

## Council Approves 2012-13 Budget

The Latrobe Council recently adopted its 2012-13 budget and rates.

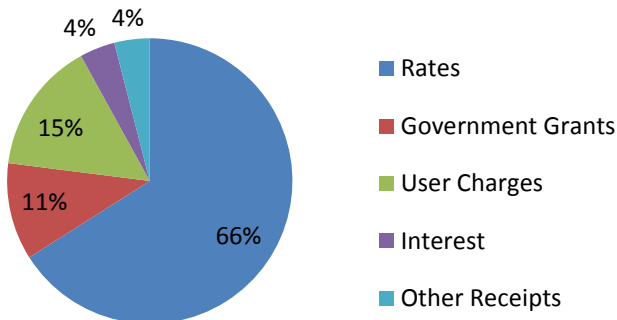
The Mayor of Latrobe, Mike Gaffney stated, "we understand that many people are under financial pressure but to maintain our standard of services there needs to be an increase in rates which is manageable therefore, for a residential property valued at \$300,000, the annual increase in rates will be \$9.56."

Council will continue to apply differential rating with a 1% increase in residential, rural residential and primary production properties, whilst industrial/commercial properties will increase 1.1%. For a small number of properties affected by the last general revaluation a remission will again be applied, restricting their increase to 5%.

The budget seeks to balance the demand for services and infrastructure with the community's capacity to pay.

The expected operating result for 2012-13 is a surplus of \$907,000 with a budgeted underlying deficit of \$28,000. Had the Federal Government not decided to pre-pay one half of the 2012-13 Financial Assistance Grants in 2011-12 the underlying result would have been a surplus of \$695,000.

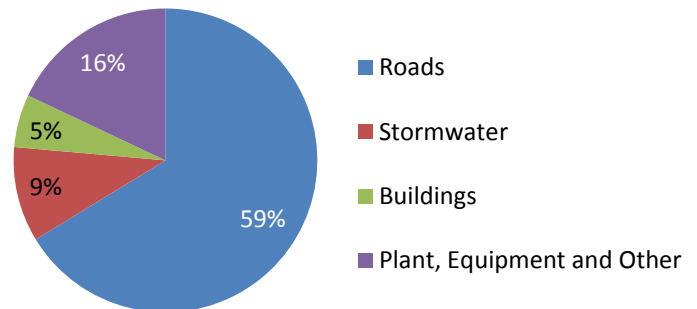
### Revenue



The Council's capital works program totals \$3.98 million of which \$770,000 relates to carried forward projects. \$2.32 million will be allocated to maintenance and renewal of Council's existing asset base whilst \$1.66 million will be allocated for new or upgraded assets.

Council has been granted \$200,000 of Commonwealth Government Black Spot Program funding to be spent on safety improvements on Native Plains Road with an additional \$15,000 for improvements to Chapel Road.

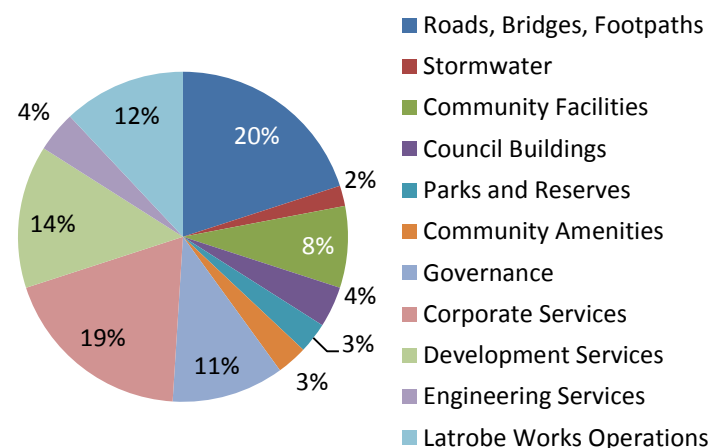
## Budgeted Total Capital Works



Other major projects for next financial year include;

- Reconstruction of Rice Street at Port Sorell, Mill Road at Wesley Vale and widening and reconstruction of Chapel Road at Harford;
- \$297,000 for improvements to the stormwater system at Latrobe and Port Sorell;
- Installation of an electronic scoreboard at the Latrobe Recreation Ground;
- Construction of a skatepark at the Latrobe Recreation Ground;
- Provision of outdoor gym equipment and pre-school child's playground at Shearwater Park;
- Footpath construction in Wilmot Street, Alexander Street and at the western boundary of the Primary School at Port Sorell and along Stanley Street, Gilbert Street, Hawkins Street and Reibey Street in Latrobe.
- Carpark extension at Station Square, Latrobe.

### Expenditure



Further information is available on Council's website at [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au).

## Port Sorell and District Community Bank

The Port Sorell and District Community Bank Steering Committee wishes to thank everyone who returned the survey as well as the many local business owners who have discussed their thoughts and ideas with the consulting group.

Committee member, Mr Phillip Spratt added that "They are both vital parts in the process that makes up the community bank feasibility study.

David Hutchings, and his team of independent consultants from AFS, are busy crunching the numbers and doing their sums to determine if we are ready to go onto the next stage.

This will be forming the community bank company, and publishing the prospectus to formalise the pledgees' promised investment.

We are also really lucky to have premises already sorted and the designs ready to go; this can be a major hurdle for many community bank initiatives, and it will save us a lot of time.

All being well, and assuming the numbers stack up, there is every possibility that the new Port Sorell and District Community Bank will be open early in the New Year."



