



# Council Coast and Country

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## It all Starts at your Front Door

“Our communities are only as strong as the people who live in them, which is why Neighbour Day provides a chance to pause, reflect and celebrate the people who live around us. Neighbours are vital to each other during bushfires, floods and emergencies, but everyday actions like borrowing tools, collecting the mail, taking in the recycling bin or walking the kids to school are often forgotten,” said Neighbour Day Founder and Ambassador, Mr Andrew Heslop.

“Whether you live in the town or the bush, in a house, a unit or farm, Neighbour Day on Sunday, 27 March (Easter Sunday) is the day to say thanks for being a great neighbour, thanks for helping me out, and thanks for being there when I needed you most.

Working together to create healthy, tolerant and inclusive suburbs and towns must be a goal for every Australian, no matter where we live or our personal circumstances. I strongly encourage everyone to be a part of Australia’s biggest celebration of community - not just on Neighbour Day, but on every day of the year,” said Mr Heslop.

## Planning for Fuel Reduction Burn

Every Summer, bushfires threaten homes and businesses throughout Tasmania. In January 2013, devastating bushfires impacted on several rural communities, with significant loss of property, livelihood and natural environment. The Tasmanian Bushfire Inquiry that followed recommended the Tasmanian Government establish a coordinated program of fuel reduction burns across the entire state, to target areas that pose the greatest risk of future catastrophic fires.

Bushfires respect no boundaries so the Tasmania Fire Service works with the Parks and Wildlife Service, Forestry Tasmania, local government and private land owners to implement the fuel reduction program on both public and private land.

Private land owners must still take responsibility for their own property, but the Tasmania Fire Service will work with them.

The fuel reduction program will not prevent bushfires, but it can make them easier and safer to fight. This will reduce damage to homes, businesses and the environment. To achieve this, Tasmania must conduct more fuel reduction burns every year, in a strategic and coordinated manner that focuses the Tasmania Fire Service resources where they are needed the most.<sup>1</sup>

The Tasmania Fire Service’s Fuel Reduction Unit is currently in the desktop planning stage of identifying areas where work is needed to lower bushfire levels. Conversations with relevant land owners in Latrobe and Port Sorell have commenced to fully assess the fuel loads and, if deemed a high risk, then discuss the possibility of conducting a fuel reduction burn. If a landowner agrees to participate, the Tasmania Fire Service will work with them to design and plan the burn off as well as conduct the burn, possibly as early as Autumn.

## Survey on Fire and Flood Effect

The Tasmanian Government is currently conducting a survey that will help to assess the impact on small businesses, primary producers and not-for-profit organisations that may have been affected (directly or indirectly) by the bushfires that started in January 2016 or the flooding events of late January/early February.

The information provided will assist in identifying any critical medium to long term recovery issues that have arisen or may arise in the coming months.

If this is you, please complete the survey at [http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/osem/identifying\\_the\\_impacts\\_of\\_the\\_2016\\_bushfire\\_and\\_flooding\\_events](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/osem/identifying_the_impacts_of_the_2016_bushfire_and_flooding_events).

## Comment Sought on Mountain Bike Trail

A series of mountain bike trails linking the Latrobe and Kentish Municipalities has been developed with the Warrawee Reserve along Shale Road, Latrobe being Stage One.

Latrobe Council is very excited by the potential of this project and is keen to receive community opinion of the Master Plan to further refine the concept. The draft is available on Councils website at [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au).

Written comments are invited by Latrobe Council's Tourism and Economic Development Officer, Chris Frankcombe via email [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au) or by post to PO Box, 63, Latrobe, 7307 by 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 9 March.

## New Arrangements for Youth Centre

Due to the change in management of the Latrobe and Districts Youth Centre, users will be required to contact Latrobe Council during operating hours to arrange bookings, key access and payment.

Council office operating hours are Monday-Friday from 8.00 am until 4.30 pm, phone 6426 4444 or email [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au).

This will be a temporary arrangement until further notice.

<sup>1</sup> [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au)

## Roundabout Tender

The design for the Black Spot funded Gilbert Street roundabout at its junction with Victor Street has been completed, enabling tenders to shortly be called for the build to progress.

The roundabout features a roll over design, similar to the Gilbert Street/Bradshaw Street junction, which will cater for heavy vehicle needs.

It is envisaged that the project will be completed prior to the end of this current financial year.

## Bank Invests in Community

It is now almost two years since the Port Sorell District Community Bank opened.

The focus of a community bank is to put funds back into the community that it serves. In fact, under their charter, 80% of all profit has to be returned to the community.

During the past two years the Community Bank has assisted many local non-profit organisations and individuals including students of the Port Sorell Primary School who will be formally presented with 15 guitars to assist with the music program on 23 March. The donation worth \$1,200 has allowed the school to have a full class set of guitars. Currently the school has three lunchtime guitar groups as well as children from grade 3-6 learning to play the guitar in term 4 as part of their weekly music lesson.

The Port Sorell Volunteer Fire Brigade were funded to purchase a quantity of UHF handheld radios, increasing their communication capabilities with each other on the fire ground and making it a much safer place to carry out their tasks.

The Port Sorell Tennis Club received \$500 to purchase polo shirts with Community Bank logos for members. It is great to see such partnerships forming in the district.



The Latrobe Federal Band has been funded to offset costs associated with their upcoming trip to South Australia to participate in the National Band Championships in March 2016.

The bank has and continues to work closely with such community organisations as the Lions Club and the Port Sorell Men's Shed and support the community projects that they are involved with. A recent collaboration between the Lions Club, Port Sorell Men's Shed and Latrobe Council saw the completion of the Men's shed new premises

The bank will continue to foster more community partnerships in the future to help grow the community but to do so your assistance is required. They ask that you contact the branch (6428 8883) or call in and let their friendly staff assist in all your banking enquiries.

As residents of the Port Sorell community, your support is needed and as your community Bank they need to remain profitable if they are to continue to support and enable groups, individuals and community organisations to expand as the community continues to grow.

## Easter Office Closure

The Latrobe Council office will be closed for Easter from 4.30 pm on Thursday, 24 March; reopening at 8.00 am on Wednesday, 30 March. For EMERGENCIES ONLY during this time, please telephone 6426 5353.

There is no change to garbage and recycling collections over Easter however the Port Sorell Waster Transfer Station is closed on Good Friday and the Spreyton Waste Transfer Station is closed on both Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

## Easter Church Services

Easter (25-28 March) may be a much anticipated holiday for some however it is the oldest and most important Christian onservation in the church year. Easter celebrates and commemorates the central event of the Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his death by crucifixion with all major branches of Christianity observing the holiday.

Even Easter Eggs, which were adopted by the church from pagan customs where the egg, as a symbol of new life, has come to represent the Resurrection.

