warrawee Reserve, Latrobe from 11:00am until 1:30pm for ages 10-14. Riding the gravity trails and throwing in some creative challenges to learn new style tricks that they will love! Must have 'dual suspension mountain bike' (if not, please get in touch). Cost: \$50. Tickets from [www.shapeandride.com](http://www.shapeandride.com)

- 10 Neil Gibson** performs at Shearwater Resort Tavern, Shearwater from 7:00pm until 10:30pm. Free entry. Bookings for dinner - 6428 6205

- 11 Twilight Junior Fishing** at Taylor's Dam on the Bass Highway, Latrobe (opposite the House of Anvers chocolate factory) from 3:00pm until 8:00pm. Ph 0417 505 887



- 11 Courtney Schmidt** performs at Shearwater Resort Tavern, Shearwater from 7:00pm until 10:30pm. Free entry. Bookings for dinner - 6428 6205
- 13 Make a Miniature Garden** for 7+ year olds at the Latrobe Library, 113 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 1:30pm until 2:30pm. Gold coin donation, bookings essential via [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) or directly with Rachel on 6478 4220.

- 17 Eat and Greet** at Wesley Vale Community Church Hall from 6:30pm. Bring a plate of food to share. Ph. 0408 134 057

- 17 Trev Weaver** performs at Shearwater Resort Tavern, Shearwater from 7:00pm until 10:30pm. Free entry. Bookings for dinner - 6428 6205

- 17-18 Grand Prix Speedway racing** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Road, Latrobe featuring Super Sedans and Street Stocks with AMCA and Modifieds on Friday night and Wingless, Juniors and Go-Karts on Saturday night. Gates open at 3:00pm, main track racing from 6:00pm until 11:00pm. Admission fees apply. Eftpos facilities available. Ph 0417 593 518

- 18 Port Sorell Fiesta** in Shearwater Park, North Freers Beach from 11:00am until 9:30pm a family-focused music, food and wine event, returns to Shearwater Park on 18 January. Live music will be performed with Ant and Candice Barton, Jerome Hillier and the Ringmasters providing tunes that everyone can dance along to. A Kids Zone with facing painting and children's entertainers is open all day. It will be a licensed event with food and beverage vans. Gold coin donation to Port Sorell Lions Club. Ph. 0455 443 600



- 18 Dishes and Drams** at the Tasmanian Food and Wine Conservatory, Sassafras from 12:30pm until 3:00pm. A decadent 5-course long table degustation lunch showcasing devilishly delightful whiskey and drams, paired perfectly with divinely delectable dishes. Tickets \$150. Bookings to <https://bit.ly/2sIs0Ak>

- 25-26 Latrobe Lilium Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 1:00pm until 4:00pm Saturday and 10:00am until 4:00pm Sunday. Admission - \$4 adults. Food and refreshments available. Ph. 6435 1298

- 24 Market by the Beach** at North Freers Beach in front of the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Clubrooms from 5:00pm until 9:00pm. Live music, entertainment for the kids, market and food stalls, bar facilities. Contact [marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com](mailto:marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com)

- 25 Gypsy Rose** performs at Shearwater Resort Tavern, Shearwater from 7:00pm until 10:30pm. Admission \$5pp. Bookings for dinner - 6428 6205

- 26 Henley-on-Mersey Australia Day festival** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9:30am until 3:30pm. Discover all the fun, food, ferrets and fitness.



Special events include Extreme Bike Stunts and Hobby Horse competition. Details at [www.henleyonmersey.com.au](http://www.henleyonmersey.com.au)

- 26 Announcement of Australia Day Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event of the Year** at Henley-on-Mersey, Bells Parade, Latrobe at 10:00am.

- 26 Port Sorell Lions Club Waterslide and Car Show** from 9:30am until 11.30am at Port Sorell Bowls Club hillside, Meredith Street, Port Sorell and alongside the Port Sorell Recreation Ground in Rice Street, Port Sorell.

- 26 Port Sorell History Exhibition** in the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, Meredith Street, Port Sorell from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Gold coin donation. Ph 0437 707 252 or 0407 045 458

- 26 Citizenship Ceremony** at the Latrobe Senior Citizens Clubrooms, Hamilton Street, Latrobe from 3:00pm.

