



LATROBE TOWN CENTRE REVIEW

Latrobe is a friendly and welcoming community recognised for its rural character, attractively built environment, beautiful natural surroundings, and high quality of life for its residents.

Latrobe Council is reviewing the overall operation of the Latrobe Town Centre, limited to the area bounded by Cotton Street, Victor Street, Hicks Lane, and Hamilton Street, and are seeking your thoughts on how you see this space going forward. Council has engaged urban design firm, Studio GL, to consider enhancements for the central business district that are reflective of the unique identity and community of Latrobe.

Key objectives include -

- investigating opportunities for additional commercial development and tourist accommodation,
- evaluating traffic flow and pedestrian accessibility along Gilbert Street, and
- proposing effective traffic management solutions.

The project will also address the town's parking situation, seeking to develop feasible solutions for future car parking while enhancing urban amenities.

Public spaces like Station Square and Kings Park will be reviewed for potential improvements and better connectivity to



the coastal pathway along River Road and the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trailhead at the Warrabee Conservation Area.

Overall the project seeks to develop a plan to guide future growth and development in the central business district.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Studio GL will be spending two days in Latrobe talking, discussing, generating ideas, and sharing them with you for your feedback, maximising the desirable outcomes in a targeted timeframe.

This consultation will commence with a Community Drop-In Session on Thursday, 16 November from 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm at Station Square, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

This will be followed by two Stakeholder Workshops, one on Thursday, 16 November from 10:00 am until

12:00 pm and the other on Friday, 17 November from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Both sessions will be held in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

If you can't make it to any of these community consultation sessions, there is yet another option.

Online consultation, enabling access from anywhere at any time, will open on Monday, 7 November and continue to be available through to Sunday, 3 December. The avenue to access this simple to complete consultation will be via Latrobe Council's website at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au.

Please check in from 7 November, when it goes live.

For more information about this project, please visit www.latrobe.tas.gov.au or phone 03 6426 4444.

11 November

REMEMBRANCE DAY

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them

Latrobe and Port Sorell Services

10:50 am start



FLANNO FOR A FARMER

In a display of community spirit, the recent "Flanno for a Farmer" fundraiser garnered overwhelming support from generous individuals and organisations across the country.

The Latrobe and Kentish Council staff proudly participated, contributing \$560 to the nationwide total of \$206,351.01.

The initiative, which encourages people to wear flannel shirts (affectionately known as "flannos") and donate to support

READY, PET, GO IN EMERGENCIES

Emergencies often strike unexpectedly, causing panic, heightened emotions, and a sense of unpreparedness among affected individuals. RSPCA Tasmania has embarked on a groundbreaking initiative known as "READY PET GO!" - a comprehensive project aimed at ensuring the safety and well-being of both humans and animals during times of emergencies. This initiative, developed in collaboration with the State Emergency Service and local government, represents a significant step forward in disaster preparedness. The "READY PET GO!" initiative is designed to be an invaluable solution to this problem. It provides free and easily accessible step-by-step guides and materials to enable you to swiftly and effectively prepare essential documentation, emergency kits, supplies, and evacuation plans. This ensures that sudden evacuations present no insurmountable challenges.

The get "READY" section of the initiative emphasises the importance of assembling vital documents and encourages their regular review and updating every twelve months.

Under the get "PET" section, the project delves into crafting an actionable plan and gathering immediate supplies for each pet, recognising that essential items for pets can be easily forgotten or neglected during emergencies.

The "GO" section equips individuals with the tools to authenticate emergencies and make informed decisions.

"READY, PET, GO!" isn't just a project; it's a call to action ensuring that your readiness today leads to a safer tomorrow for your community, for you, and your cherished animal companions.

For more information go to rspcatatas.org.au

struggling farmers, has once again demonstrated the power of collective action. These funds will provide much-needed relief to farmers grappling with the challenges of droughts, bushfires, and economic hardships.

Congratulations to everyone who rallied behind this noble cause, showing that every small contribution can make a significant difference in the lives of our rural communities.

COUNCIL'S WORKS REPORT

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout November and December:

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

- Roadside edge clean-ups and repairs
- Roadside weed spraying
- Resheet gravel roads in Latrobe
- Pothole repairs



TOWN SERVICES

- Replace damaged and sunken kerb in Last Street, Latrobe.
- Replace damaged crossover in Cotton Street, Latrobe.
- Undertake ongoing culvert and pipe inspections including footpaths.
- Upgrade pedestrian crossover on the corner of Wilmot and Rice Street, Port Sorell.
- Install pedestrian crossover at Kings Lane, Latrobe.

GREEN SPACES

- Recreation ground staff are preparing wickets for the cricket season.
- Mountain bike trail maintenance is continuing.
- Mowing across the municipality is ongoing.
- Weed control will continue as spring growth kicks in.

Should information on the above, contact Council on 6426 4444.

LOCAL BUILDING UPDATE

46 applications comprising of 5 dwellings; 15 dwellings addition/alteration, 8 outbuildings; 2 commercial/industrial, 2 demolitions, 20 plumbing applications and 4 other applications were received by Council in July/August inclusive with a conservative value of \$2,768,889.

FREE YOURSELF FROM DEBT

Are you struggling with managing your money and finding a way out of debt? Anglicare Tas offers a free, independent, and confidential financial counselling service.

Their support extends to organising your budget, managing debt, reducing your power bills, understanding bankruptcy and its alternatives, knowing your legal rights and responsibilities, negotiating with creditors, accessing superannuation, and other useful services.

To access this service, simply phone 1800 243 232.

NOMINATE A TREE

Trees are a valuable part of our ecosystem and a benefit to all members of the community. If you know of a tree you believe should be recognised and protected in this way, you are invited to nominate it to the Latrobe Significant Tree Register. Nomination forms can be found on the Council's website at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/significant-tree-register or in the office at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. The Significant Tree Panel will meet in November to consider nominations. If you have any questions, contact the Council via email at council@latrobe.tas.gov.au or phone 6426 4444.

YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Peter FRESHNEY0417 287 006
 D/Mayor Vonette MEAD.....0407 055 180
 Claudia BALDOCK.....0424 782 379
 Graeme BROWN0417 598 116
 Dave FIDLER0457 880 028
 Jacki MARTIN.....0409 435 825
 Sommer METSKE0409 622 710
 Garry SIMS 0419 139 053
 Gerrad WICKS.....0488 325 590
 The postal address for Councillors is P O Box 63, Latrobe, 7307

SUPERCARGE YOUR EVENT PROMOTION

Are you involved in an event that deserves the spotlight? Are you tired of searching for cost-effective ways to promote your event? Well, look no further! Latrobe Council has an exciting opportunity for you.

Did you know that the Council offers FREE event promotion through its Events Calendar on the official website? It's time to make your event the talk of the town!

Why should you choose this promotion avenue?