### New Leadership Appointed

Another new year has commenced for the Lions Club of Port Sorell following the induction of the new board at a joint function held with the Lions Club of Latrobe at Camp Banksia on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Immediate Past President Dallas Cripps thanked members and partners for their support and another very successful year for the club and the many numerous community activities. Over \$46,000 has been distributed to worthy projects during the last year as well as \$60,000 to the caravan parks new amenities block.

Incoming President for 2012-2013 is Lion Jeanette Manson. Lion Jeanette has held a number of positions within the Club for the past nine years.

The Club is looking forward to introducing a new project this year with planning already underway to hold a "**Christmas in the Street**" event proposed for Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5.00 pm until 9.00 pm. Local businesses, potential stall holders and volunteer organisations will shortly receive more details seeking their support and involvement. Providing positive support for the event is received the Club will have further information in the next news bulletin, so watch this space. If you would like to indicate an expression of interest as a potential stall holder for this event please contact 6428 7394 to register.

If you are interested in joining the Lions Club and meeting new people while supporting the Port Sorell community, contact Lion Rosie Rabbetts on 6428 7389.

### 2013 Port Sorell Surf Fiesta

The subcommittee for the Port Sorell Surf Fiesta is keen to welcome new members to help with organizing the 2013 Surf Fiesta to be held in early January.

Many hands make light work for this worthwhile community event that is the major fundraiser for the local Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club.

Please share your talents and join the club in pulling together another successful Fiesta. More details are available by contacting Gina Harvey on 0439 499 035.

## Is It Time To Give Up Driving?<sup>1</sup>

Older people who give up driving are finding it's not all bad - many are finding different ways to cope.

PhD student Sarah Walker says that the positive impacts experienced include feeling relief at no longer having to drive, personal growth through adversity and learning acceptance, and monetary savings.

"Many older people cope by making lifestyle changes to adapt to life without a car, for example, using other ways of getting around, shopping closer to home or on a bus route, and finding new activities," Sarah explains. "Some individuals also cope by changing the way they think, so that any losses linked with giving up driving seem less important."

The research was conducted in the ACT at the Australian National University. The initial study looked at the experiences of nearly 40 volunteers above retirement age who had given up driving. Sarah says that previous research had only associated giving up driving with negative effects.

"Other studies have shown that giving up driving can lead to poorer physical health, increased risk of mortality, depressive symptoms and emotional distress," she says. "Most people don't think there will be anything positive about giving up driving. However, my study shows there are some positives."

A number of factors like having relatives or friends who drive, accessible shops and services, a planned or staged decline in driving, or having a say in the decision to quit can mean fewer negative impacts.

Sarah has expanded her initial sample base to persons aged 65 and over Australia-wide to further explore the relationship between driving status, coping strategies, and subjective well-being. This involved comparing the survey responses of 89 ex-drivers with 403 current drivers from every state and territory.

Preliminary findings indicate older Australians tend to cope well with giving up driving and maintain high levels of psychological health. Comprehensive results will be published by the Productive Ageing Centre (the research area of National Seniors Australia) after February 2013.

"I hope that we can learn from those who cope well with giving up driving, so that we can help those who don't manage so well," says Sarah.

### Junior Fishing Expo

The Devonport Anglers Club Inc is conducting a Junior Angling Expo at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July from 10am until 3 pm.

Junior members registering on the day for the coming season will receive a free gift bag and a free sausage for lunch.

There will also be a local tackle shop presentation, fish handling demonstrations and displays and information by Inland Fisheries, Quarantine, Marine and Safety Tasmania, Anglers Alliance, Tasmania Fishcare, Todd Walsh "The Lobster man" and world's largest freshwater invertebrate.

<sup>1</sup> RACT Journeys April/May 2012 page 9

Prize presentations to last season's junior anglers will be made at 11am.

Entry is free so just turn up. If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact Peter Maloney on 0419 871 131.

### 2011 Census Data Released

Australia's 2011 Census of Population and Housing represents a snapshot of Australia, providing vital information on where and how we live, and the characteristics of our communities.

The June release of this data by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) provides information on a range of topics such as age, family, education, income, housing, transport, religion, ethnicity and more, from a single small area to an entire state/territory or all of Australia.

Population estimates within the Census are used by decision makers when allocating government funding and program and policy development, enabling all levels of government, business, researchers and individuals to help plan for a brighter future.

Census data is free and publically available at the ABS website [www.abs.gov.au/census](http://www.abs.gov.au/census).

### Business to Business Networking

In these tough economic times, it pays to keep customers close and what better way than to have the confidence to refer them to the many quality, professional local businesses throughout the Latrobe Municipality.

Tranquilles B&B will be hosting a Business to Business Breakfast at their Gumbowie Drive venue for local businesses and their staff on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30 am until 8.30 am.

Attendees will be asked to introduce themselves and give a 30 second introduction to their business while indulging in a delightful breakfast. Bring along plenty of business cards to hand out.

The get together costs \$10 per person, which covers the hearty breakfast. Bookings are essential for catering purposes.

Interested? Then book your place by Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July by phoning Tranquilles B&B on 6428 7555.

### Regional Tourism Forum Explores New Directions

Registrations are now open for the seventh Qantaslink Cradle Coast Regional Tourism Forum - *New Beginnings, New Directions* - to be held on 8 - 9 August at Cradle Mountain.

The theme for this year's Forum reflects the tourism industry's rejuvenation as it transitions from Tourism Tasmania's Zone Marketing Group structure to a new state-wide network of Regional Tourism Organisations.

The event keynote speaker is Geoff Harris, Vice President of the Hawthorn Football Club. As co-founder of Flight Centre and ex Board member of Top Deck Travel UK, Mr Harris will be sharing his top 20 leadership tips from 30 years of business experience.