Services throughout the Latrobe Municipality include -  
St Joseph's Mass Centre, Wilson Street, Port Sorell

Good Friday	10.00 am
Easter Sunday	8.00 am

St Patrick's Church, Gilbert Street, Latrobe

Good Friday	11.00 am
Easter Sunday	9.30 am

Latrobe Baptist Church, Gilbert Street, Latrobe

Good Friday	9.30 am
Easter Sunday	10.00 am

Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 16 Meredith St, Port Sorell

Easter Sunday	10.30 am
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Sassafras Baptist Church, Chapel Road, Sassafras

Good Friday	9.30 am
Easter Sunday	10.30 am

Bridge of Hope Anglican Parish

Hamilton St, Latrobe

Good Friday	11.00 am
Easter Sunday	11.00 am

Rice Street, Port Sorell

Good Friday	9.00 am
Easter Sunday	9.00 am

Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown

Easter Sunday	9.00 am
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Newground

Easter Sunday	11.00 am
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Hawley Beach

Easter Sunday	7.00 am
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Wesley Vale Community Church, Port Sorell Main Road, Wesley Vale

Good Friday	10.00 am
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## Stormwater Improvements Tested

The heavy rainfall in February certainly tested Council's stormwater system.

Works undertaken in Short Street, Alexander Street and Quinlan Crescent, since the last heavy rainfall a couple of years ago, held up well.

The biggest problem faced with the recent downpour resulted from siltation from the Joyce Street subdivision and was compacting with the stormwater upgrade that was underway in Taroona Street. This increased siltation will invariably be present when property development is underway however that was not comforting to those affected by flooded yards.

The stormwater plan is currently being developed for the wider Port Sorell area that will enable Council to continue to make improvements to its stormwater system in a strategic but staged approach.

If you have pictures of the flooding, Council would appreciate viewing or receiving a copy of them in order to ensure that the proposed system upgrades are capable of addressing residential demand.

## Shared Parking, High Rise Complexes and Usable Public Spaces ...

Latrobe Council is presently reviewing the overall operation of the Latrobe town centre and its surrounds, bounded by Bradshaw, Cotton, Twiss and Last Streets, to enhance the functionality of the current retail and business area and provide a strategy for future growth.

Wendy Morris, of Ecologically Sustainable Design Pty Ltd has been engaged by Council to assist in the process. The key aims of the project are to improve the amenity of the urban centre taking into account traffic and pedestrian flows, traffic controls and street networks, parking needs and key public spaces; optimise commercial development; provide opportunities for tourist accommodation; determine options for residential development close to the town centre; and develop strategies to strengthen the heritage streetscape in Gilbert Street.

The first step was a public meeting held on 14 October 2015 where the aims for project were outlined and initial feedback was invited. The second step was a design workshop held on Monday 8 February 2016. More than 30 people attended the workshop where Wendy Morris revisited the eight key aims of the project in her introduction and participants explored various solutions to the issues raised in the following sessions:

- Car Parking - Issues and Opportunities
- Traffic Management - Issues and Opportunities
- Parks And Public Open Spaces - Kings Park and Station Square
- Development Opportunities

The Workshop outcomes are currently being collated and will be included in the Project Outcomes report which will be placed on public exhibition.

A copy of the workshop introduction presentation can be found on Council's website. There is still the opportunity for people to make a contribution to the project.

Submissions can be lodged with Council addressed to Latrobe Council, P O Box 63, Latrobe 7307 or via email to [council@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@latrobe.tas.gov.au) until Friday, 11 March. Should you have any queries please contact either Sharon or Lee-Anne on 6426 4444.

## Chapel Road Upgrade

Chapel Road is a key link from the Bass Highway at Sassafras to the Port Sorell area.

While this road has a crash history, there was insufficient evidence to quantify its upgrade through the Commonwealth Government's Black Spot funding.

Latrobe Council consequently allocated \$500,000 to improve Chapel Road through its Roads to Recovery allocation.

The improvements have included negotiations with land owners to realign the road, taking out two very sharp corners, to improve maneuverability.

Latrobe Council continues to focus on improving strategic link roads with high usage to improve traffic movements throughout the Municipality.

## Remove Low Hanging Vegetation

Plants and trees not only improve the visual aesthetics in a community, particularly in an urban environment, but also provide a habitat for wildlife and corridors for their movements.

Sometimes however, vegetation can become a hazard especially when it starts to encroach on public walkways, roads and into neighbouring properties.

Pathways particularly are constructed to cater for two people walking side by side. Low hanging or ground covering vegetation can not only result in a trip hazard but can "push" pedestrians onto roadways.

If your vegetation extends or overhangs your boundary, your neighbour or Local Authority, as the case may be, is quite entitled to trim them back to the boundary line, ensuring that the cuttings are returned to your property. Would it not be better for you to maintain your vegetation so it doesn't get a hacked and unattractive appearance?

"Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility to keep plantings within the confines of their property."

Should residents observe vegetation encroaching beyond a property boundary, have a friendly word if you know the property owner or contact Council on 6426 4444 with the property details to enable the concern to be investigated.

## Successful Economic Development

As a region, Tasmania has demonstrated that when it puts forward a good project it can compete nationally.

A growing economy means better jobs, more wealth and greater opportunities for regional communities. Increased economic activity and wealth creation raises the standard of living and attracts skilled, working age people to the state.

Economic opportunities exist in Tasmania by building on the strength and reputation of research and innovation, leveraging on opportunities created by irrigation infrastructure, and wealth generating industries such as the recent significant growth in tourism.<sup>2</sup>

Regional Development Australia Tasmania has recently released an information sheet that identifies the key principles of a successful economic development project. Go to <http://www.rdatasmania.org.au/client-assets/documents/tips/key-principles-of-a-successful-economic-development-project.pdf> to download your copy.

<sup>2</sup> Regional Development Australia Tasmania

## Art and Photographic Exhibition

The 2016 Latrobe Apex Art and Photographic Exhibition and Sale is being held from 20-22 May in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

Along with framed paper or canvas based entries, a photography section is again being offered.

Entry forms are available from Tammy Jeffrey by phoning 0417 132 687 or emailing. Alternatively go on to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for "Latrobe Apex Art and Photographic Exhibition".

The lodgement of entry forms close on 6 May with artworks to be delivered to the venue on 20 May.

### Free Battery Disposal

The Cradle Coast Waste Management Group's kerbside bin assessment showed that on average every household in the region is throwing out at least one battery per month.

A great new service is now available for you to safely dispose of your household alkaline, lithium, watch batteries and cordless tool batteries by simply dropping them in to collection bins at our Council office or the large collection bin at the Spreyton Waste Transfer Station.

Drop off your batteries so they can be sorted and processed to recover their materials - it is a great way to reduce landfill contamination and help deal with all of those flat batteries.

### Caravan Park to Stay Open

Council has received a number of calls and correspondence concerned with rumours that the Port Sorell Caravan Park was at risk of imminent closure. Council advises that those concerns are unfounded and that it is this Council's intention for the park to continue in its current format.