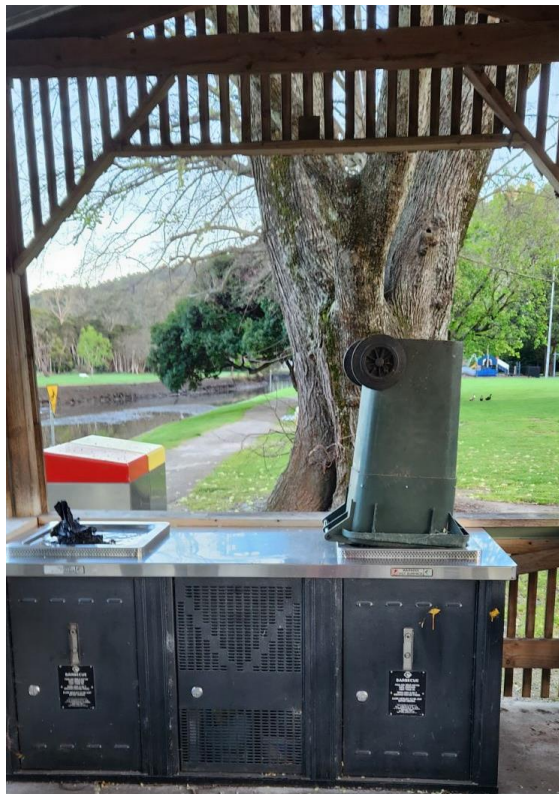
Your event will reach a wider audience and it is an easy submission process.

The submission form also allows you to upload your promotional images for your event to make it stand out and pique the interest of everyone who visits the calendar.

Let's emphasise this again - it's FREE! Council believes in

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Vandalism in our community comes at a direct cost to you as your hard-earned dollar is used (via your rates) to repair damage. This also means that those projects that were funded this year might not happen because funds have had to be redirected to repair damage that could have been avoided.



You can make a difference in stamping out vandalism and antisocial behaviour so if you see something, hear something or know something - say something.

Even if you are not 100% sure, report what you see and hear to Crime Stoppers by phoning 1800 333 000.

Just trust your gut.

IN MEMORY OF

A columbarium is a built structure where the urned ashes of our loved ones are laid to rest. Along with a columbarium at the Latrobe Cemetery in Gilbert Street, Latrobe there is also a Memorial Garden where ashes can be placed.

For enquiries on being interred at the Latrobe Cemetery, please contact Latrobe Council on 03 6426 4444.

LATROBE RECREATION GROUND REDEVELOPMENT

Expressions of interest for the construction tender of the Latrobe Recreation Ground redevelopment recently closed.

This project includes new band room facilities, two unisex change rooms, two unisex umpire change rooms, a medical room, and the redevelopment of seating in the southern grandstand.

Once awarded, a construction timeframe will be negotiated and works will commence on site, starting at the southern grandstand and progressing through to the main grandstand.

Throughout the redevelopment, two changerooms will be operational at all times so as not to hinder the current usage of the facilities.

Due to the redevelopment of the southern grandstand and band rooms, the current caretaker's storage area needed to be relocated. A new shed has been constructed on the eastern side of the ground and is now operational.

CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

We all have containers around the home that contain unwanted household and garden chemicals that may be out of date or no longer required. Things like solvents and household cleaners, floor care products, ammonia-based cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, poisons, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals as well as acids and alkalis. All of these require special disposal.

To support the appropriate disposal of those items a special drop-off days have been arranged locally. These will be held at the Devonport Waste Transfer Station in Spreyton on 16 November between 9:00 am until 12 noon and at the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station in Hawk Hill Road, Port Sorell on 23 November from 10:00 am until 12 noon.

For safety reasons, no early or late drop-offs will be accepted.

To find out more, visit www.rethinkwaste.com.au.

supporting and celebrating vibrant community events throughout the Latrobe Council area without burdening you with additional costs.

How to get started?

Jump online to www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/event-calendar, choose the appropriate form for your event - one-off or recurring - and fill in the details.

Review your submission. Save it then upload a photo or other attachment before submitting it. With the click of a button, your event will be in the queue to shine on the calendar then you can just sit back, relax, and watch the excitement build as your event gains visibility among locals and visitors alike.

Don't let your event remain hidden in the shadows. Make it the highlight of Latrobe by featuring it on the Events Calendar!

PORT SORELL ROUNDABOUT

The detailed design of improvements to the roundabout at the junction of Port Sorell Main Road, Alexander Street, and Parker Ford Road is currently underway. Several updates have been included in the redesign:

- A 2.5m wide shared footpath and new pavement on the Port Sorell Main Road/Alexander Street corner.
- A 2.5m wide shared footpath on the Alexander Street/Wilmot Street corner.
- A blister kerb and 1.5m wide footpath on the Wilmot Street/Parkers Ford Road corner.
- Splitter islands on all approaches, to shelter pedestrians/cyclists when crossing.
- A new bus shelter and perforated bin enclosure on an existing slab on the south side of Port Sorell Main Road.

The design of the bus shelter is the same as the one used on Poyston Drive at the Woolworths Shopping complex. This design has been selected due to specific site requirements leading up to the roundabout.



TENNIS COURT UPGRADE

A full redevelopment of the playing surface and perimeter fence at the Latrobe Tennis Courts in Gilbert Street, Latrobe is underway.

The new surface will include line marking of 10 pickleball courts overlaid on the three tennis courts.

This project is expected to be completed by the end of this year to enable enjoyment over summer.

To join the Latrobe Tennis Club, phone 0456 483 069 or email latrobetennisclub@gmail.com.

HOME HELP IS AT HAND TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY

Are you over the age of 65 and would like help to stay living at home for as long as possible? There are many local service providers that can help you to do this by providing domestic, gardening, transport, meal preparation, social support, and/or personal care in your own home. This may be for a fee or it may be subsidised through an Aged Care Package (eligibility criteria applies).

If you would like to find out if you are eligible for a Home Care Package funded by the Commonwealth Government, you can phone My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 or visit their website www.myagedcare.gov.au.

Alternatively, you can visit or contact one of the following local providers, based on what services you are seeking:

- Mersey Leven Community Health Nursing and Home Care Services, 21-31 Steele St, Devonport - (03) 6478 6120
Domestic help, gardening, personal care
- Mersey Community Care Association, 167 Steele Street, Devonport - (03) 6424 8883 or www.merseycca.org.au
Domestic help, gardening, social support, transport (only)
- Care Forward, 11 Steele St, Devonport - 1300 364 876
www.careforward.com.au
Domestic help, gardening, personal care, social support
- Anglicare, 31 King St, Devonport - 1800 466 300 or www.anglicare-tas.org.au
Domestic help, personal care, social support
- Meals on Wheels, 113 Don Road, Devonport - (03) 6272 0887 or mowtas.org.au
Meal preparation and delivery

EXPLORING THE BAKERS SCENIC CHALLENGE: AN EQUINE ADVENTURE

The Tasmanian Equine Endurance Riders Association (TEERA) has introduced the Bakers Scenic Challenge to its calendar, drawing nearly 100 horse riders from around the state. This event near Bakers Beach on 16 September offered three courses: a 12km introductory, a 40km intermediate, and an 80km endurance route. Riders faced natural bush terrain and challenging hills along the Asbestos Range.