Also presenting at the conference will be Tourism Tasmania directors Kath McCann and Adam Sproule who will talk about Tourism Tasmania's latest research and how it will underpin Tourism Tasmania's future marketing initiatives.

For more information see [www.cradlecoast.com/tourism\\_forum.html](http://www.cradlecoast.com/tourism_forum.html).

### Local Government Reform

Recently Brighton Mayor Tony Foster commented "the current campaign for local government amalgamations ... is being pursued by the so-called Tasmanians for Reform Group."

This group is little more than a front for the Tasmanian Property Council which represents large property and building owners seeking reduced rates for city office buildings and shops."

Interesting enough, the Executive Director of the Property Council, Mary Massina, was also one of the main proponents of the water and sewerage reforms forced on locals councils by the State Government four years ago. Ms Massina stated then "we welcome the Government's continued commitment to the water and sewerage reform through the funding of the Ministerial Water and Sewerage Taskforce."

"Whilst Latrobe Council carefully manages its resources and continues to provide good services for reasonable rates, I have not had many residents talk to me favourably about amalgamation with neighbouring Councils," said Mayor Mike Gaffney.

### Darrel Baldock Memorial Fund



Fundraising has starting in earnest for the Darrel Baldock Memorial project, proposed for the Gilbert Street entrance of the Latrobe Recreation Ground.

The committee has begun speaking to key community groups who may be able to offer financial or in-kind support for the project and are pursuing corporate partnerships.

The St Kilda Football Club recently hosted Darrel Baldock Memorial Committee (DBMC) members Peter Freshney and Graeme "Gypsy" Lee and expressed its strong support for the project and for the location at Doc's true home ground.

AFL Tasmania added its support to the project with a terrific initiative "A Day For Doc" recently.

This saw collection tins for the memorial at every game in every league played across a weekend in Tasmania as well as Hawthorn and North Melbourne's game at Aurora Stadium and St Kilda and Richmond's clash in Melbourne. Funds raised on the day continue to be collated.

On top of that and its own involvement in A Day for Doc, St Kilda has confirmed its own contribution to the project which will be announced soon.

A statement is also expected on a further donation from the Latrobe Football Club on top of its initial \$5,000 donation after a successful recent reunion of Doc's Latrobe premiership sides.

"The committee is thankful of the support from the Tasmanian public. It's a tribute to the terrific regard Darrel Baldock was held in widely in this region and State," DBMC president Peter Freshney said.

Further developments will be advised in coming months.

To donate to the project, please contact Latrobe Council or, to register interest for corporate partnership or general enquiries, contact Julian O'Brien on 0419 155 376 or Peter Freshney 0417 287 006.



## Bridge at Port Sorell

Tranquilles B&B in Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell is starting up a Bridge Club with both day and evening classes to be available.

If you don't know how to play bridge don't worry, tutoring will be provided by experienced contract bridge representative, Mr Peter Turner. If you already know the game, you move into the advanced classes.

To register your interest, please contact Cathy on 6428 7555.

## Winter Surf Club Training

Now that Winter is here, the activities of the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club have slowed down somewhat however for many of the Seniors, Cadets and Nippers, Winter training has kicked in with swimming and ski sessions.

The Club's annual awards and dinner was held in early April where achievements were celebrated. This included recognizing members who had achieved their Bronze Medallion and had also contributed a number of volunteer hours patrolling our local beaches. The Lifesaver of the Year Award went to David Littler, Volunteer Clubman of the Year to Wayne Meagher; U19 Life Saver of the Year to Campbell Hall and U19 Competitor of the Year to Ella Coates. The Junior Achiever of the Year Award went to Lucy Wootton. The Rising Star Award went to Chloe Nicholls.

Their Annual General Meeting was held at the end of May with Jo Coates re-elected as President; Stuart Dickson as Vice President and Carolyn Mathewson as Treasurer. There are current vacancies for the positions of Secretary, Bar Manager, Functions Manager, IRB Captain and Youth Activities Coordinator. If anyone is interested in these positions please contact Jo on 0448 819 848 or go online to [www.portsorellsurflifesavingclub.com.au](http://www.portsorellsurflifesavingclub.com.au).

## Protecting and Promoting Biodiversity



Rubicon Coast and Landcare members have been working hard to make improvements to the Aubrey Luck Reserve which can be accessed from Taroon Street, Joyce Street or

Dumbleton Street, Hawley.

This reserve was conveyed to the Latrobe Council as trustee by the family of Devonport businessman, Aubrey Luck, to provide a public recreation area and to conserve native wildlife species. As well as a Sheoak forest growing on a dolerite outcrop, numerous other plant species grow in the Reserve which is particularly colourful in springtime.

Utilising a Community Action Grant from the Commonwealth's Caring for our Country program, Rubicon Coast and Landcare members have landscaped the northern



*New planting in the entrance to the Aubrey Luck Reserve*

entrance to the park with rocks and new plantings and upgraded paths and fencing.

Rubicon Coast and Landcare members care for the Aubrey Luck Reserve and other reserves and coastal areas in the Port Sorell area.

Monthly meetings are held at Camp Banksia at 7.45 pm on the second Wednesday of each month. New members are welcomed at meetings and regular monthly working bees.

For more details, contact Robin Garnett (Secretary of RCLC) at [rubicon\\_inc@hotmail.com](mailto:rubicon_inc@hotmail.com).

## Start Collecting for Betta Boat Race

The Henley-on-Mersey Management Committee is calling on community groups to be involved in the highly popular Betta Boat Race held as part of the Municipality's major Australia Day event each January.