Council has however conducted a review of the current management structure and has advised the Lions Club of Port Sorell that it intends to implement a new structure in 2017.

It is not intended that the day to day operation of the caravan park will change. Councillors and the management team appreciate the importance of the Caravan Park and the economic benefits it brings to our local community. Campers can be confident that they will still be able to enjoy the Port Sorell Caravan Park for years to come.

### Street Light Outages

Did you know that you effectively pay for street lights so they may as well be working!

Throughout Tasmania, there are approximately 50,000 street lights. Obviously, it may take a little time for a blown street light to be noticed by TasNetworks personnel. If you notice that a street light is not working, please report it to TasNetworks by phoning 13 2004.

If you can, take note of the 6 digit number on the pole to help identify it. Once TasNetworks have been advised of a defective streetlight, they aim to repair it within seven business days of notification of the fault.



2015 Latrobe Art Exhibition winner, Wendy Ellen, with her artwork "Portrait of Two Cats"

## Free WiFi at Station Square, Latrobe

The Tasmanian Government recently announced that it has partnered with Telstra Corporation Ltd for a period of four years to deliver free Wi-Fi at over 150 hotspots in 47 locations around Tasmania.

The free Wi-Fi network is being rolled out over the next year to support the state's thriving tourism sector.

As part of the service, the public will be able to access 30 minutes' Wi-Fi services for each device at each network location, each day.

In consultation with Tasmania's Regional Tourism organisations, Latrobe has been selected as one of the 47 locations that will receive two free Wi-Fi hotspots, specifically, at the Telstra public payphone located at Station Square and the Latrobe Post Office (to service Kings Park).

As one of the first hotspots to be deployed, the hotspot at Station Square became active in February however, the second hotspot proposed for the Post Office site is subject to a feasibility assessment and also to the government's ability to obtain appropriate permissions. Should the site prove unfeasible, the Department of State Growth will seek an alternative site.

Once the network is operational, the Department will promote the availability of free Wi-Fi to tourists at the state's major entry points.

More information on the Tasmanian Government's free Wi-Fi network can be found at [www.freewifi.tas.gov.au](http://www.freewifi.tas.gov.au) as additional hotspots are deployed.

### Hawley Esplanade Safety

The development of a footpath along Hawley Esplanade, from the boat ramp to Larooma Park, remains on Council's Forward Works Program as an unscheduled project.

Currently, persons walking along this route do so on the road shoulders, informal foreshore paths or along the beach.

Unfortunately the road is located close to both the valuable foreshore vegetation and property boundaries.

In order to preserve the fragile foreshore, Council is desirous of maintaining the current vegetation.

There is a fine balance that needs to be achieved - the safety of pedestrians and motorists and foreshore protection.

Consequently, Council will shortly commence trimming back vegetation on both sides of Hawley Esplanade to cater for pedestrian movements and greater visibility for all.

### Proposed Paintball at Latrobe

At its meeting on 14 December, Council approved the proposed amendment to the Latrobe Interim Planning Scheme 2013 to facilitate development of a paintball facility at the Latrobe Speedway site.

The amendment was placed on public exhibition for twenty eight (28) days, excluding the 10 days Council was closed over the Christmas/New Year break. No representations were received during the public exhibition period and the Tasmanian Planning Scheme has been advised.

The proposed amendment and draft permit for the paintball facility has been lodged with the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) for their consideration. Once approval is gained from the TPC the permit will become valid, which means the facility could operate.

## Review of Fireworks in Tasmania

WorkSafe Tasmania has published a discussion and options paper as the basis for public consultation on the management of Type 2 fireworks in Tasmania.

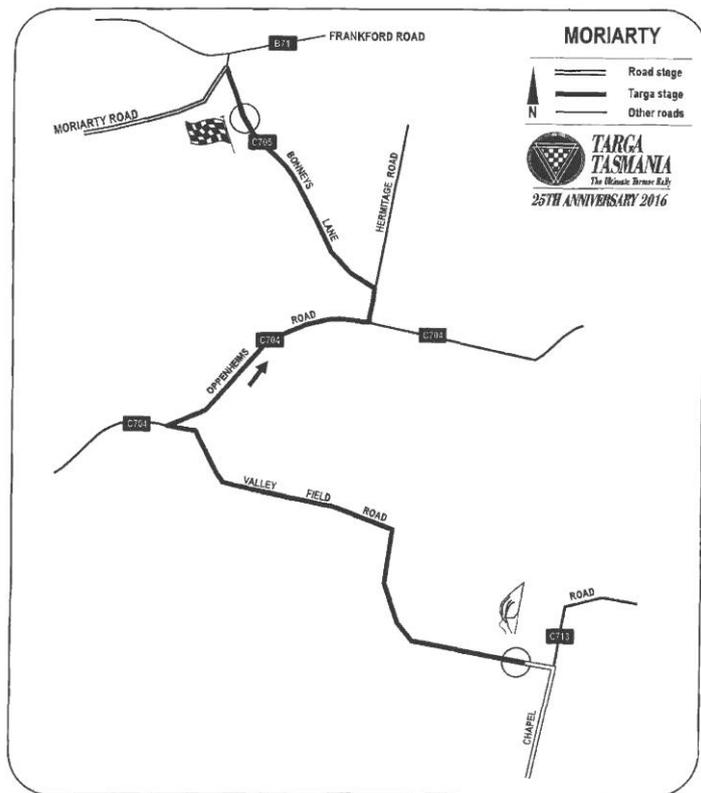
The document outlines how the use of fireworks is currently managed in Tasmania, identifies a number of issues associated with the current scheme and presents a range of options for consideration. It also includes the Terms of Reference for the review.

The paper is available at [worksafe.tas.gov.au/licensing/dangerous\\_goods/fireworksdiplays](http://worksafe.tas.gov.au/licensing/dangerous_goods/fireworksdiplays) with comment accepted until Friday, 1 April.

## Targa Tasmania

Tasmania's world class international tarmac rally, Targa Tasmania, will be in full throttle along various roads throughout Tasmania from 11-16 April, marking the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this 2,000km road race.

Once again, the Moriarty stage, with its downhill twists and turns, will be a highlight and takes place on Wednesday, 13 April.



This stage is closed to through traffic from 7.37 am until 1.07 pm and starts just off Chapel Road, Sassafras and traverses along Valleyfield Road before a sharp, right hand turn into Oppenheims Road and a double left into Bonneys Lane, concluding just before Moriarty Road.

From Moriarty, competitors continue on to the Palooza stage, ending up in Burnie for the evening.

## Animals in Emergencies

Recent fires and floods have highlighted a need to be prepared in an emergency or at least no longer have the mindset that "it'll never happen to me".

While preparedness rightly includes family, photos, financial and legal papers, the car and all the important stuff, what about your pets? Where will they go and how will you get them there?

While you are not engrossing in an emergency, how about giving it some thought?