Despite challenging weather - windy and overcast - riders embraced the new challenge. They may not have been greeted by scenic hilltop views but their enthusiasm remained undampened. Riders look forward to returning next year. Seventeen juniors joined the adventure, including locals Emerald Rigby, Zavannah Brownrigg, Kiana Nutting, Taylor Skirving, Lauren Rattray, Kenzie Rattray, Sophia Stansbie, Matilda Richards, and Ada Dare. Some completed their first endurance ride, marking a promising future for the sport.

Winners emerged in fierce competition, with Anita Hutchins on Van Dieman Sanity leading the 80km category, Deb Wyllie on Beer Street Aslan TB taking the Middleweight, Carolyn Foley-Jones on Highland View Mustang Sally dominating Heavyweight, and Dylan Stevens on Foley-Jones JJ securing the first Junior prize.

- Southern Cross Care, 69 Best Street, Devonport - (03) 6454 0020 or www.scctas.org.au
Domestic help, personal care, social support
- Prompt Care, 90 Oldaker Street, Devonport - 1800 472 273 or www.promptcare.com.au
Personal care, social support
- Chats North West, 78a Oldaker Street, Devonport - (03) 6424 6547 or www.lifelinetasmania.org.au/elderly-support
Social support (face-to-face or over the phone)
- Community Transport Services Tasmania, 15-19 Eastland Drive, Ulverstone - 1800 781 033 or www.ctst.org.au
Transport (only)
- Australian Red Cross, 16 Alexander Street, Burnie - (08) 8100 4600 or www.redcross.org.au/services/services-for-older-people/
Transport (only), daily telephone call to check on well-being and safety, and/or a telephone call/social visit once a week for a chat and a cuppa.

Source: www.myagedcare.gov.au



The event's success was made possible by support from local organisations, property owners, sponsors, radio checkpoint providers, and a dedicated team of volunteers.

The Bakers Scenic Challenge has firmly established itself as an exciting addition to Tasmania's equine endurance scene, promising more thrills and adventure in the years ahead.

For those interested in taking part in future endurance events as either competitors or volunteers, go to www.teera.asn.au to stay informed.

BATTERIES SPARK CONCERNS OVER LANDFILL FIRE RISK

As Christmas approaches, there's growing concern about the heightened risk of landfill fires caused by the incorrect disposal of household batteries. The surge in battery-operated toys and devices during the festive season increases the urgency for responsible disposal.

Every summer, batteries from gadgets and toys end up in regular trash bins, potentially leading to landfill fires. To address this issue, authorities have established free battery recycling collection points at the Port Sorell and Devonport Waste Transfer Stations, as well as the Latrobe Council office. Landfill fires fuelled by batteries pose severe environmental risks. Leaking chemicals from corroded batteries can harm soil, groundwater, and ecosystems. Moreover, the presence of flammable

materials alongside batteries in landfills heightens the fire risk, releasing toxic smoke and worsening air pollution. Mel Pearce, Project Manager of Dulverton Waste Management stressed the importance of removing batteries from discarded items and using the recycling points. "It's a small effort with a significant impact on community safety and environmental protection," she said. Responsible battery disposal aligns with broader sustainability goals. By utilising these recycling facilities, residents can help reduce landfill fire risks and protect the environment.

This Christmas, remember to responsibly dispose of household batteries at designated collection points to ensure a safer and more eco-friendly holiday season for everyone.

SQUEAKING POINT ROAD CLOSURE

Squeaking Point Road from Frankford Road to Appleby Road is currently closed to through traffic until 15 December 2023 to enable Treloar Civil and Quarries to reconstruct the road, improving the road surface and alignment.

During the closure, the entrance off Frankford Road will be available for local property access only.

Through traffic for this section of Squeaking Point Road is being diverted via Woodbury Lane or Appleby Road. If you would like any further details please contact Nigel Beeke, Consultant to Treloar Civil and Quarries, on 6491 1686.

FLOOD MITIGATION UPDATE

BridgePro Engineering Pty Ltd is proud to announce that they are approaching the final stages of the Latrobe Flood Mitigation Project, a significant undertaking aimed at enhancing the safety and resilience of the Latrobe community against natural disasters. Recent achievements include the conclusion of the River Road and Cotton Street levee works with road works completed by Treloars. Minor items requiring attention have been identified and scheduled for resolution.

The pump station and gate installation are on track for completion in November however the site compound to the south of the Miles Ford Bridge remains inaccessible to the public.

“Throughout the project's lifecycle, the collaboration between BridgePro Engineering Pty Ltd and Latrobe Council has consistently demonstrated a shared commitment to the welfare and safety of the community. As we draw closer to a future where Latrobe is better prepared to face the challenges posed by natural disasters, we extend our gratitude to all those involved for their dedication and hard work on this project”, said Mayor Peter Freshney.

For more updates, please visit www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/council/major-projects

SUPPORTING THE LESS ABLE

Mersey Community Care Association (MCCA) is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation that provides services for the care of frail, older people, younger persons with a disability, and their carers, to live an independent life in their own homes, providing opportunities to participate in community life. MCCA is funded through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and the Tasmanian State Home and Community Care Program (HACC) to deliver services to clients living within the Latrobe Council area.

To provide these services, MCCA relies on a dedicated and caring team of volunteers. To be a volunteer with MCCA you will need a Working with Vulnerable People's card and a current National Police Certificate, which they can assist you to acquire.

Before commencing your voluntary role, you will also need to complete the Induction Program and competency training for each of the services you choose to volunteer in.

If you have any spare time and enjoy helping others, MCCA would love you to join their passionate team who are dedicated to delivering our transport, social support, and home maintenance services, to care for their clients and their families.

The MCCA Volunteer Coordinator is available to answer any of your questions, including how to apply to become part of their friendly team at Mersey Community Care. Why not give them a call today on 03 6424 8883?

UNLOCK ONLINE NEWSPAPERS FOR FREE

In a digital age where information is at our fingertips, did you know that your Libraries Tasmania membership offers you a gateway to local newspapers such as The Advocate, Examiner, and Mercury online? Thanks to the modern amenities provided by Libraries Tasmania, accessing your favourite newspapers has never been easier. Through the user-friendly platform, NewsBank, you can now peruse the latest news and updates from the comfort of your device.

To begin your digital news journey, simply visit the Libraries Tasmania website and type "NewsBank" into the search bar or locate it on the eResources page. It's a hassle-free way to stay informed about local events, stories, and developments. Should you encounter any difficulties while navigating NewsBank, don't hesitate to seek assistance from the knowledgeable and friendly staff at the Latrobe Library located at 113 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. They are always ready to help you make the most of your membership.

The Latrobe Library is open from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

The Latrobe Library will be closed during the Christmas and New Year period. For inquiries and more information, call the Library at 6478 4220.

Stay connected with your community and the world with the help of your Libraries Tasmania membership at Latrobe Library.

