



Emergencies can happen anywhere and anytime and can have a significant impact on your life. Unfortunately, having an emergency plan is often overlooked when times are going well.

With the October floods and coming into the bushfire season, it is timely to remind you of the need to be prepared for an emergency. Planning is quite specific to your situation and can mitigate the risks faced in an emergency, reducing the reliance on emergency service organisations who may have competing demands, while also increasing individual and household resilience.

Emergency preparedness starts with you
be prepared

make a plan **build a kit** **stay informed**

A good emergency plan has three parts:

1. What you plan to do **before** the emergency to be ready.
2. What you plan to do **during** the emergency to keep safe and minimise the effect of the emergency on you and your property.
3. What you plan to do **after** the emergency to get help, recover and return to normal life as soon as possible.

The TasAlert website (<https://alert.tas.gov.au>) is a useful tool to help you consider issues that may arise in an emergency. On this site, a variety of natural hazards and detailed risk mitigation and preparedness advice is provided.

Depending on where you live, you may have more risk of loss or damage to your home, business or belongings if a natural disaster comes your way.

If the worst happens, you could receive support from family, friends, charities or the government, but this usually won't be enough to cover all the costs you could face.

Having the right insurance will help you repair, rebuild, replace and recover.

KNOW YOUR WARNINGS

Warnings are issued on TasAlert when an emergency may impact you and your community. These provide you with real time information on what is happening and what you should do. Remember, if you think you are at risk, do not wait for an official warning to act.

Using a set of nationally consistent icons, the Australian Warning System (AWS) warning levels are Advice (Yellow), Watch and Act (Orange) and Emergency Warning (Red).

Advice (Yellow) means that an incident has started. There is no immediate danger but stay up to date in case the situation changes. Now is the time to check in with neighbours. This alert might also be used to advise that a threat has reduced.

Watch and Act (Orange) is an indicator of a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you, your family, your clients and your business.

Emergency Warning (Red) is the highest level of warning. You may be in danger and need to take immediate action. Any delay now puts lives at risk.



I HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS

Some in our community are at an increased risk in an emergency because they experience reduced health and wellbeing, reduced safety and security; limited mobility; low understanding of risk/warnings; low literacy or English language comprehension and social, physical or geographic isolation.

If you are not already registered with your carer organisation or community nursing, you can register your details with Council which will be shared with emergency personnel to coordinate relevant support if required.

YOUR EMERGENCY KIT

An emergency kit is your “go” bag and should be regularly checked and kept in the home where everyone knows where to source it. It is recommended to include:

- A copy of your Emergency Plan;
- A battery-operated or wind-up radio;
- Torch and extra batteries;
- A first aid kit;
- Mobile phone and charger;
- A good supply of prescription medication and glasses;
- Rubber gloves and strong leather or garden gloves;
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place;
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation;
- Strong shoes or boots;
- Special items for any vulnerable people, such as babies or the disabled;
- Enough non-perishable food and water for every person (and pets);
- Can opener (if kit contains canned food);
- Know where important family documents are - insurance papers, photo identification, passports, birth certificates - to put in your kit when needed;
- A list of clothing needs for multiple days for every person

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Latrobe Council office will be closed from 1:00pm on Friday, 23 December, reopening at 8:00am on Tuesday, 3 January 2023. Emergencies during this time should be directed to 0364264444.

COUNCIL'S WORKS REPORT

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe

Municipality during January and February.

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

- Squeaking Point Road - widening and safety improvements
- Hamilton Street, Latrobe - kerb and channel construction between Cotton Street and Reibey Street
- Rural roadside spraying and mowing
- Sealed road surface maintenance

TOWN SERVICES

- Public amenities upgrades
- General building maintenance

GREEN SPACES

- South Esplanade, Port Sorell - replacement of log fencing with bollards
- Playground equipment maintenance and replacements
- General parks maintenance and mowing

Should you have any queries in relation to these works, please contact Council's Operations Manager on 6426 4453.

THE CAT LOVER'S DILEMMA

You see a small cat out in the street, and it looks a bit thin and scruffy. As an animal lover your first instinct is to help, so you put a saucer out with some kibble. Before you know it, you're feeding 15-20 cats and a cat colony begins.