The Betta Boat Race challenges competitors to make a boat out of Betta milk containers (cardboard or plastic, it doesn't matter) and race along Bells Creek.



To ensure that you source enough containers for this battle, **you need to start collecting them now.**

Information on the Betta Boat Race can be found online at [www.henleyonmersey.com.au](http://www.henleyonmersey.com.au).

## Tourism Promotion

Tourism Tasmania's TigerTOUR database enables you to promote your tourism information through a number of avenues. To find out how you can benefit from such a listing, please email [TigerTOUR@tourism.tas.gov.au](mailto:TigerTOUR@tourism.tas.gov.au) or phone 6230 8229.

## Community Effort at Latrobe Cemetery

"I would like to congratulate those volunteers who have assisted with the regular working bees at the Latrobe Cemetery.

The last working bee, held just before Mother's Day, witnessed 24 people working for an hour and a half before enjoying a BBQ sausage and cold drink.

I believe that the look and condition of the cemetery has improved greatly thanks to this effort," said Mayor Gaffney.

The next working bee is scheduled to be held early September, before Father's Day, with a further two working bees before Christmas and two more in the New Year.

A resident recently enquired as to the water pipes not working at the cemetery. Due to the rusting of the old water pipes, the expense to replace the infrastructure was weighed up against the infrequent and low use of the taps with it being more fiscally responsible of Council to not replace the pipes. As a result, the water service has been disconnected for quite some time now. Persons wishing to water flowers at the Latrobe Cemetery are reminded to take their water bottles with them.

## Struggling with Your Power Bill?

Aurora know that it can be hard to keep Tasmanian homes warm and pay electricity bills during winter and urge customers having difficulty paying their power bill on the due date, to contact Aurora on 1300 13 2003.

There are a number of options that can be offered<sup>2</sup> as well as tips and advice on reducing energy use and costs. Such options include -

### Electricity Concessions

Centrelink or DVA Pensioner Concession Card and health care card holders are entitled to a concession through a one off application process by phoning 1300 13 2003.

### Aurora's Hardship Fund

Designed to assist customers in times of financial hardship or temporary difficulties, emergency financial assistance to help pay bills can be accessed by referral through the following social agencies including The Salvation Army, Anglicare, Centacare and St Vincent De Paul.

### No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS)

NILS provides no-interest loans to Health Card or Pensioner Concession Card holders for the purchase of essential items and services which can include new heaters, energy efficient appliances or costs associated with privately owned electricity poles.

For more information, contact 1300 301 650 or visit the NILS website at [www.nilstasmania.org.au](http://www.nilstasmania.org.au).

### Power Savings for Tenants Scheme

Concession card holders who rent from a private landlord or real estate agent may be eligible to receive advice from a qualified Home Energy Helper on how to save energy and help keep their home warmer in winter. Free upgrades are also available under this scheme. Apply through Sustainable Living Tasmania by phoning 1300 856 740.

### Housing Tasmania

The State Government recently increased the amount of funding available for making energy efficiency improvements for people in Housing Tasmania properties.

Eligible households are expected to be contacted by Housing Tasmania during September/October 2012. If customers have any maintenance concerns please ring Housing Tasmania's maintenance hotline on 1300 665 663.

### Home Energy Savings Scheme

The Australian Government's Home Energy Savings Scheme was introduced on 1 July to provide low-income householders with free access to advice, support and referral to financial products to enable them to make longer-term energy efficiency improvements to their homes. This scheme is managed by Anglicare's Financial Counselling Service by phoning 1800 007 001.

### Federal Government Clean Energy Future Household Assistance Package

The Australian Government's Household Assistance Package started in May with an initial payment, followed by tax cuts in July and then ongoing assistance added to regular entitlements from March 2013.

More information can be found on [www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au](http://www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au).

For more information on any of the above, visit [www.auroraenergy.com.au](http://www.auroraenergy.com.au) or call 1300 13 2003.

## Community Grants Allocated

A number of community groups will benefit from Latrobe Council's 2012-13 community grants, specifically -

- Lions Club of Port Sorell Inc - \$750 to offset the promotion of a new event - *Jazz at Port Sorell* - inclusive of the production of advertising material.
- Latrobe High School Association Inc - \$750 towards the purchase an asset/s that can be used for the staging of multiple productions.
- Rubicon River Arts - \$750 to cover tutor costs for a two-day ceramics workshop to be held in Latrobe.
- North West Remote Control Car Club - \$1,500 to offset costs associated with constructing a 14m x 4m under cover pit area.
- Rubicon Sea Scouts - \$1,124.18 to upgrade their camping and safety equipment.
- Thirlstane Golf Club Inc - \$1,500 towards the installation of underground fairway watering reticulation for the automatic watering of Fairways 7 and 9.
- Wesley Vale Football Club Inc - \$1,000 towards materials for its facility upgrade.
- Latrobe Girl Guides - \$1,500 to purchase a new oven, marquee, portable CD with ipod/dock and games.
- Mersey Clay Target Club - \$869.08 for the purchase of gazebos.
- Wesley Vale Bias Bowls Club - \$1,500 to offset costs associated with the purchase of one new bowls mat and two sets of bowls
- Devonport Anglers Club - \$794 towards the cost of purchasing portable toilets for the Junior Angling Dam on the Bass Highway, Latrobe.

This funding is open for application in March each year for the following financial year. It closes in May.

## Latrobe Olympic Representation



The London Olympics commence on the 27<sup>th</sup> July and continue through to the 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Local Olympic representative in boxing, Jackson Woods, will contest the Men's Fly boxing competition on the 30<sup>th</sup> July. Being positive that Jackson will make it through, his next bout will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August and is followed by the Qualifying final and Semifinal, culminating in the Final on August 12.