PORT SORELL CARAVAN PARK REDEVELOPMENT

Stage 2 of the redevelopment has been completed, including 10 powered sites and the new caretaker's residence/office building.

Work on the new entrance off Darling Street is nearing completion.

An upgrade to existing play equipment will take place before the peak summer season and should be a wonderful adventure for campers to enjoy.

SILICOSIS: AN INVISIBLE THREAT

Silicosis, a debilitating lung disease, is often associated with the construction and mining industries due to their significant exposure to crystalline silica dust.

However, what many people are unaware of is that everyday activities can also put them at risk of developing this life-altering condition.

Silica is a common mineral found in various natural substances such as sand, rocks, soil, and even some household items. When these materials are disturbed or manipulated, tiny crystalline silica particles can become airborne. Activities like gardening, DIY home repairs, sanding furniture, or using certain cleaning products can all release silica dust into the air. Even activities like sandblasting, common in art and automotive restoration, pose a risk.

Over time, repeated inhalation of these airborne silica particles can lead to silicosis. The condition is characterised by scarring of lung tissue, which impairs breathing and can result in chronic coughing, chest pain, and fatigue. In severe cases, it can be fatal.

To protect against silicosis, individuals should wear proper respiratory protection, maintain good ventilation, and use wet methods to suppress dust when working with silica-containing materials. Regular health check-ups and early intervention are essential for those who engage in high-risk activities.

Silicosis is a reminder that vigilance is required not only in hazardous workplaces but also in our everyday lives. Awareness and preventive measures are the key to keeping this hidden danger at bay.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES HEAD TO PORT SORELL



The Australian Government's Mobile Service Centres travel to rural and regional communities to provide you with information and access to Commonwealth Government services. This enables access to those who may not have ready access to a Services Australia office.

The mobile service centre can help with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services as well as information about the Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services.

The bus will be parked in the carpark at 20 Shearwater Bvd on 14 December and accessible from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. Appointments are not necessary.

BUSINESS INFORMATION AND HAPPENINGS

SUDS CAR AND DOG WASH

On 1 August 2023 Suds Car and Dog Wash at 192 Gilbert Street, Latrobe welcomed on-site Manager Craig Stubbs to the business. Craig is on site from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm Tuesday to Saturday to help with any of your needs.

On Sunday and Monday, well-known resident, Lyn Clarke, will be back and forth to the site at varying times throughout the day.

With Craig coming on board, Suds Car and Dog Wash we have introduced a new hand wash service to the business. For just \$35.00 Craig will hand wash your car, chamois dry, exterior window clean, tyre shine, and vacuum. Please call 0475 277 410 to book in for this service.

As part of the strategic plan to improve the site, Suds Car and Dog Wash have embarked on a major overhaul of all their equipment and will continue to undertake regular maintenance to ensure all the equipment is in good working order.

Suds Car and Dog Wash is open 7 days a week from 7:00 am until 9:00 pm.

They also have a Facebook page where you can keep up to date with regular activities, promotions, and updates related to the business. Feedback or suggestions are welcome via their Facebook page.

See you at Suds Car and Dog Wash.

FREE BUSINESS ADVICE SERVICES IN TASMANIA

A new website - businessadvice.tas.gov.au is now online, connecting you with information on the Tasmanian Business Advice Service, which provides existing businesses with up to five hours of advice, and the New Business Support Pilot Program, which offers up to two hours of advice for start-ups and early-stage businesses.

The site also lists the advisors who will support businesses under both services.

To support businesses to quickly access these services, businesses can now submit an expression of interest on the site, and Business Tasmania will email you a link to the registration form.

Business Tasmania is currently hosting a roadshow introducing you to this new service. This includes an overview of the new business advice services, along with guest speakers from organisations and government agencies that work to support small businesses.

Everyone is welcome to attend the roadshow, whether you're a business owner, operator, or about to start your business journey.

The Devonport session will be held from 5:30 pm on 7 November.



For details on the speakers and to register, go to:

<https://bit.ly/FreeBusinessAdvice>

Can't attend but want to access the new service, go to businessadvice.tas.gov.au

FREE BUSINESS LISTING

A new "Business" section on the Latrobe Tasmania website (www.latrobetasmania.com.au), is available for all businesses and event coordinators throughout the Latrobe Council area to promote their services and events online for free.

An easy-to-complete online form at <https://www.latrobetasmania.com.au/create-business-listing/> enables you to submit details and suitable photos for your listing.

If you are already listed on the website, please review your details and update your images and information as desired.

Once the information is accepted, your details will appear in the relevant category for your service or events. Event categories include exhibitions, family fun, featured events, free events, or sports, all of which may be one-off or regularly occurring.

KaLIBA ADVOCATING FOR TANGIBLE CHANGE

One of the Kentish and Latrobe Independent Business Association's (KaLIBA) key roles is lobbying the government on behalf of local businesses.

The Association has listened to its members' concerns about streamlining government red tape and regulatory issues.

The business community and key stakeholders recently met and shared their experiences of how red tape and regulatory issues had impacted their business opportunities. There were 23 KaLIBA members in attendance representing various business sectors, each with an individual experience to share.

Reducing red tape is often about dealing with the day-to-day regulations that burden small businesses by being duplicative, heavy-handed, or serve no apparent purpose.

Stuart Clues, Red Tape Reduction Coordinator within the Office of the Coordinator-General, is a strong advocate for regulatory reform for small businesses. He has been working with both industry associations and the small business sector to resolve those micro-reform issues that cumulatively frustrate and stifle businesses.

Stuart facilitated a lively discussion and will use the information gained to inform his submission for the upcoming Red Tape Reform Report which will address necessary changes to further reduce the regulatory burden for small businesses and the wider Tasmanian community, making it easier for businesses to have the certainty to put their money into growth opportunities in our state.

For more information about KaLIBA and how you can benefit from connecting with other local businesses, email contactus@kaliba.org.au.



PORTSY THE DOG

The Port Sorell Lions Club have purchased a black and white, Tenterfield Terrier puppy for training as a hearing assistance dog. Since 1980, the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) facility has been providing hearing and companion dogs free of charge to Australians in need: around one in six Australians has some form of hearing loss.

It costs around \$40,000 to train, deliver, and support each dog. The patrons who participate in the Friday Shearwater Resort raffles run by the Lions Club of Port Sorell are to be congratulated for the contribution of \$3,000 towards the purchase of Portsy.

So, what's been happening with Portsy? Whelped on 2 February 2023, Portsy has been fostered by an Adelaide carer for puppy obedience training; and is doing quite well. Portsy has visited the ALHD training facilities to become familiar with other dogs; reports indicate that he handled this noisy change in the environment very well.

To keep up to date with Portsy's progress, go online to www.facebook.com/lionsportsorell.



PORT SORELL AREA DRAINAGE UPDATE

A substantial residential subdivision has been proposed for the vacant land to the west of the current Burgess Industrial Area at Port Sorell. Stormwater runoff from the development is planned to pass through a detention basin to reduce peak flow rates before entering the underground pipe network and then discharging to Poyston Creek.