Life in a cat colony is tough, and the frequency of illness can be high with the average lifespan being 5 years, whereas pet cats can live 15-20+ years!

Free-roaming cats are also at a higher risk of physical harm and pose a risk to human health through the transmission of toxoplasmosis - a parasitic disease carried by cats that costs Australia \$6B a year.

Toxoplasmosis occurs in higher rates in Tasmania than elsewhere in the country and has health implications for production animals and wildlife.

So, what can you do if you want to help? Firstly, chat to your neighbours; you might be feeding a neighbour's greedy pet cat.

It's also worth contacting RSPCA Tasmania to establish whether the cat has an owner. If not, you might consider taking ownership of it yourself.

Desexing and microchipping will safeguard your cat against getting lost or contributing to stray populations through breeding. Keeping your cat up to date with vaccinations and worming treatments will ensure it has a better quality of life.

Further information on cats, including cat legislation in Tasmania, keeping your cat safe and happy at home, and cat-borne diseases can be found on www.tassiecat.com

Supplied by Kylie Ashley



RATES REMINDER

The final two instalment dates for the payment of rates are 28 February and 30 April.

If you are experiencing any challenge with fulfilling your payments, please contact Council's Rates Officer on 03 6426 4444.

BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

Pets and owners alike enjoy going on walks, runs, and enjoying the outdoors. However, what is the proper etiquette while doing this with your furry friends? Here are two ways you and your pet can minimise your impact on the natural world, while also being considerate of others and compliant with the Dog Control Act 2000.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Make sure pets are allowed in the area you are going to. Rules or laws that don't allow dogs in certain areas or during certain times are in place for a reason. It could be to protect a delicate ecosystem, or to give wildlife a little extra room or prevent incidents in high populous areas. Either way, knowing before you go can make a big difference on you and your pet's experience.

Council has a list of areas on their website and in the Dog Management Policy.

People who enter a prohibited or restricted area with their furry friend risk a fine up to \$724.

PICK UP YOUR PET'S WASTE AND DISPOSE OF IT PROPERLY

Picking up your dog poo is the first step in contributing to a harmonious and sanitary neighbourhood for all to share and enjoy.

It is also law.

Picking up after your dog means you are doing the right thing by the environment. Some dog droppings contain harmful bacteria and nutrients which, if left outdoors and it rains, can be washed down drains and end up in local creeks.

Always carry dog waste disposal bags and either dispose of what you pick up in a Council provided bin or take it home to dispose of it in your own waste bin. People who don't pick up after their dogs risk a \$181 fine.

Enjoy your world and Leave No Trace!

YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

The postal address for all Councillors is P O Box 63, Latrobe, 7307

Mayor Peter FRESHNEY	0417 287 006
D/Mayor Vonette MEAD.....	0407 555 180
Claudia BALDOCK	0424 782 379
Graeme BROWN	0417 598 116
Dave FIDLER	0457 880 028
Jacki MARTIN.....	0409 435 825
Sommer METSKE	0409 622 710
Garry SIMS	0419 139 053
Gerrad WICKS	0488 325 590

LOCAL BUILDING UPDATE

193 building, plumbing, and commercial applications and notifications of works were received by Council from May to October inclusive.

They comprised of 46 dwellings; 12 dwelling additions/alterations; 28 outbuildings; 12 commercial/industrial; 2 demolitions, 86 plumbing applications, and 7 other applications with a conservative value of \$34,847,082.

BUILDING WITHOUT A PERMIT

As a property owner there some building activities that you can do about your home. You can do general maintenance and repairs on your home; build fences, low decks, farm sheds and carports but some larger projects will need to be carried out by a licensed builder without needing a building permit.

You can build small structures no bigger than 18m² or erect a prefabricated shed up to 36m² (this means factory-made components or units that are transported and assembled on-site to form the complete building).

You may be able to contract a licensed builder to build a new house and a licensed building surveyor to approve the building. You do need to notify your council when you have finished building certain low risk work by completing Form 80 Notice of Low-Risk Work.