Funded by the Walking Forward Disaster Relief Team, the National Equine Database (NED) is in its infancy of developing a simple, secure and no cost database that provides equine and pet owners across Australia with a options to place pets in a safer place during an emergency, aiding in better decision-making prior to emergencies and disasters.

It is also portable, enabling you to access information when you need it.

To find out whether this may suit you, go online to [www.tepscon.community/](http://www.tepscon.community/).

## Medical Students Gain Rural Insight

A number of second-year UTAS medical students will be participating in the Rural Communities Program (RCP) from 4-8 April.

Small groups of students are assigned to the Latrobe Municipality and will link with a variety of health professionals that will support their active engage with the community to better understand the health care landscape, particularly in terms of the issues affecting people's health and access to care, service gaps and the how informal and formal networks of care supports individuals and families the community

Past students have said that the RCP experience reminded them of why they wanted to practice medicine with many have returning to that community for their General Practice placement in third year.

## Using Council Managed Land

It is wonderful to see the many open spaces, parks, reserves and extensive track networks throughout the Latrobe Municipality being used by individuals, families and friends. Sometimes however, these facilities are sought to be used for a group activity of a private or public nature such as a wedding, charitable fund raiser or commercial venture.

If running a public event on Council managed land, it would obviously cross your mind to liaise with Council in the very early planning stages but there are considerations that even a private group activity should be mindful of that could impact on the success of your activity.

Communicating with Council on a proposed group use (private or public) on Council managed land not only ensures that Council is aware of what is happening on Council land at any given time, it also enables Council to advise of the availability of the land, appropriateness of use, identify potential hazards or scheduled works, determine any traffic or parking issues as well as waste management and amenity needs.

Basically, if you are unsure, phone Council on 6426 4444 and check rather than turn up on the day and find the site unusable.

For persons seeking to conduct a commercial activity i.e. operate a roadside stall, sell raffle tickets, busk or other similar activity on a public street or Council managed land, this is managed by a Roadside Vendor Application. An application form is available on Council's website and must be lodged no less than 5 working days prior to the proposed activity.



Rural Alive and Well are a suicide prevention and mental health outreach program operating in all municipalities of Tasmania. Our local outreach worker John Clark shared some surprising facts recently;

- The age groups most at risk are men in their forties and in their eighties
- Suicide is the leading cause of death for Tasmanians under 45 and is twice our road toll.
- Tasmania has the second highest rate of male suicide and highest rate of female suicide in Australia.
- The Northwest coast has the highest rate in Tasmania.

John explained that situations such as being separated, lonely, being made redundant and health issues contributed to these age groups being most affected.

The good news is there are many organisations collaborating to prevent suicide, but one of the most effective ways to make a difference is by helping people recognise the signs in their friends, families and co-workers and supporting them to get help and treatment.

John is currently taking expressions of interest from community groups who would like more information, training or support in this area and is contactable on [jlark@rawtas.com.au](mailto:jlark@rawtas.com.au) or 0429 157 738.

### Stalwart Farewelled

2016 is well underway for the Rubicon Grove Auxiliary with an Easter fundraising raffle planned with tickets for sale at Station Square, Latrobe on Thursday, 17 March and in Club Drive, Shearwater on 11 and 18 March.

While three new members were welcomed at the Auxiliary's February meeting, the group said farewell to their hard working and very efficient Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs Colleen Stainer as she and her husband are relocating to the "big island" to be closer to family. Colleen has been with the auxiliary since it was formed in 2010 and has been Secretary for the entire six years and Treasurer for the past three.

President, Noelle Geeves said "We often say how people will be missed and a loss to the local community. Colleen has committed herself to a number of organisations (as has Peter) but her efforts on behalf of the Rubicon Grove Aged Care facility have been enormous. In acknowledgement she was presented with our first life membership award, flowers, and a gift to show our appreciation."



The Auxiliary's major fundraiser for 2016 will be the yearly Soup and Sandwich Luncheon, hopefully with entertainment, at the Port Sorell Bowls Club on 15 June.

Meetings of the Auxiliary are held at Rubicon Grove in Club Drive, Shearwater and have been set for the year for 16 March (includes AGM), 18 May, 20 July, 21 September

and 9 November. Starting time is 1.30 pm unless advertised otherwise. New members are always most welcome with more information available by phoning 0409 195 178.

### Council's Current Works Report



The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during March and April;

#### Roads

- Completion of Chapel Road widening and corner realignment construction works
- Pitcairn Street (along the Camp Banksia frontage) kerb and channel construction and associated stormwater works
- Alexander St along western side between Freer Street and Hawk Hill Road - footpath construction
- Alexander St - Information Bay to Roundabout (250m) - footpath construction
- Short Street - footpath construction
- William Street between Gilbert Street to Kings Lane - footpath reconstruction
- Reibey Street - continue piping drain to Joseph Street
- Latrobe Recreation Ground carpark seal resurfacing
- General roadside slashing and maintenance

#### Buildings

- Latrobe Recreation Ground - water meter rationalisation
- Latrobe Cemetery - New plinth
- Shearwater Park - construct two beach entry access structures
- Shearwater Park - Seating, Picnic Tables, BBQ
- Bells Parade - Refurbish toilets
- Recladding northern external wall of the Latrobe Youth Centre
- General building maintenance

#### Parks and Reserves

- Prepare Latrobe Recreation Ground and environs for sporting and community events
- Maintain street cleanliness and regular rubbish removal
- General parks and reserves maintenance including pruning, mowing and weed spraying

Should you have any queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Works Manager on 0418 104 330.

### Digital Ready is back for 2016!

The Department of State Growth is again offering the Digital Ready Program to empower Tasmanian small and medium businesses to take charge of their online presence and develop an online strategy that really works.

During 2016, from March to November sessions will be offered FREE throughout Tasmania with the first round commencing in March in Launceston and Ulverstone.

Businesses are able to register for these sessions by going to <http://digitalready.tas.gov.au/events/>

There will be a number of different ways to engage with the Program. Businesses will be invited to register for a six-part seminar series and/or receive one-on-one support for their business via an individualised coaching session. Of course you can also learn the basics in your own time by reading through any of the extensive resources found at <http://digitalready.tas.gov.au/>

## Petrol Bowser Given New Life

On a dark night late last year, vandals knocked over an old petrol bowser used by the children at the Devonport Child Care Early Learning Centre as they pretended to fill up their cars and bikes.

The Latrobe Men's Shed was contacted and asked if they would be able to restore and replace the damaged equipment as earlier in the year a cubby house made by the shed and raffled by the Latrobe Fire Brigade had been donated to the Centre by the winner of the raffle.

For several weeks prior to Christmas a group of men worked on the petrol bowser, with its final coat of paint being applied this year by retired sign writer Don Adams of Latrobe, bringing it back to its original splendour enabling the children's cars and bikes to be "filled up".