Council has engaged a stormwater modelling consultant, Hydrodynamica, to model the catchment and overland flow paths. The Stage 1 report for the detailed stormwater catchment assessment of Poyston Creek has been received.

This assessment will provide Council with information to better understand the current and future performance of the Poyston Creek Catchment which forms part of Council's stormwater system in the urban area. Changing rainfall patterns and ongoing development has driven this review.

This catchment is a priority for three main reasons:

1. OneCare is looking to further expand its facilities relatively closely to the overland flow path near the southwestern corner of their property fronting Burgess Drive. Certainty on the flood potential both pre and post upstream development is required. The nearby Council land may hold some greater purpose to assist in managing stormwater directly or indirectly;
2. The proposed subdivision west of OneCare and Burgess Drive is part of this catchment and a validation of the likely impacts of the development and conceptual stormwater detention system is required; and
3. The loss of play time on the Port Sorell Golf Course after

heavy rain in relation to the drain through the site and outfall, noting that sand and high tides reduce the capacity of the outfall considerably. Climate change predictions are that this area will be subject to rising sea levels in the future and has the potential to become less and less playable irrespective of stormwater flows.

At the 11 September 2023 meeting, Council unanimously endorsed the Stage 1 Report. The Report is available in full on the Council website at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/council/major-projects/port-sorell-area-drainage.

The scope of the Stage 2 Report will include:

1. The potential sites for, and provision of, detention basins above Alexander Street and the effect on lower catchment flooding;
2. Overland flow path linkages from the upper catchment to the lower catchment;
3. Lower catchment (below Alexander Street) volumes and the effect of an eastern diversion to an additional detention facility on Camp Banksia land including a new outfall to Freers Beach;
4. Potential reprofiling of the drainage line through the Port Sorell Golf Course to provide additional storage, when the outfall is restricted by a high tide (assumes Tideflex or similar check valve installed); and
5. A combination of upper and lower catchment interventions described above.

Subject to community interest there is potential to hold a drop-in session(s) for more detailed discussions after Stage 2 is complete.

FEATURED ARTISTS

With all things art at The Crowded Lounge, the featured artist for November is Pam Lockwood with an exhibition of watercolours on paper and Yupo paper and some acrylics on canvas.

Pam's exhibition is titled The Complete Picture with an official opening on 4 November at 3:30 pm all are welcome. December's feature artist is Elysian Portrait Photography with sublimation printed works on coaster, bookmarks, and photographic images. See Elysian Photography at www.facebook.com/elysian.portrait.photography.

The local sewist is available on the first and third Friday of each month, where you can have a hem sewed while you have a cuppa, enquires to georgiana@thelocalsewist.com.au.

Extended daylight hours bring fortnightly evening Paint and Sip sessions including supper and a complimentary beverage of your choice from the cafe bar. See the Crowded Lounge events on Facebook. The Crowded Lounge hosts groups in a selection of seating areas, conference room/mini gallery space, large tables in the Lounge, or newly set seating area in their middle room space. For bookings of any of these areas, please ring 0404 224 929. They also continue to offer weekly art classes of varying ages, and enquiries via Michelle Miller Fine Art & Photography at 0459 239 192.

WHAT'S IN YOUR WARDROBE

Everyone has a family history - a story about where they came from when they came to Australia, their trade, and their interests.

The Tasmanian Family History Society Mersey branch in Latrobe has an interest in your story.

Your story can be found by researching the documents held at the branch. These could be birth, death, and marriage records, burial, cemetery, newspaper records, or family history books written about particular areas.

Listening and helping you create your story is part of what they do and gives their members enormous satisfaction. Members of the branch are active in transcribing documents for research and posterity.



There are currently three projects in hand. The revised edition of 'A Cemetery That Was' - the Bluff cemetery at Devonport; F E Watts Latrobe funeral director records and indexing of newspaper cuttings of early school and sporting groups from the

Latrobe area. The Mersey branch is aiming to have these available for public use or sale by the end of this year.

Their beginner's classes were successful and are planned for next year. Many a clue on how and where to search and what is available is included. These are held monthly on a Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, BYO lunch. Morning and afternoon tea is supplied. Please contact the group to express your interest as numbers are limited.

On 25 November from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm the Mersey branch is holding a trade table and afternoon tea fundraiser at the Family History Library at the rear of the Post Office Reserve, Latrobe. Sue-Ellen will be making the scones - that's enough to encourage everyone!

The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc Mersey Branch is a not-for-profit organisation that relies on yearly membership (\$45 or concession \$35) as well as donations and research to exist. A big thank you goes to the Rotary Club of Latrobe with their calendar for 2024 featuring wonderful photos of the area. There is also an article at the back on the history of Bell's Parade. Thank you for acknowledging the Mersey branch.

The Family History Library will be closed from 3:00 pm on 8 December, reopening on 17 January 2024 at 10:00 am. During that time enquiries can be directed to Secretary Gay at secretary@tfhsdev.com or 0408 059 990 or Ros on 0476 008 531.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CONNECTION

Looking to make a positive impact on your local community but short on time?

Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch (LNHW) might be the perfect avenue for you.

LNHW extends a warm welcome to new members who are looking to make a difference in Latrobe's safety and community spirit via bi-monthly meetings as well as contribute to the distribution of newsletters that inform the community of policing and community matters.

For nearly three decades, LNHW has played a vital role in keeping Latrobe's neighbourhoods safe.

With the backing of Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania and local law enforcement, this dedicated group of community members promote neighbourly kindness and vigilance to encourage the reporting of suspicious or criminal activities.

This primary messaging is via the Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch newsletter distributed to approximately 2,000 homes in Latrobe.

This newsletter features the Crimestopper Report and provides local businesses with an opportunity to advertise at a minimal cost.

Cuppa with a copper



LNHW fosters community-police relations through their annual "Cuppa with A Cop" event, held at a local cafe in October. This occasion allowed community members to meet local police officers over a free hot drink, strengthening relationships and community partnerships.

If you're interested in joining the activities of LNHW, contact Michael at 6426 2777 or Jenny at 6426 2979. Meetings will resume on 28 February 2024.

To report a crime anonymously, call Crimestoppers at 1800 333 000.

NOW AND THEN PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

In an exciting new endeavour, the Latrobe Court House Museum is set to transport visitors back in time with its latest exhibition, "Now and Then."

Nestled between the Post Office and the Library, this hidden gem of Tasmania holds a treasure trove of historical photographs and artifacts, offering a captivating glimpse into Latrobe's evolution over the decades.

The heart of the exhibition lies in the extensive collection of photographs

documenting Gilbert Street's shops and historic town buildings dating back to the 1870s. Complementing these snapshots of the past are recent photographs captured by the U3A photography class, providing a side-by-side comparison of Latrobe's transformation.



Latrobe, once Tasmania's third-largest town, has witnessed a remarkable journey of growth and change. "Now and Then" invites locals and tourists alike to explore the town's rich history and witness firsthand how it has evolved or, in some cases, remained remarkably unchanged over the years.