BEFORE commencing though, you do need to check with Council if a planning permit is required.

WHAT IS NOTIFIABLE WORK?

Building work is classified as notifiable building work when it is medium risk and will not be assessed by a council or it is not being carried out in a hazardous area or by an owner builder.

Notifiable building work includes:

- Class 1a kit homes (single story only) in appropriate soil
- larger sheds, garages, carports
- decks, boundary walls, fences, tanks, swimming pools
- Class 1a building which is standardised and fits within the Planning Directive 4.1.

Alternatively, you may need the services of a Building Surveyor and Builder. In Tasmania, both practitioners must be licensed. You can check this status online at www.cbos.tas.gov.au

STARTING TO BUILD AND MOVING IN

You can start building when you receive a planning and building permit (if your council said you needed these), or your builder gets a start-work authorisation from your Building Surveyor.

You can move into your new house, extension or addition when all permit conditions are met, and you receive a Certificate of Occupancy for council.

Source: www.cbos.tas.gov.au

TINY HOME BUILD RULES

Studio pods, tiny homes or ‘granny flats’ can provide a great solution to easily add to the habitable space on your property, or even to provide a cost-effective independent dwelling. However, building laws do apply to these structures.

The Building Act 2016 requires that all building work in Tasmania, including the construction of an ancillary dwelling, must comply with the Building Act 2016 and the National Construction Code (NCC). Failure to comply with the Act or the NCC may result in the building work or pod installation being deemed illegal building work. Local Councils may subject the work to a compliance and rectification order or an order for demolition at your cost.

Tiny homes, studio container pods and ‘granny flats’ are all considered ‘habitable buildings’ regardless of whether they are used for sleeping or permanent living. All new habitable buildings are, at a minimum, Notifiable Building Work. This means that they need to be designed by a licensed designer, approved by a licensed building surveyor, built by a licensed builder and a licensed plumber if plumbing work is required.

These requirements exist to ensure that the building or container pod is safe, compliant and fit for occupation.

WHAT ABOUT STRUCTURES ON WHEELS?

If a structure is built with wheels (e.g., a caravan or a trailer) and is capable of being registered as a vehicle by the Tasmanian Motor Vehicle Registry at the Department of State Growth, it is not considered a building, so the requirements for building approval do not apply. However, there may still be planning matters to consider, so you will need to contact council prior to proceeding.

What about containers or pods used as sheds, storage sheds or workshops?

Containers or pods used solely for storage or as a workshop (such as a woodworking shed) may be classed non-habitable and categorised as Low Risk Building Work, and therefore would not be subject to the

same controls listed above. However, this is dependent on the use, materials, height and other conditions, so you should consult a building surveyor or council to be certain.

Source: www.cbos.tas.gov.au

REDUCING HOUSING STRESS

The Tasmanian Government’s grant of \$10,000 towards the construction of an ancillary dwelling (aka granny flat) to help boost housing supply, support home ownership and put downward pressure on rents closes on 31 December or until the program is fully subscribed (whichever comes first).



The dwelling must be on residential property which only has a single dwelling. The build must also only have a floor area of less than 60m², be self-contained and separate to the primary dwelling.

It must also share access and parking, water, sewerage, gas, electricity and telecommunications and meters with the primary dwelling and be available for long-term rent for at least two years. Further information is available by emailing adgrant@stategrowth.tas.gov.au

HAWLEY ESPLANADE PATHWAY PROGRESS

Further to extensive consultation with the community on the development of a shared pathway along the Hawley Esplanade to reduce the co-mingling of pedestrians, cyclists, mobility impaired etc. with the motoring public, the development application has now been submitted to Parks and Wildlife Service for their consent to lodge.

Upon their approval, the development application will then be lodged with Council’s planning department and will proceed through the normal statutory planning process.

PORT SORELL TOWN ENTRY

Minor footpath and kerb amendments have been made to the design and survey work at the Port Sorell roundabout on the corner of Alexander/Wilmot Streets following community feedback on visibility and the need to further slowdown traffic movements through the intersection. With ‘in principle’ approval for the works received by the Department of State Growth, it is expected construction will commence in the near future.