Congratulations also to Commonwealth Games boxing representative and Australian and Oceania Champion, Luke Woods, who recently departed to work out with the Olympic team at the Australian Institute of Sport for the next two weeks before they head away. This invitation only opportunity provides our future Olympians with another hit out as well as valuable experience for Luke.

## New Roads Named

At the June Council meeting, roads in the new subdivision to the south of Hamilton Street, Latrobe were named -

- the road running east-west between Percival and Hamilton Streets will be known as Calthorpe Street;
- the road connecting the new east-west road and Bradshaw Street will be called Mackenzie Crescent and
- the road connecting the new east-west road and Percival Street will be Martin Crescent.







## Winter Doesn't Stop Swim Club

A huge congratulation to 13 year old club Latrobe Swim Club member Sam Curtis for his recent success at the Australian Age Nationals held in Brisbane during April. Sam's summer season culminates in qualifying to compete in seven events at the nationals, swimming admirably in all events and making two evening finals. Sam achieved a bronze medal in his 800 Freestyle and a fourth place in his 400 Freestyle, being the only Tasmanian at the event this year to achieve a medal ranking.

Winter training continues with 35 Latrobe Swim Club members undertaking a training schedule of up to seven sessions per week at the Latrobe Swim Centre in George Street, Latrobe.

Public lap swim sessions are available three mornings per week with 20 people currently accessing the lanes available.

Club swimmers are working towards the Winter short course competition season that began with the Medley Pentathlon in June and culminates in the State Championships in late August.

For information about the Latrobe Swim Club, please contact Coach Adrian Triffett on 0448 755 233 or Club President, Anne Thomas, on 0400 560 935.

## Rotary Rewards Community Achievement



The Rotary Club of Latrobe recently presented its Annual Community Awards to various achievers throughout the Latrobe Municipality as follows -

- **Courtesy Award** - Lee Youd for her long-standing efforts as ward clerk in the maternity section of the Mersey Community Hospital.
- **Industry Achievement Award** - Peter Radford for his developing enterprise in agricultural harvesting.
- **Pride of Workmanship** - Paul Williams of Morse's Butchery
- **Citizenship Award** - Sylvia Berwick for all her volunteer welfare work over a long period.
- **Charles Radford Sporting Award** - Alec Thomas who has represented Tasmania and gained awards in middle-distance running.
- **Elliston Award** - Benjamin Brockman who displays excellence and leadership in the community as a sports physiologist treating a wide range of disorders.

Rotary in Tasmania is also hosting at present, a group of young professionals from northern USA and Southern Canada. The group of five young women and a Rotarian group leader are touring the state, hosted by various Rotary clubs along the way.

Each member experiences their own vocation at various places to compare with their home situation. While hosted in Latrobe they toured our local agricultural, industrial and food production industries as well as all the countryside and natural features our island has to offer. Their main comparison was our comparatively mild climate, compared to the severe winters they experience at home.

The Tasmanian outward group will soon travel to the USA/Canada district and complete the exchange.

The club's Swedish Youth Exchange student Tom Lindqvist is shortly to return home after a spectacularly successful year.

For information on the Rotary Club of Latrobe, please contact Adrian Ryan on 6426 1321.

## Port Sorell Cooking School

If Masterchef has inspired you to broaden your cooking abilities then Tranquilles Cooking Classes may be what you are looking for.

A series of cooking classes will be held at Tranquilles in Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell, hosted by experienced chefs from Tasmania and elsewhere. The classes will guide you in creating a great foodie experience from the wide range of fresh produce, meats, seafood, and wines available in Tasmania.

The program for the cooking classes is now online at [www.tranquilles.com](http://www.tranquilles.com) or contact Cathy on 6428 7555 or [functions@tranquilles.com](mailto:functions@tranquilles.com) for more details.

## Men's Shed Update

Members and intending members of the Men's Shed at Port Sorell are invited to get together at the mens shed on Sunday, July 22.



The shed is the big white building located on the corner of Wilmot and Rice Streets and is ideal due to its generous size, adequate parking and top location.

The shed will be open from 11am however, with the transition from the steering committee to involve all members in the day to day operations and decision making, a short information update on happenings will be provided at 12 noon followed by a BBQ!

Plans are to have the shed officially opened in early August.

If you think you have missed the boat, it's never too late ... simply make contact with Secretary, Keith Haines, on 6428 7950 to become involved or to register your corporate support.

## Museum Extends Winter Closure

Due to reduced attendance and cold weather, the Court House Museum will be closed for the months of June, July and August. Any groups wanting a tour of the Museum during this period can still book by leaving a message with Michael McLaren on 6426 2777.

## Ghost Rock's New Wines and Medals

2012 has seen Ghost Rock Vineyard continue their success with their wines receiving the following awards at Tasmanian and Interstate Wine Shows<sup>3</sup> -

- 2011 Pinot Gris - Gold Medal, Silver Medal
- 2011 Sauvignon Blanc - Silver Medals x 2
- 2009 Casper's Block Pinot Noir - Silver Medal
- 2010 Casper's Block Pinot Noir - Bronze Medal
- 2007 Catherine Sparkling - Silver Medal

Sadly, the highly successful 2008 and 2009 vintages of Pinot Noir has sold out of however the 2010 Pinot, which although young, is drinking beautifully and has already picked up a medal.



Ghost Rock Vineyard can be discovered at 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown and trades throughout Winter from Friday to Sunday.

### WWI Commemorative Project

Can you help the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc (TFHS) with photographs of soldiers, preferably in uniform, from the Latrobe Municipality and surrounding district who served in World War 1?