The museum's doors are open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. For school and group tours, arrangements can be made outside these hours.

To get in touch or plan your visit, contact the museum via email at latrobe.court.house@nationaltrusttas.org.au or send a text message to 0404 368 664.

If you have an interest in local history and can spare just two hours a month, please reach out to the curator, Chris Cheater. Volunteers are essential for keeping the museum accessible and for conducting research and exhibitions about Latrobe and its surrounding areas.

Come and immerse yourself in Latrobe's fascinating past and join the effort to preserve its history for future generations.

AN ICON CELEBRATED

The Wesley Vale Community Church recently came together in a heartwarming celebration to honour one of their most cherished members, Vera Webb, on her birthday.

The event featured a special morning tea that brought joy and warmth to the entire congregation.

Mrs. Webb's connection to the church is remarkable. Born and raised in Wesley Vale, she has been an unwavering presence in the community for her entire life with her mother said to have carried her to church in a wicker clothes basket when she was just 3 months old.

Vera Webb is the embodiment of a community-minded resident. Her extensive list of involvement includes being a Life Member of both the Wesley Vale School Parents and Friends and Wesley Vale Football Club as well as a contributor to the annual Wesley Vale Knife and Fork Tea for an impressive 50 years.

Additionally, she holds Life Memberships with the Port Sorell Bowls Club and has actively volunteered with Port Sorell Meals on Wheels and Strathdevon Auxiliary.

Her commitment to the Uniting Church Wesley Vale as communion steward and Fellowship Secretary is nothing short of inspiring.

As Vera Webb celebrates another year, the Wesley Vale community wishes her the happiest of birthdays. Her enthusiasm, dedication, and love for her community serve as a shining example to us all, and we hope to continue celebrating her remarkable contributions for many more years to come.

A VIBRANT WINTER

Rubicon River Arts Inc recently held a successful midwinter art competition, creating an opportunity for artists young and old(er) to exhibit their works at the Latrobe Arts Hub/Visitor Information Centre in James Street, Latrobe.

Artists of all ages submitted paintings, drawings, textiles, sculptures, collages, or other wall art entries interpreting the theme "Colour My Winter".

Congratulations to Jennifer Robb of Hawley Beach for winning the open division with her landscape entitled 'Golden Hour, Central Highlands'. 'Blooming' by Narissa Richmond of Tarleton won the High School category as well as received the Viewers' Choice Award sponsored by View Real Estate Devonport and Latrobe.

Minni-Rose Wilson of Northdown (pictured) won the Primary School section.



Rubicon River Arts acknowledged its sponsors, Latrobe Council, TasFreight, and View Real Estate Devonport and Latrobe, and the additional commitment of members to the success of this competition. They look forward to further expanding this opportunity in 2024.

Rubicon River Arts has also continued its tradition of creating flower garlands at the Port Sorell Spring Fair in October and is currently scheduling a program of workshops for 2024 including spinning, reusing, recycling, and creating from found objects and an acrylic-pouring art day.

If you would like to offer your creative skills in a workshop format, please phone 03 6424 3463 for more details.

COASTAL GARDENING

In March 2010, a group of gardening enthusiasts in Port Sorell embarked on a mission to establish a local garden club. With the community expanding, the timing couldn't have been better. Their journey began with an initial gathering of like-minded individuals at a private home on Sunhaven Drive. The atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm, as plans were laid out for their inaugural meeting, scheduled for April 22, 2010, at Camp Banksia.



The promotional efforts paid off, drawing 47 attendees to the first meeting, with Mark Hay from Launceston as the guest speaker. The shared passion for gardening forged strong bonds among participants, leading to the rapid growth of the Port Sorell Garden Club. While some original members continue to actively participate, new members regularly join the fold. Meetings are held at the Port Sorell Golf Club on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, featuring engaging guest speakers who often return due to their popularity. Members eagerly anticipate the display table showcasing plants and flowers, as well as post-meeting opportunities to purchase items from the plant stall and enjoy refreshments while engaging in lively conversations. Excursions to diverse gardens and horticultural points of interest are regularly organised. For newcomers to the picturesque Port Sorell area, the presence of an active, welcoming, and friendly garden club is a pleasant surprise. The Port Sorell Garden Club remains a thriving hub for gardening enthusiasts in the community. For those seeking more information, Jean can be reached at 0417 059 005, and Helen at 0409 112 011.

YOUTH THE FUTURE

The Rotary Club of Latrobe now has a Provisional Interact Club at Latrobe High School. With dedicated officers already in place, these young leaders are poised to take charge for the rest of this year and bring fresh ideas and boundless energy to our Rotary community. Their term will begin in February, and we can't wait to see their transformative impact. Interact Club members are eagerly exploring meaningful projects, and fundraising strategies, and identifying initiatives that will make a real difference in our community. Rotarians are joining their meetings on a roster basis every

Wednesday, extending their unwavering support to these bright minds. This includes guiding the Interact Club members through the digital landscape, assisting them with paperwork, and providing the resources they need to thrive.



Watch out for Latrobe Rotarians at Bunnings on 9 December in their final fundraising event of the year. The Club's collaboration with Latrobe Council continues with the installation of seats and other improvements in Pitcairn Reserve, Port Sorell.

Looking to stay organised in the coming year? Rotary's 2024 calendar is here and ready for you! For just \$5.00, you can grab your copy at various locations around Latrobe, including the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre, Carolyn McLennan Hairdressing, Latrobe Newsagency, View Real Estate Latrobe, and IGA Shearwater. Don't miss out on this opportunity to stay informed and inspired throughout the year. If you are interested in the activities of the Rotary Club of Latrobe, please like and follow them on Facebook or contact them via email at info@rcol.org.au. Rotary welcomes your ideas, questions, and, most importantly, your passion for making a difference.

BEGINNERS GOLF CLINIC

Would like to try playing golf? Here is your chance.

Come and try golf, bring your friends, and enjoy socialising and meeting new people while trying out a new game.



The Thirlstane Golf Club will be conducting Wednesday evening summer clinics for beginner/inexperienced golfers. The clinics commence at 6:00 pm and will run weekly during November and early December and recommence again mid-January for a further six weeks. Participants can join in at any time, and there is no commitment to attend each week.

No experience is necessary and golf clubs are available for use at the clinic if required.

A 9 and 6-hole competition for those with more experience will also be running in conjunction with the beginner's clinic. Tee-off time for these competitions will be between 5.30 pm and 6:00 pm.

Toasted sandwiches will be available at the end of each session, and the bar will be open.

Come and enjoy the fun and make friends, while trying out the game of golf during the summer months. Everyone welcome. For further information contact Bev on 0408 108 169.

SUMMER FUN AT THE BEACH

The Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club is all set for an amazing summer season. Thanks to the hard work of members, the club is looking fantastic and ready to welcome beach enthusiasts.

Senior members have been hitting the water, refining their skills, and getting excited for the upcoming season.