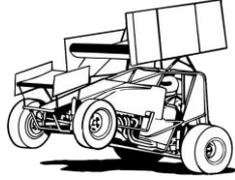
- 26 Matt and CJ** perform at Shearwater Resort Tavern, Shearwater from 6:30pm until 10:00pm. Free entry. Bookings for dinner - 6428 6205

- 28 Release of Port Sorell U3A Term 1 Program.** Download at <https://port.sorell.u3anet.org.au/> on this day or ph 0499 162 539

**31 Australian Sprintcar Championship** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Road, Latrobe featuring Sprintcars, Street Stocks, Wingless and Modifieds. Gates open at 3:00pm, main track racing from 6:00pm until 11:00pm. Admission fees apply. Eftpos facilities available. Ph 0417 593 518

## FEBRUARY

**1 Australian Sprintcar Championship** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Road, Latrobe featuring Sprintcars, Street Stocks, Wingless and Modifieds. Gates open at 3:00pm, main track racing from 6:00pm until 11:00pm. Admission fees apply. Eftpos facilities available. Ph 0417 593 518

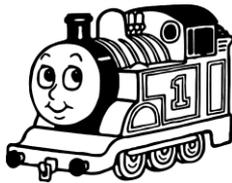


**5 Chat 'n Choose Registration Day** at the Latrobe Baptist Church Hall, 123 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:00am. Ph 6426 1220 or 6426 1740

**5 Students return to Geneva Christian College**

**6 Students return to all other schools**

**8 Free Family Fun Day** at Port Sorell Primary School, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 11:00am until 3:00pm hosted by the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship. There will be Thomas train rides, jumping castle, face painting, whip cracking, pony rides as well as many other games, a free sausage sizzle, tea/coffee and icy poles. Ph 0417 594 897



**8 Twilight Junior Fishing** at Taylor's Dam on the Bass Highway, Latrobe (opposite the House of Anvers chocolate factory) from 3:00pm until 8:00pm. Ph 0417 505 887

**8 Chapter V** performs at Shearwater Resort Tavern, Shearwater from 7:00pm until 10:30pm. Free admission. Dinner bookings to 64286205

**11 Euthenasia Forum** hosted by Michael Gaffney MLC in the Latrobe Memorial Hall Supper Room, James Street, Latrobe from 9:00am.

**14 Neil Gibson** performs at Shearwater Resort Tavern, Shearwater from 7:00pm until 10:30pm. Free entry. Bookings for dinner - 6428 6205

**15-16 Latrobe Flower and Vegetable Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 2:00pm to 4:00pm Saturday and 9:00am to 4:00pm Sunday. Ph 6428 4170 or 6428 4154



**21 Eat and Greet** at Wesley Vale Community Church Hall

from 6:30pm. Bring a plate of food to share. Ph. 0408 134 057

**22 Danny Kealley** performs at Shearwater Resort Tavern, Shearwater from 6:30pm until 10:00pm. Free entry. Bookings for dinner - 6428 6205

**21-23 Red Hot Summer Clogging Camp** at Camp Banksia, Anderson Street, Port Sorell. Package includes clogging workshops, accommodation and most meals. Theme - RED! See [www.cloggingaustralia.com/events.php](http://www.cloggingaustralia.com/events.php) for further information

**23 Van Diemen Antique Bottles and Collectables Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9:30am until 3:30pm. Gold coin entry, U16 free. Ph 0418 790 690

**28 Schools Clean Up Day.** Register at [www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au) for your free kit with everything you need to get started for your School Clean Up Event

**29 Horseware Australia 2020**

**Tasmanian Dressage Championships** at

Thirlstane Golf Club, Squeaking Point Road, Thirlstane from 8:00am until 5:00pm.



**29 Concert in the Vines** at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 12 noon until 5:00pm. Featuring Diesel, Choirboys, Everburn, Kitty Martini and Half Way to Forth. Sealed bottled water only permitted to be brought in. Tickets available through the Cellar Door and Eatery, by phoning 6428 4005 or online at <http://ghostrock.com.au> Buses transport available - contact Merseylink on 6427 7626. Additional cost.

**29 Speedway Racing** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Road, Latrobe featuring Super Sedans, Late Models, AMCA, 500s, Juniors, Modifieds, Go-Karts, Tassie Sixes. Gates open at 3:00pm, main track racing from 6:00pm until 11:00pm. Admission fees apply. Eftpos facilities available. Ph 0417 593 518

**29 Heavy Rollers** are back at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater from 6:30pm until 10:00pm with Classic Rock and The Best of Oz from the 70s, 80s, 90s, and 00s. Admission \$5 pp. Bookings for dinner - 6428 6205

## MARCH

**1 Horseware Australia 2020 Tasmanian Dressage Championships** at Thirlstane Golf Club, Squeaking Point Road, Thirlstane from 8:00am until 5:00pm.