## How to Grow Perfect Begonias

The Latrobe Garden Club brings together individuals with a passion and/or appreciation for gardening. The club's next get together is at 10.30 am on 21 March at 3 Highfield Road, Ambleside where growing Begonias will be discussed. Please BYO chair, coffee mug and a plate of morning tea to share. For more information on the Latrobe Garden Club, please contact Rae on 6426 2237 or Bev on 6426 1609.

## US Artist to Demo in Latrobe

US Pastel Artist and Tutor, Stan Sperlak, from Goshen, New Jersey, will visit Latrobe on 21-24 March to conduct a mixed indoor/outdoor landscape workshop.

The workshop will cover Stan's various methods of painting that focus on creating believable works through mature use of light and form and colour. His teaching technique is very direct and easy to grasp, allowing for many hours of student-teacher interaction.

On Monday, 24 March Stan will host a free meet and greet evening at June Wilsons Studio Gallery at the Crowded Lounge, complete with demos, slideshows and props. The community is warmly invited to enjoy this unique opportunity. For details: phone 0417 367 128 or check the web page [www.thecrowdedlounge.com](http://www.thecrowdedlounge.com)

## Playful Penguins Playgroup



The Port Sorell Community Playgroup extends a warm welcome to parents, grandparents and carers of pre-school children to join them on a Tuesday, from 10am until 12 noon during school terms, at the Supper Room of the Port Sorell Memorial Hall on the corner of

Meredith and Darling Streets, Latrobe (entry from Playground end).

Affiliated with Playgroup Tasmania, the group has a great range of resources that engage the littlies in this family friendly environment. Parental support is all important for the success of the playgroup.

New members are welcomed with the first two sessions free and thereafter \$3 per family per week.

For more information, please contact Anna (0439 111 334) or Kate (0408 325 429).

## Community Dog Walk

The eyes of North West Coast Aged Care residents and adults with disabilities light up when the Delta Therapy Dogs visit.

For a dog to be involved in this animal companionship program, they must pass a strict temperament assessment.

On 20 March, you are invited to bring your dog along and participate in the Port Sorell Community Canine Walk to raise funds for the Delta Therapy Dog program. Join in either the 2km or 4.5km walk that starts from Pioneer Park, cnr Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell at 11.00 am.

Onsite registrations will be available from 10.30 am with every registration having a chance to win a prize.

The cost is only \$5 a family or \$3 for an individual.

## Support for National Participation

The Latrobe Federal Band is busy rehearsing for the National Band Championships in South Australia, this Easter.

Being back-to-back Tasmanian Champions in 2014 and 2015, and placing 2nd at the 2015 nationals in Sydney, they are the only brass band representing Tasmania in 2016.

Band members are extremely community minded and contribute significantly to the music culture within the Latrobe, Railton, Sheffield and Port Sorell areas. Regularly giving of their time, members provide music at events such as ANZAC Services, Christmas Carols and parades, funerals, civic events and numerous public concerts.

Very proud to be the oldest continuous playing brass band in Australia, members' ages range from seven to in excess of 70 years. The band is family orientated, with some members being third generation participants. One family has four playing members!

Competing at contests is expensive, but helps maintain performance standards. Getting to the 2016 championships will cost around \$35,000. Whilst members are already self-funding around \$1,100 each, the burden would be substantially higher if not for the generosity of local businesses, service clubs and politicians - for which support, the members are very appreciative.

In order to showcase their entry in the National competition, an open rehearsal will be held in the Latrobe Memorial Hall on Sunday, 20 March from 4.00 pm until 5.00 pm. Entry is by gold coin donation with RSVP's to [darrenllewellyn@bigpond.com](mailto:darrenllewellyn@bigpond.com) appreciated.

## Rotary Photographic Competition

Photographs are now able to be submitted in the Rotary Club of Latrobe's annual photographic competition.

Photographs must be taken within the Latrobe and surrounding district with prizes awarded to the top four and their pictures published in Rotary's annual calendar.

Unfortunately, due to the clarity required for publication, smart phone or tablet images are not able to be accepted.

Entrants should ensure that their photograph complies with the specifications detailed on the entry form, which is downloadable from [www.rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au](http://www.rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au).

Photographs and the completed entry form must be submitted via email to [calendar@rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au](mailto:calendar@rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au) by 31st March 2016.

## Renowned Interest Free Business Loans<sup>3</sup>

Have a business idea but not the funds to follow it through?

Few people are aware of the No Interest Micro-Business Loan program that provides interest-free loans of up to \$3,000 to people on low incomes who have a business or business idea.

Delivered in Tasmania by the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS), the program has helped lots of people who have a Health Care Card and completed a business plan, to start or grow their business.

Cradle Coast Innovation can help applicants prepare their business plan for free, due to funding by the State Government. If you or anybody you know could benefit from a NILS Microbusiness Loan, contact [cradlecoastinnovation.com.au](http://cradlecoastinnovation.com.au).

## Softball Embraces All

The success of the Latrobe and Districts Softball Association (L&DSA) continues to demonstrate what a difference a sporting organisation can make in a community.

L&DSA conducts regular softball matches at the Latrobe Recreation Ground, behind the main grandstand, each Saturday during the Summer season and has had a positive effect, particularly on special needs persons.

“We’re a little different from other clubs in that our games are adjusted to cater for the individual needs and abilities of those that are there to play. There is no discrimination based on age either with our youngest player just seven and our eldest being 59,” said Club co-ordinator, Mrs Shelley Dodd.

Sometimes, members don’t want to play and simply come along to socialise with their friends. Whatever it is, it appears to be working with a number of our members having been part of national squads and then they still enjoy playing in L&DSA with our special needs members, she added. Everyone in L&DSA is welcome and equal no matter what ability and skill they have.

The Association also runs fundraising games where the funds that participants pay to play the game are donated to a worthy charity. Recently this has included A Day for Butt, Relay for Life, Spreyton Dogs Home and BeyondBlue to name a few.

Games are played on Sunday’s throughout winter (weather permitting) with teams always welcoming new members. If you would love to be part of an inclusive club with a can do attitude that plays softball, please give Mrs Dodd a call on 0439 361 804.

## Secrets in your Family Tree?

Have ever thought that you would like to discover what stories are entwined in your family tree?

The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc Mersey Branch is a not-for-profit organisation aimed at helping those interested in family history.

Situated behind the LINC State Library in Gilbert Street, Latrobe, the Mersey Branch has a wide collection of records for Latrobe and the surrounding district including church records, old photos and family histories, historic

buildings, cemetery records and details of local soldiers and nurses who served in World War 1.

Their researchers are available to advise on searching the ‘net as well as guiding beginners and helping those who have “hit a brick wall” in their research. What a valuable resource and right here on your doorstep?

The centre is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm and at other times by appointment, simply phone 6426 2257.

## The Scourge of Sea Spurge

Many will recognise sea spurge (*Euphorbia paralias*), the plant with pointed, grey-green leaves and white sap that colonises coastal sand dunes. It is an invasive weed from Europe that displaces native vegetation and decreases the area available for beach nesting birds, such as hooded plovers.