Safety is a top priority, with the surf lifesavers getting ready with refresher courses to ensure our beaches are well-patrolled starting in December.



If you're interested in becoming a member, you are invited to the club's registration day on Saturday, 28 October, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Surf Club. There are roles for everyone, swimmers and non-swimmers alike.

November is going to be a busy month with the Nippers kicking things off with a Welcome Party on Thursday, 16 November at 5:30 pm, followed by regular training sessions starting that Saturday. Stay connected with the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club by following their Facebook page and keep an eye out for updates on their noticeboards and road signs.

Supporting events like food vans and Market by the Beach helps fund their Surf Life Saving services and children's programs.

This summer, their goal is to "Bring the community to the beach." With your support, the club is ready for a fantastic season of sun, surf, and sand.

PORT SORELL FISHING COMPETITION

The third annual Reel Keen Fishing Competition will be held on 2 December (with a backup day of 3 December if the weather is inclement) at the Port Sorell Boat Ramp.

The competition is open to boat crews of 2+ people, subject to boat capacity, with the main prize valued at \$1,000. Fishers are challenged to catch five species of fish, specifically Trelvalley, Flathead, Salmon, Snapper and King George Whiting. Only one fish species from the overall bag will be measured from tip to fork.

There will also be prizes for biggest tuna and squid.

Random fishing related prizes have been donated by Seamaster Tackle, Allgoods and BCF.

Don't forget the major raffle valued at \$500 from Deegan Marine.

Ulverstone Air Sea Rescue will again be patrolling the ocean side of the event with interviews with competitors screened in the Reel Keen tent located nearby in the Port Sorell Caravan Park.

Entry is \$100 per boat with registration via <https://bit.ly/ReelKeenFishingCompetition2023>.

Want to know more, phone 0423 006 857.



CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

A festive atmosphere is set to be experienced at Bells Parade, Latrobe on 19 November as the community gathers to celebrate International Men's Day. Hosted and supported by The Hon Mike Gaffney MLC, the "BBQ at Bellsy" promises to be a day filled with fun, food, and camaraderie.

From 12 noon to 2:30 pm, families and individuals are invited to come together for a Family Fun Day that has something for everyone.



The highlight of the event will be a display by the Mustang Owners Club of Australia with live music, and ample opportunities to connect with the community while having a blast building out the day. A BBQ lunch provided by the Latrobe Community Shed Group will be available for purchase. Alternatively, attendees are welcome to bring their own BBQ or picnic lunch and non-alcoholic refreshments to enjoy.

In addition to indulging in delicious BBQ fare, participants can join in a variety of sporting and recreational activities.

This event not only celebrates International Men's Day but provides an excellent opportunity for groups to incorporate it into their end-of-year function.

For more information about the "BBQ at Bellsy" event, please contact Candice

Winter at candice.winter@parliament.tas.gov.au or call 6422 3000 or 0409 015 253. Don't miss out on this fantastic occasion to enjoy a memorable day with your community.



Do you know someone who goes above and beyond to make a positive impact in our community?

Or perhaps you've attended an outstanding event that brought your neighbourhood together?

Now is your chance to shine a spotlight on these exceptional individuals and events by nominating them for Latrobe Council's Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Community Event of the Year awards!

These prestigious awards celebrate the unsung heroes and inspiring events that make our community vibrant and united. From tireless volunteers to young change-makers and memorable community events, every nomination counts!

Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

Nomination forms are available on www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/austdayawards and close on 1 December. It's quick and easy to nominate, and your submission could have a profound impact on someone's life.

By nominating someone or an event, you not only honour their efforts but encourage others to step up and create a more inclusive and thriving community!

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CAROLS AT BELLS PARADE

Get ready to ring in the holiday season with the Lions Club of Latrobe at their Christmas Party and Carols event on 16 December from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm at Bells Parade, Latrobe.

After a successful run last year, the club has decided to keep things the same for 2023, promising another enjoyable evening.

This event is instead of the Lions Club's former Latrobe Christmas Parade.

All are invited to join in the festivities. Bring your picnic gear, and chairs, and even dress up in your best Christmas attire.

The night will feature entertainment and caroling by the Latrobe Federal Band.

For the kids, there will be activities like face painting, rock painting, games, and Thomas the Tank train rides. And, of course, there will be plenty of food and drinks available for purchase, including a sausage sizzle and fairy floss.

Santa Claus will make a special appearance, so be sure to bring the little ones.

Entry to this event is by gold coin donation.

Remember that it's a no-alcohol, no-smoking event, and pets are not allowed in the reserve.

For more information, please call 0437 123 890.

In the spirit of giving, the Lions Club will be selling traditional Christmas Cakes and Puddings under the Hill Street Grocer verandah on 18 and 22 November and 8 December from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm.

You can purchase 1.5kg cakes for \$20.00 and 1kg cakes/puddings for \$16.00.

Come and enjoy the holiday season with the Lions Club of Latrobe and create some wonderful memories with your loved ones.



WHAT'S ON AT A VENUE NEAR YOU

NOVEMBER

Throughout November: Pam Lockwood (artist) at the Crowded Lounge, 127-129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Official opening at 3:30 pm on 4 November.

4-6 Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm Saturday and Sunday and 9:00 am until 3:00 pm Monday. Admission: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children from 5-15 years.

7 Melbourne Cup Chicken and Champagne Alfresco Buffet at Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Cost: \$49 pp. Bookings to 6428 7555.

7 Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Lucas Hotel, 46 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Costs apply. Ph. 6426 1101

11 Port Sorell Golf Club Annual Car Park Sale from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Port Sorell Golf Club, Shearwater Bvd, Port Sorell.

11 Remembrance Day Services starting at 10:50 am at the Latrobe Cenotaph and Port Sorell Defence Memorial. Wreath layers to register by 4 November by emailing latrobbers12@gmail.com for the Latrobe Service or Ph. 0407 852 946 for the Port Sorell Service

12 Junior (3-17 years) Fish Out Day at Taylor's Dam, Bass Highway, Latrobe (opposite Anvers) from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. More information at www.facebook.com/juniorfishingtasmania

12 Devonport Stamp and Collectables Fair in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. Cost: \$2 adults, kids free. Enquiries: 0409 142 187

12 Latrobe to Railton MTB Sprint on the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Enquiries: merseymtb@outlook.com.

13 Latrobe Council Meeting at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00 pm. Attendance registration is essential to 6426 4444.

16 Latrobe CBD Review Drop-In Session from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm at Station Square, Gilbert Street, Latrobe

16 Latrobe CBD Review Workshop from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Latrobe

17 Latrobe CBD Review Workshop from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm 10:00 am at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe

16 Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club Nippers Welcome Party at the clubrooms, North Freers Beach, Port Sorell from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm. Enquiries to portsorellslc@gmail.com

18 First Nipper's Day on the Beach

19 Mystique Market at the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Free entry.

19 BBQ at Bellsy' celebrating International Men's Day, Bells Parade, Latrobe, 12 noon to 2:30 pm. Family fun day including live music and activities. Ph. 6422 3000.