2014 marks 100 years since the outbreak of WWI and, as a commemoration of the men that fought in this conflict, the Mersey Branch of the TFHS, in conjunction with other Latrobe groups, are working together to publish a comprehensive book of the servicemen from the Latrobe Municipality. The aim of this call out is to develop a four volume set of books covering the municipalities of Latrobe, Devonport, Kentish and Central Coast.

There is no need to leave your originals, with the wonders of technology, they can be scanned and immediately returned to your care.

If you are able to help out with this project, please contact Jim Rouse on 0423 974 479 or email [jim@tasgenes.com](mailto:jim@tasgenes.com).

### Assisting Learner Drivers

Currently Tasmanian learner drivers need in excess of 50 hours driving experience before being eligible to sit a provisional licence test.

Road Education Volunteers (REV) is a learner driver mentor program covering the Latrobe and Kentish municipalities that assists eligible learner drivers gain that driving experience.

Learner drivers who face significant barriers to obtaining a provisional licence are assessed for eligibility and matched with a volunteer mentor driver.

The program includes access to a 5 star safety rated vehicle, working towards a provisional licence in order to undertake the driving sessions.

To become a volunteer mentor driver, you need to undergo a national police check and participate in an induction session. Upon completion you will receive a mentor uniform.

REV is seeking more participants and volunteer mentors. If you are a learner driver and would like to participate, or are a licenced driver and interested in being a volunteer mentor, contact REV co-ordinator Chris Clark on 6491 2500 or go to [www.roadeducationvolunteers.com.au](http://www.roadeducationvolunteers.com.au).

### Regulator Issues Price Determination



Cradle Mountain Water welcomed the release of the first independent investigation of pricing of

Water and Sewerage Services by the Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator's First Pricing determination.

"It is pleasing that the Regulator has seen fit to support Cradle Mountain Water's bid to implement a more equitable way of charging for services." CEO Andrew Kneebone said.

"Essentially, the Regulator has supported Cradle Mountain Water's position, with the exception of the treatment of water charges in Burnie." said Andrew

Cradle Mountain Water customers will notice the changes to price tariffs for fixed water and sewerage services and

for water usage on their first quarterly account due between 1 July and 30 September, 2012.

Information explaining the changes and why they have occurred will be provided to all customers and are available on [www.cmwater.com.au](http://www.cmwater.com.au).

"The key focus for the changes to pricing agreed to by the Regulator is transitioning customers to equitable pricing for services. This will be achieved by removing water allowances; charging for water usage, using the size of connection to determine fixed water service charges and charging sewerage based on Equivalent Tenements." said Andrew.

### Road Safety Everyone's Responsibility

Community Road Safety Partnerships are an initiative of the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER), participating communities and local government authorities. Partnerships have been successfully operating across the State since 2003.

Latrobe Council last year joined forces with the Kentish Council's long running program to form the Community Road Safety Partnership Kentish and Latrobe (CRSP-KLa). The group's focus is to improve the safety of all road users in our local area.

The CRSP-KLa committee meets on a monthly basis to discuss, plan and implement initiatives that target local road safety issues and high risk behaviours such as speeding, drink driving and inattention. Some past initiatives include the My Ride motorcycle safety project, school bus safety campaigns, and the Road Education Volunteers program that assists disadvantaged learner drivers obtain a provisional licence.

Currently, the committee is made up of representatives from the Latrobe and Kentish Councils, SES, Tasmania Police, school bus services, DIER, and the Kentish community.

To ensure our community is effectively represented within the partnership, we are seeking the involvement of interested Latrobe community members. The only requirements for membership to the CRSP-KLa committee are that you have a passion for improving road safety and a commitment to working as part of a team to achieve this goal.

While membership to the committee is limited, we are also very keen to hear from local groups, schools, clubs and individuals who wish to become involved in road safety projects.

Please contact Jonathan Magor on 6421 4650 for more information on committee membership or involvement with the Community Road Safety Partnership Kentish & Latrobe.

### Passion Deserves Reward

Heywire, ABC Radio's annual media competition, is calling on 16-22 year olds to tell it like it is of growing up in rural and regional Australia.



If you are not the best writer, that's okay. The ABC is really looking for people with a passion and way with communicating ideas that make people take notice. Submissions by text, audio, photos or video will be considered with the top 40 stories Australia-wide being

produced by the ABC to feature on one of its media outlets.

Each winner will score an all-expenses-paid trip to the Heywire Regional Youth Summit, held in the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra in February 2013 where you will attend a reception at Parliament House, a tour of ABC Canberra and a chance to meet Triple J presenters.

You'll also gain leadership skills and develop proposals to make life better for young people in your community.

The competition closes on September 17.

Go to [abc.net.au/heywire](http://abc.net.au/heywire) for more information and even check out past winning entries.

### Volunteers needed

The Court House Museum in Gilbert Street, Latrobe is seeking new volunteers to man the Museum from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm when it reopens in September.

Volunteers can nominate to work one afternoon a week, fortnight or month. No previous experience is expected and training will be given.

Further information is available from Michael McLaren on 6426 2777.

### Monitoring Needed to Save Species



The current economic climate in Tasmania has focused a lot of attention on essential services such as health and education or the loss of jobs. However, outside of the Forestry debate, which focuses mainly on habitats, and the excellent work with Devils, much less has been said about financial support of our iconic native animals.

Central North Wildlife Care and Rescue spokesperson, Mrs Julia Butler-Ross said "It is a matter of continual frustration that so little appears to be done to protect important predatory species such as eagles, owls, quolls and bats or to support any scientifically based monitoring which would determine their current status.