Rubicon Coast and Landcare members regularly patrol the beaches on the Port Sorell side of the Rubicon Estuary and pull up any sea spurge that they see. They are grateful to others who help with this ongoing task.

Each summer, groups of volunteers form “Sea Spurge Remote Area Teams” (SPRATS) and hike down the west coast of Tasmania removing sea spurge from the beaches of the World Heritage area.

An enthusiastic Wildcare group, the “Friends of Narawntapu”, are embarking on the task of eradicating sea spurge from the Narawntapu National Park. They are keen to recruit more helpers so if you would like to join the group contact Helen Plaister on 0488 233 905.

Rubicon Coast and Landcare is a community group that cares for the native vegetation along the Rubicon estuary and coastal reserves. If you would like to join the group, contact the secretary at [rubicon\\_inc@hotmail.com](mailto:rubicon_inc@hotmail.com)

## Beginning of a Dream

Zumba Instructor, Jackie Haines, provides inspiration daily of how physical fitness can change a life.

“I have always been a solid build and love my food. I always loved my sports but never been a fan of running. When I got to the age where you are young enough to still go out but old enough to know that hangovers are not worth it in the morning with the kids, I guess my night clubbing life was on hold, but I would love to dance all night long.

I went on and off the diet train and gym memberships without success then I saw Zumba advertised and tried it. From then, Zumba became an everyday part of my life. I was hooked. In 18 months, I have lost 24kgs and feel amazing.

I have given and attended classes in Brisbane, Melbourne, Tasmania and asked to do guest Zumba sessions in Christchurch, New Zealand. My passion is to share this amazing fitness program and offer sessions at the Moriarty Hall,” said Mrs Haines.

Details of Jackie’s Zumba sessions as well as other physical activity opportunities throughout the municipality are available online at [www.latrobe.tas.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au).



*Sea spurge, an invasive coastal weed.*

*Photo: Robin Garnett*

<sup>3</sup> Cradle Coast Innovation

## Life Long Love of Music

A love of classic music prompted Mrs Rosie Stapleton of Tarleton to join the Don Chorale in 1990.

Formerly the *Sursum Corda Chorale*, the chorale has a current membership of between 35-40 people with many residents of the Latrobe Municipality.

For Mrs Stapleton, her involvement followed a role in Gilbert and Sullivan's production "*Iolanthe*" where she met Kent Furnage and Edward Talbot. "As a student at UTAS studying my Associate Diploma in Music followed by a Bachelor of Education in Music, it seemed a natural progression", said Mrs Stapleton.

Mrs Stapleton's love of the classics is continually rewarded through participation in public performances and the friendships developed with other members as a result of their common interest.

Despite having a few years break from the choir, when she was in a band, the Don Chorale drew her back and, since 2009, Mrs Stapleton has continued her weekly involvement.

"I love the music and being part of keeping classical music alive, not that it is all classical though. The music varies and has included genres right through to the Beatles and other contemporaries but the chorale is largely oratorios like the "*Messiah*" and "*Crucifixion*", the latter being performed on 24 March in St John's Anglican Church, Fenton Street, Devonport, as part of the Easter celebration".

The Don Chorale are contactable by phoning Kent Furnage 0417 580 509 email donchorale@gmail.com.

## Local History Reprinted

Every home in Latrobe should have a copy of the invaluable reference book "With the Pioneers."

The Latrobe group of the National Trust has published a new edition of "With the Pioneers" by Charles Ramsay. This book has been out of print for some time, and the third edition has been eagerly anticipated by those interested in local history and in the popular pastime of tracing the family tree.

"With the Pioneers" follows the settlement of Port Sorell, Forth, Don, Latrobe Torquay (East Devonport) and Formby (West Devonport). It is the early history of the Latrobe and Devonport municipalities, including Melrose, Barrington, Nook and Kindred.

Charles Ramsay took extraordinary pains to make his history accurate, and it is for this reason that his book is in such demand. There are some excellent photographs and maps which greatly add to its usefulness as a source of reference.

The third edition is available from the Devonport Bookshop, the Latrobe Newsagency and from the Court House Museum in Latrobe.

## Latrobe Historical Society

Camille Thomas is interested in setting up an Historical Society to research the history of the Latrobe area. Although much has been written about the story of the town and its inhabitants, some history remains to be recorded, particularly its Aboriginal history, the convicts of the area and the role of women in the settlement of Latrobe.

Those wishing to discuss the formation of this new group are welcome to attend an information night at the Latrobe Court House Museum, Gilbert Street, Latrobe on April 19 at 5.00pm or speak with Camille on 0408 176 113.

## I.T. Enhances Shedd's Skills

Port Sorell Men's Shed members have been making the most of Tassie's great weather to get some outside projects completed, clean up the yard and stack a generous amount of new timber stock

Friday BBQ's are being well attended with upwards of 30 members enjoying a variety of food styles prepared by their in house "Chefs".

New members are always welcome to join the shed and its activities. Annual membership is \$40 with current members reminded that subs are now due and payable.

The new multimedia system provided by a grant from the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association and Department of Premier and Cabinet is up and running and with a little bit of fine tuning will provide yet another benefit for members.

We would also at this time like to thank the PSSLSC for the invitation to participate in their Friday night Markets and congratulate them on a very successful venture

For more information, contact Secretary Keith Haines on 6428 7950. Alternatively, email mensshedportsorell@gmail.com.

## Here Comes the Bride



Australia Day was a great community celebration with "Henley-on-Mersey" attracting a big crowd. Latrobe Rotarians were there helping out with games and providing food which was supported by IGA Hill Street Grocers at Latrobe.

Latrobe Rotary's next project is the 10<sup>th</sup> North West Wedding Expo to be held on Sunday, 17 April.

The doors of the Latrobe Memorial Hall in Gilbert Street will be open from 10.00 am until 3.30 pm. For a small \$6 entry fee you will be able to peruse the many aspects associated with planning a wedding, including entertainers, men's and ladies accessories, bonbonneres, decorated cakes, caterers, celebrants, children's wear, decor, fashion, flowers, gowns, hair artistry, honeymoons, travel agency, lifestyle, jewellery, lingerie, make-up, men's wear, marquee hire, mother-of-the-bride, musicians, photography, pre-wedding planning, printers, tableware, transport, venues, wines and more. Jo Palmer from Southern Cross TV will compare the fashion show.

If you are interested in being an exhibitor, please e-mail weddingexpo@rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au, Facebook or in John (0457 883 006) or Sandra (0419 374 994).

Keep in mind the Latrobe Rotary International night on May 21.

Rotary, a non-profit organisation serving the local, Tasmanian and world community meets each Wednesday at the Axeman's Hall of Fame from 6.00pm. Come along and hear wonderful guest speakers and have fun and fellowship with friends who put service before self. For more information, please contact President Colin (6428 6146) or Secretary Richard (6426 9201) or visit our web site (<http://www.rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au>).