24 Alex Lloyd performs at Shearwater Resort. Doors open at 6:00 pm, music from 6:30 pm. Tickets at <https://moshtix.com.au/>

25 Tasmanian Family History Society Inc Mersey Branch Trade Table and Afternoon Tea fundraiser at the Family History Library at the rear of the Latrobe Post Office Reserve from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

26 A Nautical Themed Musical Concert by 'In the Groove' in the chapel at the Sassafras Community Hall, 76 Chapel Road, Sassafras, 2:00pm start. Cost: \$25 per person incl. afternoon tea. RSVP by 20 November to Dianne 0409 907 281 or Annabel 0439 314 989

26 Holistic Expo from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert St, Latrobe. Ph. 0456 007 421

DECEMBER

Throughout December: Elysian Portrait Photography at the Crowded Lounge, 127-129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe

2 Reel Keen Fishing Competition at Port Sorell Boat Ramp, East Esplanade, Port Sorell. Go to www.facebook.com/reelkeenfishingclubportsorell.

4 Housing Choices Tasmania Free Community Christmas 2-Course Lunch at the Latrobe Bowls Club, Victor Street, Latrobe from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. Dress in your festive wear for a chance to win the best-dressed prize! "Bring a can if you can" for Gran's Van. RSVP to Ellen by 28 November on 0455 068 197.

4 Carolling throughout Latrobe and Port Sorell by the Latrobe Federal Band in the lead up to Christmas.

8 Bon Jovi Forever perform at Shearwater Resort. Doors open at 6:00 pm, music from 6:30 pm. Tickets at <https://bit.ly/BonJoviForever>

8-10 Mosaic Lamp and Ceramic Painting Workshop at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Bookings via bookings@artmasterclass.com.au

10 Port Sorell Carols at Banksia facilities, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 6:00 pm. Enquiries to Lions Club of Port Sorell on 0437 454 518

10 Junior (3-17 years) Fish Out Day at Taylor's Dam, Bass Highway, Latrobe

(opposite Anvers) from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Hosted by North West Junior Anglers Club and Devonport Anglers Inc. More information at www.facebook.com/juniorfishingtasmania

11 Latrobe Council Meeting at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00 pm. Attendance registration is essential to 6426 4444.

14 Bridge of Hope Church Christmas Service at Rubicon Grove, 89 Club Drive, Shearwater at 2:00 pm

14 Services Australia Bus at 20 Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm to assist with any Centrelink issues.

16 Latrobe Lions Christmas Party and Carols at Bells Pde, Latrobe from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Enquiries: Lions Club of Latrobe - 0437 123 890

16 Christmas Carols Service at St James Community Church, Northdown featuring the Geneva Christian College Choir and Band from 6:00 pm. All welcome. Ph 0428 556 695

16-17 Mystique Christmas Market at the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 12 noon until 5:00 pm Saturday and 9:00 am until 2:00 pm Sunday.

17 Bridge of Hope Church Combined Parish Carols Service and morning tea at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell at 9:30 am

20 Latrobe High School Leavers Parade at the Latrobe Recreation Ground from 5:00 pm until 6:45 pm.

24 Santa's Tour of Port Sorell. Check out the Port Sorell Fire Brigade's Facebook page for routes and timings.

24 Bridge of Hope Church Christmas Eve Service at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell at 9:30 am

24 Christmas Eve Carols Service followed by a cuppa at the Wesley Vale Community Church, Port Sorell Main Road, Wesley Vale at 10:00 am. Donations to local Christmas appeals appreciated. All welcome.

24 Bridge of Hope Church Christmas Eve Service at St George's, Hermitage Lane, Newground at 7:00 pm

25 Bridge of Hope Church Christmas Day Service at St Luke's, Hamilton Street, Latrobe at 9:30 am

25 Community Church Christmas Day Service at St James Community Church, Northdown at 10:00 am. All welcome Ph 0428 556 695

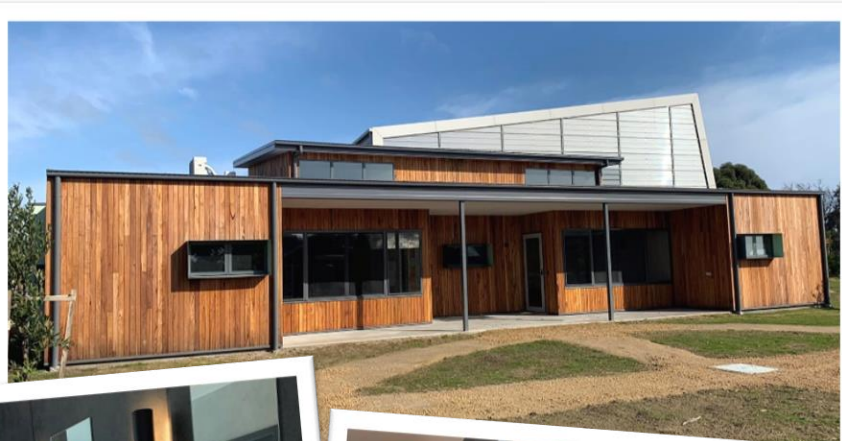
29 Market by the Beach from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club.

31 Silver Lining perform at Shearwater Resort. Support act from 6:00 pm. Feature artist from 9:30 pm until 1:00 am Free entry.

BANKSIA REDEVELOPMENT REVEALED

With summer just around the corner, activity at Banksia in Port Sorell is heating up. Completion of the redevelopment wrapped up in September, with the Open Day celebrating an exciting new chapter in

exciting communal spaces, Banksia is set to be a popular destination this summer. Check out the new website at www.banksiaportsorell.com for information and like the Banksia Facebook page, or email your booking enquiry to office@campbanksia.com.



Banksia’s history and offering the community a tour of the grounds and renovated facilities. Initiated from consultation with the local community and user groups, Council and AJR Construct have delivered a contemporary environment that will serve the diverse needs of schools, sporting bodies, performing arts, and private hire groups; both locally and from across the state. The impressive transformation was made possible with \$4 million of funding from the Federal Government and \$1.7 million from Latrobe Council, creating a hub that our community can engage with and be proud of. November and December are busy months as camp bookings increase. Groups in the wider Tasmanian community might remember visiting the original Camp Banksia in its younger days. Some of the original buildings have been retained for use alongside this next generation.



The new and improved camp facilities include two accommodation hubs; a ‘state of the art’ camp kitchen; and recreational amenities. Camp Banksia is now taking bookings for up to 12 months in advance. The expanded Banksia Centre provides an extended and improved multi-purpose space in addition to the existing meeting rooms, stadium, and outdoor recreational spaces available for hire. Surrounding the new BBQ shelter and public toilets, Active Areas have created new outdoor spaces for the community to enjoy, including a coastal-themed playground complimenting the sports courts, oval, tennis courts, and pump track. Located close to the beach with modern versatile facilities and



FUTURE EDITIONS

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13 Nov (Mon)	Jan-Feb 2024
1 Feb (Thurs).....	Mar-Apr
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