Much of the evidence of the extraordinarily rapid decline of these species is anecdotal or taken from the observations of dedicated volunteer naturalists. The slow implementation of the cat strategy has not helped, and now it appears that this species is taking a terrible toll of our wildlife through predation and the spread of toxoplasmosis.

Central North Wildlife Care and Rescue is monitoring critically low North West Masked Owl populations and is seeking funding for equipment to enable the observation of their behaviours and associated calls for future scientific study. Time is running out and once these animals have gone, there is no second chance."

To contact a Wildlife Rehabilitation Officer, phone Alastair on 0409 978 064.

### Art and Craft Spotlight



Latrobe Apex in conjunction with Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe is running their annual Latrobe Art Exhibition and Sale. From the interest and entries received, the club is looking forward to a great weekend which will commence with the official opening of the Exhibition on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July from 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm.

Simultaneously, club members are working on coordinating the Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition which will be held on the long weekend in November. If you are interested in being a stallholder at this exhibition, please contact Tammy on 0417 132687 or email [ttcraftfair@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ttcraftfair@yahoo.com.au).

Proceeds from last year's Craft Exhibition assisted with the renovation of the foyer of the Latrobe Memorial Hall.

### 2012 Youth Challenge

Tasmania Together is an ambitious long-term plan - owned and driven by the community - that aims to bring about change for a better Tasmania.

The Tasmania Together Youth Challenge (TTYC) is a competition that gives Tasmania's youth an opportunity to connect with their communities and to explore the community's vision for Tasmania expressed in the Tasmania Together plan.

Working individually or as part of a group, participants are asked to think about their vision for Tasmania's future and then to use their creative abilities to express and share this vision.

This year, a special award category for community projects has been introduced that recognises a particularly significant project proposal that aims to improve the well-being of a community in relation to one or more of the Tasmania Together goals or benchmarks.

The TTYC is open to all school-aged youth across Tasmania and closes on Monday, 8 October.

For more information visit [www.tasmaniattogether.com.au](http://www.tasmaniattogether.com.au) or contact the Tasmania Together Progress Board via email at [contact@tasmaniattogether.com.au](mailto:contact@tasmaniattogether.com.au) or by phoning 6232 7010.

### Masters Basketball Tournament

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Latrobe Masters Basketball Tournament will be held again from 21-23 September, 2012.

This is the only Masters tournament in the State and while played the whole weekend at the Latrobe and Districts Youth Centre, Cotton Street, Latrobe, due to the number of team games, it also extends to include games at the Devonport Recreation Centre in Forbes Street, Devonport on the Saturday.

Women over 30 and men over 35 are invited to enter as an individual or a member of a team. Different divisions are available to cater for players of all abilities. It is definitely a social weekend.

For more information, contact Mike (6426 1797) or Annette (6423 4605). Entries close on September 5.

### Seat Dedication Project

The Latrobe Municipality's seat dedication project has provided a pathway for service clubs, sporting groups, businesses and individuals to donate a bench or seat for placement in the municipality.

"At this stage we have had three seats and one bench finalized and the feedback has been positive," said Mayor Gaffney.

Information regarding the project can be accessed from the Latrobe Council website ([www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au)) or by phoning Ronald Viney on 6421 4650.



## Grants on the Grapevine

### Volunteers Grants

Enabling volunteer organisations the opportunity to purchase and upgrade vital equipment and resources to minimise out of pocket expenses thereby supporting and encouraging volunteering.

Amount: between \$1,000 and \$5,000

**Closes:** 5pm on Wednesday, 25 July

**More information:** 1800 183 374 or [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au)

### ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

To encourage, recognise, honour and reward the work of dedicated, talented, innovative and inspiring teachers

Amount: Various

**Closes:** 31 July 2012

**More information:** <http://www.neita.com/> or 1800 624 487.

### Events Funding

- **Small Event Project** grants (maximum \$3,000) which are suitable for event organisers planning a small strategic project which supports the development and resilience of their event.
- **New Event Ideas grants** (maximum \$10,000) are for exceptional event projects which either evolve the operations of an existing event, supports a number of events run by the same organisation, or establishes a new and innovative event product to be delivered in Tasmania.

Application forms and guidelines are available online at [www.eventstasmania.com/grants](http://www.eventstasmania.com/grants)

**Closes:** at 5pm on Monday 6 August

**More information:** A workshop will be held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> July at the Devonport Entertainment and Convention Centre. To confirm your attendance email [info@eventstasmania.com](mailto:info@eventstasmania.com) or phone 6237 6431.

### Community Achievement Awards

To recognise individuals, organisations and groups who are making a difference in our local communities and our State.

Amount: Various

**Closes:** 24 July

**More information:** 6234 9677 or [www.awardsaustralia.com.au/CAA\\_tas.html](http://www.awardsaustralia.com.au/CAA_tas.html)

## September School Holiday Program

After a successful June school holiday program, planning has commenced for the September school holidays that will be held from 10-21 September.

The purpose of Council's joint school holiday program with the Kentish Council is to provide activity options for local youth aged 11-16 over the two week period. These activities are offered through partnerships with a number of providers on a cost recovery basis. There is a strong focus on not duplicating what other services are offering, so basically, filling a gap and building relationships with the community and young people.

The majority of activities in the June school holidays filled very fast resulting in some disappointment with late planning.

Details of the program are sent home through local school newsletters at least a fortnight before the school holidays commence. This scheduling is planned for September so keep an eye on your school newsletter from late August.

Activities must be paid for at the time of booking.