## Building Update

A total of 31 building applications were submitted to Council for approval at its January and February Council meetings with a conservative construction cost of \$6,783,159. They consisted of 18 dwellings; 1 demolition; 2 dwelling extensions; 5 outbuildings; 3 commercial and 2 others.

## Lions Connection with Community



Each year the Lions Club of Latrobe makes available a quantity of "emergency books" from Coventry's Pharmacy and the Latrobe Post Office. These are a valuable resource in collating all emergency and medical information in the one spot for easy accessibility.

Members are currently in the process of transitioning between running the canteen at the Latrobe Speedway to manning the gates for Latrobe Football Club home games. The club held its Youth of the Year Quest recently at the Latrobe Football Club. This Quest provides encouragement, fosters and develops leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in our youth, at the age when they are about to enter the fields of employment or higher education. It provides students with the incentive to pay greater attention to the general qualities of leadership, personality, sportsmanship, public speaking and good citizenship, so vital in developing our youth into first class citizens.

As usual, don't forget to recycle your used stamps and eyeglasses to assist with Lions projects.

Eyeglasses are recycled and distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest benefit. You can drop your unused eyeglasses into the Latrobe Medical Practice or Coventry's Pharmacy.

Likewise with the stamps, they are sorted, trimmed and sold at auction. All funds raised are donated to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation, which then purchases walkers for children with cerebral palsy or similar disabilities. Envelopes with stamps intact may be left at Ritchie's Supermarket; Morse's Butchery or passed on to any Lions Member.

Are you interested in service to your local community? Being part of a worldwide Service Club? Do you want to know more about the Lions Club of Latrobe? For more information, please contact Peter at Morse's Butchery, Kae on 6426 1442 or any other Lions Member.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

U3A members have welcomed the start of the 2016 Program after their summer break. U3A adjusts its programming each term to provide a balance of programs. This term offers new activities including Basic Acting Skills; Miniature Rooms; Backgammon for Fun; Paper and Cane Dragonflies; Introduction to Petanque; Convict Histories; Floral Art and Religion – for better or worse?

Whilst many of the 33 programs commenced this week and some will be full, others start later and it may still be possible to join a program. The U3A office has details of those programs that are not fully subscribed so don't die wondering, contact the office and check.

Also, watch the website for special events and seminars during the term, some of which are open to non-members. U3A's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Port Sorell Bowls Club on Wednesday 16th March at 4pm. President, Warren Lockett, said "as U3A grows and takes on more things, the organisation is looking to add to the skills base within the committee and/or volunteer support in specific areas

To support important initiatives in database management, enrolment processes, electronic communications, website, U3A would love to hear from someone with a technology background and good skills in all aspects of Microsoft Office.

We would also like to hear from someone with skill sets in Promotion and Publicity to help us more effectively engage with the community."

If you can assist please contact Warren Lockett on 0419 003 371

The U3A office in Burgess Way, Port Sorell is open Monday-Thursday (10.00 am to 12 noon) and contactable via portsorellu3a@gmail.com, phone 0499 162 539 or forward your correspondence to PO Box 297, Port Sorell, 7307.

## Volunteering at the Museum

The Latrobe Court House Museum can only remain open to the public with the support of many dedicated volunteers. From time to time volunteers retire and there is a need to replace them. At present the Museum needs two volunteers.

No experience is necessary, and training will be given. Duty is for two hours in the afternoon, either once a fortnight or once monthly.

The Museum is situated next to the Latrobe Post Office in Gilbert Street and is open 1.30pm to 3.30pm. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, come in during opening hours and leave your contact details, or telephone Councillor Michael McLaren on 6426 2777.

## Emirates Cup Tour

The Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour (EMCT) is once again in full planning mode as the Victoria Racing Club invite applications from potential hosts for the 2016 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour.

A much anticipated event amongst communities across Australia and New Zealand, the EMCT brings Australia's most iconic trophy, the Emirates Melbourne Cup trophy (valued at \$175,000), to locations promoting a socially inclusive event; building community spirit and providing a charitable platform for communities to leverage in the lead up to the 156<sup>th</sup> running of the Emirates Melbourne Cup.

On the road The Cup is accompanied by EMCT Ambassadors; Melbourne Cup heroes and legends of Australian racing, all bringing an array of stories connected with the great race.

Applications to host the 2016 EMCT must be submitted online at [www.melbournecuptour.com.au](http://www.melbournecuptour.com.au) and no later than Monday, 11 April.

## Funding Opportunities

Applying for grants can be a challenging process. The following tips from the Tasmanian Community fund can apply to all grants -

1. Read and follow the guidelines and application questions carefully - they will help you put your best case forward;
2. Discuss your project with the funding body;
3. Aim to complete the application at least a few



days before the closing date to address any last-minute issues. Late applications are generally not accepted;

4. Check and double-check your budget and GST status;
5. Make your application is easy to read - short, sharp and succinct and avoid using industry jargon;
6. Be realistic - with project benefits, timeframes and the budget;
7. Be prepared to provide evidence to support your proposal;
8. Ask a person unfamiliar with the project to read the application with a critical eye;
9. Provide the requested information only; and
10. Aim for your application's full approval, but plan for other results.

### National Stronger Regions Fund (Round 3)

This programme funds priority capital projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or an extension of existing infrastructure and deliver an economic benefit in regional communities beyond the period of construction. Eligibility criteria apply.

**Funding Amount** - between \$20,000 and \$10 million on dollar for dollar basis.

**Closes** - 15 March, 2016

**For more information**, go online to <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/NSRF/>

### Tasmanian Community Fund

The Tasmanian Community Fund aims to support a broad range of projects and organisations.

**Funding Amount** - small grants (up to \$20,000); medium grants (between \$20,000 and \$90,000)

**Closes** - Small grants close on 16 March; medium grants close on 6 April

**For more information**, phone 6232 7043 or 6232 7269 or go online to <http://www.tascomfund.org>

### Emerging Needs Funding 2016-17

Offers funding to eligible organisations that have identified and seek to address a need within the Latrobe Municipality in the fields of environment, health and community welfare, sport and recreation. Projects may include equipment purchases, simple facility infrastructure improvements, research or planning projects and projects to develop and empower the community.

This is the only round of funding for the 2016-17 financial year.

**Funding Amount** - up to \$1,500 per application

**Closes** - 9 May 2016

**For more information**, contact Michelle Dutton on 6426 4444 or email [michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au)

### Arts, Culture and Festivals Sponsorship 2016-17

Funding new and established arts, culture and events staged throughout the Latrobe Municipality which result in a social, cultural and economic benefit for the municipality.

This is the only round of funding for the 2016-17 financial year.

**Funding Amount** - up to \$750 per application

**Closes** - 9 May 2016

**For more information**, contact Michelle Dutton on 6426 4444 or email [michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au](mailto:michelled@latrobe.tas.gov.au)

### Commbank Cricket Club Sponsorship

Offering local cricket clubs the chance to apply for one of its two-year sponsorships.