**1 Clean Up Australia Day.** To find a site near you, go to [www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au)

**8 Junior Fish Out Day** at Taylor's Dam on the Bass Highway, Latrobe (opposite

the House of Anvers chocolate factory) from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Ph 0417 505 887

**8 Matt and CJ** perform at Shearwater Resort Tavern, Shearwater from 6:30pm until 10:00pm. Free entry. [www.vandiemensband.com.au](http://www.vandiemensband.com.au)

**11 Van Diemen's Band Concert** in the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 6:30pm until 9:00pm. Admission fees apply. Ph 0401 314 334

**13 Chiseld** perform at Shearwater Resort Tavern, Shearwater from 6:30pm until 10:00pm. Admission \$5pp. Bookings for dinner - 6428 6205

**14 Penguin Island Swim** at North Freers Beach, Shearwater. Registration from 9:00am for all events. Penguin Island Swim starts at 11:00am. 500m novice swim at 12 noon. Fees apply. More information is available from [www.facebook.com/port\\_sorellslsc](http://www.facebook.com/port_sorellslsc)

**14 Speedway Racing** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Road, Latrobe featuring Sprintcars, Late Models, Street Stocks, Wingless, Juniors and Go-Karts. Gates open at 3:00pm, main track racing from 6:00pm until 11:00pm. Admission fees apply. Eftpos facilities available. Ph 0417 593 518

**15 Mersey Cat Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Ph 0409 247 517

**21 Eat and Greet** at Wesley Vale Community Church Hall from 6:30pm. Bring a plate of food to share. Ph. 0408 134 057

**22 Irish Music Concert with a Soup and Sandwich Lunch** at 76 Chapel Road, Sassafras from 12 noon. Irish songs by sung by 'In the Groove' will be performed at intervals during the luncheon. Cost: \$20 per person. To book, phone Dianne 0409 907 281 or Annabel 0439 314 989