### How the West was Warped



"I Wanna, Wanna, Wanna, in the Wild, Wild West!" so goes the exciting and powerful opening number in the Lucky Strike Saloon and it just gets better and better. All the glamour, pace and sense of adventure that you'd expect from the Wild West is packed like a six shooter into this fabulous show that will be presented by

Latrobe High School on the 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August.

With characters like Bad Bart, Miss Kitty (the stylish and powerful saloon owner), Annabelle (classic "why was I a girl?" tomboy), Sheriff Starr (and his domineering mother), a real Hero, Stumpy the old gold digger, the frosty Temperance League, Showgirls, Mexicans, Indians, Goodies and Baddies - this musical cowboy comedy will have you really fighting the urge to leap into the aisles and start dancing!

"How the West was Warped" will be performed at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> August.

Matinees will be held at 11.00 am at \$6 per person with evening performances at 7.30 pm at \$6 child, \$10 Adult.

Tickets and more information are available from Latrobe High School by phoning 6426 1061.

### What's On

Information on regular, weekly activities is detailed on Council's website at [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) (under tourism).

## July

### Throughout July

**Rubicon River Arts Group "Nexus" exhibition** featuring photography, painting and sculpture at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown

- 1 Bumps, Bumps and Beyond Market** in the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 9am - 1pm. ☎ 0408 504 252
- 6-8 Apex Art Exhibition and Sale** in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9am until 4pm daily. Admission fees applies. ☎ 0417 132 687
- 7 Caring for Injured and Orphaned Native Wildlife** at the Wildlife Rescue Centre 232 Bellamy Rd Forthside 8.45am to 4pm. Bookings essential. Fees apply ☎ 0409 978 064
- 7 Working with Coloured Pencils workshop** with Richard Klekociuk at 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Charges apply. ☎ 0417 367 128
- 7 Cement Australia Lights on Fire** from 6.00 pm alongside the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe. Walking lantern parade starts from Station Square, Latrobe at 6.00 pm. ☎ 6421 4650 (Michelle)



- 7 Business and Employment Where's the Talent** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Latrobe from 7.30 pm. \$400 first prize. ☎ 6421 4650 (Michelle)
- 8 Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe** Refer to centre spread or go online to [www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au](http://www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au)
- 8 Marram Grass Watch Working Bee.** Meet at the Port Sorell boat ramp, East Esplanade, Port Sorell at 10.00 am. Bring gloves, spade or fork. ☎ 6428 7494 (Helene)
- 8 Port Sorell History Social Afternoon** at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall Supper Room, Darling Street, Port Sorell from 2pm until 4pm. Bring photographs, artefacts, documents etc of historical interest. ☎ 6428 6199 or 6428 6405
- 8 Kram** performs at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1pm - 4pm. Free event. Bookings essential ☎ 6428 4005
- 9 Latrobe Council Meeting** at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.00 pm. ☎ 6421 4650
- 20 Wine and Cheese Night** at Tranquilles from 6pm – 8pm. Cost: \$12.50. Bookings essential to 6428 7555
- 21 Junior Fishing Expo** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 10am - 3pm.
- 23 July-19 August**  
**Best of British Nosh** at Shearwater Resort, Shearwater Boulevard, Shearwater daily. ☎ 6428 6205
- 27 Schools National Tree Day**
- 29 National Tree Day** - <http://treeday.planetark.org/>
- 28 Di Bird and Peter Locke** perform jazz at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown. ☎ 6428 4005
- 29 National Tree Day.** To find a local planting site, go to [treeday.planetark.org](http://treeday.planetark.org)
- 29 Latrobe Federal Band and Australian Army Band Concert** in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 1.30 pm. ☎ 6426 1216
- 30 Jackson Woods competes at the London Olympics**
- august**

### Early August

**Official opening of Port Sorell Mens Shed**  
 ☎ 6428 7950

### Throughout August/September

**Bruce Bain Local Wildlife Photography Exhibition** at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown

- 5 Bumps, Bumps and Beyond Market** in the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 9am until 1pm. ☎ 0408 504 252
- 12 You3** performs at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 1pm and 4pm. Free event. Bookings essential ☎ 6428 4005
- 17 Business Networking Breakfast** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe. Cost: \$10 per person. Bookings essential to Business and Employment on 1800 709 552
- 17 Wine and Cheese Night** at Tranquilles from 6pm - 8pm. Cost: \$12.50. Bookings essential to 6428 7555

**22-24 How the West was Warped** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Refer to separate article. ☎ 6426 1061

**31 Spring Fever Town and Country Fair** at Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Free entry. ☎ 6421 4650

## september

### 10-21 School Holidays

**21 Wine and Cheese Night** at Tranquilles from 6pm - 8pm. Cost: \$12.50. Bookings essential to 6428 7555

## Your Elected Representatives

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## Plan Your Promotion

Future article deadlines and distribution dates are -

### Deadline.....Distribution Date

16 August ..... 3 September

18 October ..... 6 November

6 December..... 7 January, 2013

Articles may be submitted to Michelle Dutton via email [michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au); facsimile 6426 2121 or mailed to PO Box 63, Latrobe 7307.

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## CEMENT AUSTRALIA LIGHTS ON FIRE

the official opening of

**Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe**

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

6.00 pm until 7.30 pm

alongside the  
 Australian Axemans Hall of Fame

Make a lantern and join the walking lantern parade from Station Square; display your lanterns to amaze others; bring your marshmallows and toast them on the bonfire; enjoy the bush ballad delights of Black Wattle; be exhilarated by the fire twirlers.  
 Dress warmly. Suitable for all ages.

followed at 7.30 pm with the  
**Business and Employment Where's the Talent? competition**  
 Another FREE admission event.