**Funding Amount** - \$2,000, brand new cricket equipment and CommBank gear like marquee for game days.

**Closes** - 7 August, 2016

**For more information**, go online to <http://bit.ly/1HkfKVe>

### 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).

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#### 7 Latrobe Lions Youth of the Year Club Final.

☎ 6426 1442

**7-11 Chocolate High Tea** at the House of Anvers, 9025 Bass Highway, Latrobe from 10am-12 noon; 12 noon-2pm or 2pm-4pm. Cost: \$25 incl. selected drinks. Bookings essential to 6426 2958

**12 The Scott Pickett Experience** - a public demonstration of his skills and culinary talents at Hundred Acres at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 12 noon. A free event, limited spots available. Registrations essential through <http://devonporttickets.com.au/event?id=2291>

**12-13 Van Dieman Antique and Collectables Expo** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

☎ 0488 283 075

#### 14 Eight Hour Day Public Holiday

**16 U3A Annual General Meeting** at the Port Sorell

Bowls Club, Meredith St, Port Sorell for 4.00 pm start.  
☎ 0499 162 539

**19 Grape to Glass** at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 10.30 am.

Challenge and broaden your palette as we take a walk through the vineyard with Ghost Rock's vigneron Colin Arnold. Cost \$20 per person includes tour, lunch and wine. Bookings essential to 6428 4005

**19 End of Tour Muster "Fork and Talk"** raising funds for the Australian Rotary Health at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 5.30 pm. 3-course meal and entertainment \$65 pp (groups of 10 - \$60 pp). Bookings essential to Devonport North Rotary Club 0438 217 130 or [leonwootton01@gmail.com](mailto:leonwootton01@gmail.com)

**20 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee** at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10am until 11.15 am. BYO gardening equipment such as lawn mowers, whipper-snippers, garden tools, etc. and wear appropriate safety clothes, footwear, gloves, goggles, etc. ☎ 0417 598 116.

**20 Port Sorell Canine Community Walk** from Pioneer Park, cnr Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell. Registrations from 10.30 am; walk commences at 11.00 am. Cost is \$5 a family or \$3 an individual with proceeds supporting the Delta Therapy Dogs Program. ☎ 6428 8948

**20 Latrobe Federal Band Open Rehearsal Concert** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 4.00 pm until 5.00 pm. Admission: Gold coin donation. RSVP's to [darrenlewellyn@bigpond.com](mailto:darrenlewellyn@bigpond.com). Come and see the band before they participate in the National Band Championships in South Australia.

- 21 Latrobe Garden Club Visit** to 3 Highfield Road, Ambleside from 10.30 am. BYO chair, coffee mug and a plate of morning tea to share. ☎ 6426 2237 or 6426 1609
- 22 Free Hearing Screenings** at Fairway Crescent, Port Sorell from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm. No appointment necessary, just come along on the day. Can't make it, ☎ 131 797
- 21-24 Stan Sperlak Pastel Workshop** at June Wilsons Studio Gallery in the Crowded Lounge, 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Costs apply. ☎ 0417 367 128
- 25-28 EASTER**
- 26 Ghost Rock Easter Egg Hunt and Family Picnic** amongst the vines for children for 0-12 year olds at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown from 11.00 am until 4.00 pm. Cost \$10 adults, children \$5 (aged over 5). Be entertained by the live music, face painting and jumping castle. BYO picnic or sample the local produce on offer. No BYO alcohol. Bookings essential to 6428 4005
- 31 Cradle Coast Innovation Thinks 'n' Drinks** at The Cherry Shed, 243 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm. Have a great business idea but don't know how to get it off the ground? Thinks 'n' Drinks provides an opportunity to listen and share your ideas with like-minded people and experienced business operators. This time the Q&A session will be around marketing strategies. Cost: \$10 pp. Register online at <http://cradlecoastinnovation.com.au/>
- 31 Closing of Rotary Photographic Competition.** Refer to separate article.

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- 1-3 Xtreme Amusements** alongside Perkins Park, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. All the fun of sideshow alley from 12 noon each day.
- 2 Cooking Class** at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown. Try your hand at one of the two hour cooking classes, which are 'hands on' from beginning to end and include a glass of Ghost Rock wine. Check the Hundred Acres website for more information - [www.hundredacres.com.au](http://www.hundredacres.com.au)
- 3 Bill Redpath Gala Day** at the Latrobe Recreation Ground, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm. ☎ 0438 267 237
- 4-8 UTAS Rural Communities Program** - 2<sup>nd</sup> year medical student placements. Refer to separate article.
- 8-17 National Youth Week**
- 9-25 School Holidays**
- 9 Astronomy Seminar with Alan Wright**, a retired professional astronomer at the Banksia Centre, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 9.45 am until 4.15 pm. Cost: \$10 includes morning and afternoon tea. BYO lunch. Bookings to Port Sorell U3A on 0499 162 539
- 9 Family Fun Day** at the Port Sorell Primary School oval from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm. Enjoy the jumping castle, face painting, balloon sculpting, whip cracking, games, free sausage sizzle, tea and coffee. An initiative of the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, Port Sorell. ☎ 0417 594 897
- 11-16 Targa Tasmania**

- 16 Food and Wine Workshop** at Ghost Rock Vineyard, 1055 Port Sorell Main Road, Northdown. Head off-site and meet Ghost Rock's partner producers, get into the microclimates of the vineyard with winemaker Justin Arnold, participate in winery duties of the day, then head into Hundred Acres cooking school to transform your produce into something amazing with resident chef Phil Piper. Check the Hundred Acres website for more info [www.hundredacres.com.au](http://www.hundredacres.com.au)
- 17 Rotary Wedding Expo** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.30 am until 3.00 pm. ☎ [weddingexpo@rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au](mailto:weddingexpo@rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au)
- 19 Historical Society Inaugural Meeting** at the Latrobe Court House Museum, Gilbert Street, Latrobe at 5.00 pm. ☎ 0408 176 113
- 23 Music from the War Years Concert** by the Latrobe Federal Band and special guests in the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 7.30 pm. Supper and refreshments available for purchase. \$10 adult, \$5 student or \$20 family. Tickets available from Council or at the door on the night.
- 25 ANZAC Day Services**
- 5.50 am - Latrobe ANZAC Day Dawn Service** at the Latrobe Cenotaph, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Road closures apply. Breakfast follows at Belly's Bar and Grill/Latrobe RSL ☎ 6426 1255
- 6.00 am - Port Sorell ANZAC Day Dawn Service** at Pioneer Park, cnr Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell. Breakfast follows at Port Sorell Memorial Hall. ☎ 0407 852 946
- 9.45 am - Latrobe Citizens Commemorative ANZAC Day Service** at the Latrobe Cenotaph, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Road closures apply. To be included on the wreath laying, register with 6426 4444.

## Your Elected Representatives

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

Deadline.....	Distribution Date
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16 June .....	4 July

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