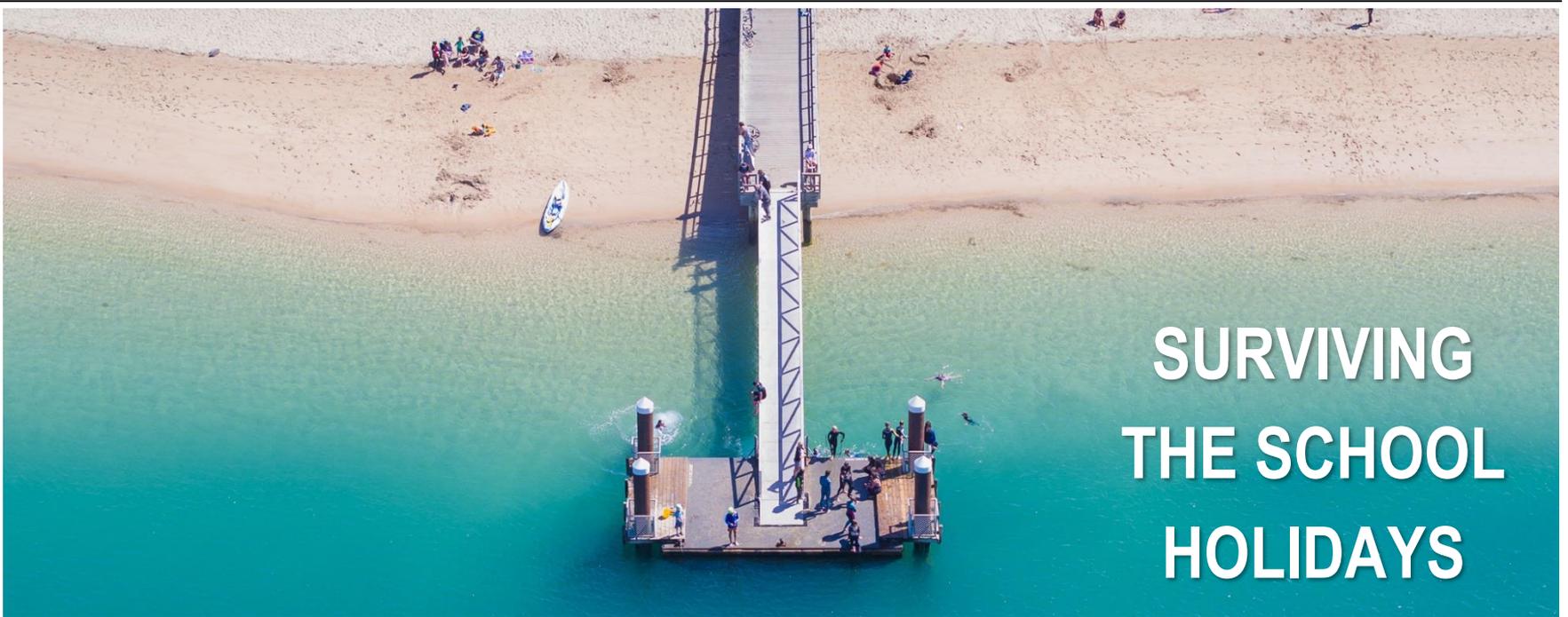


**28 Leonard n Tome Trio** perform at Shearwater Resort Tavern, Shearwater from 6:30pm until 10:00pm. Free entry. Bookings for dinner - 6428 6205

## APRIL

**10-11 Street Stock Australian Title Speedway Racing** at Gulf Western and Independent Oils Raceway, Speedway Road, Latrobe featuring Street Stocks with 500s and Wingless on Friday night and Super Sedans, Juniors and Tassie Sixes on Saturday night. Gates open at 3:00pm, main track racing from 6:00pm until 11:00pm. Admission fees apply. Eftpos facilities available. Ph 0417 593 518

**12 Junior Fish Out Day** at Taylor's Dam on the Bass Highway, Latrobe (opposite the House of Anvers chocolate factory) from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Ph 0417 505 887



# SURVIVING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

With Summer finally starting to emerge and children on school holidays, there are many ways that you can fill your day, most at minimal or nil cost.

The Port Sorell community sees an influx of visitors that fill the holiday homes and camping grounds to overflowing.

Days can be enjoyed lazing on the beach, firing up the barbecue, fishing, boating, paddle boarding, canoeing and skiing or simply walking/cycling the tracks around the foreshore and beyond.

Squeals of delight come from younger children drawn to the playgrounds near the surf club, at the caravan park and at Panatana Family Park.

Shearwater Village is discovered as play battles rage between the new ships, kids walk the plank, skating skills are displayed and there is a relaxed vibe in the new reserve.

In Latrobe, after wandering around the boutique businesses, take a picnic to Kings Park at the foothills of Dooleys Hill or maybe Bells Parade.

Meander along the walking tracks throughout Latrobe or swim/canoe in the Mersey River.

## ROAD SAFETY AND YOU

Over the school holidays, many families may be considering a road trip in and around our region to beat the holiday boredom.

One of the most dangerous things we can do on our trip is to get behind the wheel while fatigued. The constant torment of 'are we there yet' from the back seat may be enough for some drivers to remain alert, however, motorists should consider the following tips before setting off:

- Do not drive if you are already feeling tired.
- Avoid travelling long distances after a long flight.
- Ensure you regularly get enough sleep before travelling.
- Avoid driving at high-risk times i.e. during normal sleep times.
- Take frequent breaks. A rest break every two (2) hours is recommended.
- If you're feeling sleepy, stop immediately. A short nap of 10-20 minutes can prevent some fatigue.
- Allow time to recover before continuing.
- Share the driving task with others.

Motorists should also ensure their vehicles are well serviced and in good condition before departure.

Enjoy the school holidays and keep you and your loved ones safe on our roads.

If you would like to know more about the Community Road Safety Committee, please contact Councillor Lesley Young on 0419 326 250.

## 2020 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Latrobe Council meeting dates for 2020 have been set as follows -

20 January	10 February*
10 March	6 April
11 May	15 June
13 July	10 August*
14 September	12 October
9 November	14 December

\* - *Banksia Centre*

All meetings are held at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe, unless marked with a \*, and commence at 5:00pm with a public participation opportunity, as per Council's policy.

Council has also resolved to have a 12-month lapse from Community Information Evenings and will only hold community consultation on a project basis during this time.

There are an abundance of dogs enjoying the off-leash area of Thompsons Park and Pig Island.

Littlies play on the playgrounds at Bosworth Park, Kings Park and become pirates at on the Bells Parade playground. The fairy village is discovered on a walk around Pig Island.

Sherwood Hall and the National Trust Courthouse Museum tell of times past while the Legends at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame are unearthed.

The Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails offer a relaxing family ride (green) through to exciting and challenging black runs.

For those that like their adrenalin rush Kart Magic provides individual time trials and group challenges.

Can you find all 42 varieties of orchid in the Henry Somerset Conservation Area on Railton Road?

Narawntapu National Park also have their Summer Discovery Ranger running, offering wildlife insights into our national parks. What are you doing this Summer?

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