BANKSIA FACILITIES REDEVELOPMENT ON TRACK

Two construction teams are working on the Banksia Facility redevelopment with the scheduled completion date of the accommodation section being April 2023. One team is focusing on the new accommodation units and, when completed, will commence work on the new camp kitchen area.

The other team is continuing with the reconfiguration and extension of the performing arts and office space within the Banksia Centre.

The final elements of the public area/play space contract are being progressed, enabling these works to commence and tie in with the landscaping of the camp area. The appointment of Ms Taylah Lucadou-Wells as the Banksia Facilities Supervisor has enabled capacity to commence taking future camp bookings and facility enquiries. Ms Lucadou-Wells is reachable via email at office@campbanksia.com

CAR PARK ON THE LIST

Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) continually assess potential new infrastructure and upgrades to existing infrastructure to enhance recreational boating and safety. As part of this process, they have identified 19 projects statewide including lifting the car park level at the Port Sorell boat ramp.

While work remains to be undertaken on consultation, costings and approvals, this project is tentatively scheduled for implementation during the 2023-24 financial year.

FLOOD MITIGATION UPDATE

Progress on the 266m culvert from Cotton Street through to Gilbert Street is nearing completion.

Following the road sealing of the Cotton and Victor Street Levee in early January, this road will reopen to traffic.

The Kings Park Inlet construction works are continuing through January and February which requires footpaths in the nearby vicinity to be temporarily closed for public safety. Please comply with all barriers and notifications.

The River Road Levee works are continuing.

Works will begin near the Edward ‘Teddy’ Sheean VC Memorial early in the new year with a portion of this walking track also temporarily closed for public safety.

Work on the Gilbert Street culvert crossing is scheduled to begin towards the end of February/early March. The intention remains to keep a single lane of traffic open during these works which will enable the completion of the culvert to the centre of the road and

then transfer traffic to the other side for its completion. This will result in traffic delays. Motorists are encouraged to use the Cotton and Victor Street route during these works.



BUSINESS INFORMATION AND HAPPENINGS

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FLOOD IMPACTED BUSINESSES

Tasmanian small businesses that have been impacted by the severe weather event on 13 and 14 October 2022 can apply for a Small Business Emergency Response Grant.

Grants of up to \$25,000 are available for small businesses that can provide evidence of direct damage from the severe weather event on their business.

Jointly funded by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, these grants can be used to help with the costs of the clean-up and reinstatement of a small business. Grants are not available for the loss of revenue, wages or income. Further information, including eligibility criteria and application details is available on the Business Tasmania website. You can also contact Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026 or email ask@business.tas.gov.au

PRIMARY PRODUCERS

A separate grant of up to \$25,000 is available to support flood impacted primary producers with clean-up and restoration activities.

Visit the Department of Natural Resources and Environment website; phone Farm Point on 1300 292 292 or email farmpoint@nre.tas.gov.au.

Applicants for both grants are advised to apply early.

MAKE THE MOST OF FREE PROMOTION

If you provide services that tourists may require, then registering your business on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) is a "must do."

The ATDW is a valuable resource that provides free marketing for tourism-related businesses and events.

By creating your free listing on ATDW, your business can be seen on up to 50 websites nationally and internationally, including Tourism Tasmania's Discover Tasmania website and Tourism Australia's Australia.com.

You maintain control of your own information, with automatic and instant updates for your business listing across all sites including Google My Business, and your listing is also mobile phone compatible.

There is also an option to translate your listing into several languages providing additional distribution for your business (at an additional cost).

To register and manage your listing, visit www.atdw-online.com.au

If you need assistance, please contact Tourism Tasmania on 03 6165 5286 or email atdw@tourism.tas.gov.au

Since its formation in late 2021, the Kentish and Latrobe Independent Business Association (KaLIBA) has been working to develop programs and partnerships to help local businesses with:

- Small business regulation and process reform
- Digital capability and telecommunications infrastructure
- Staff, skills, and employment
- Business resilience and adapting to change
- Communication, support services, networking, and lobbying.

These programs will be officially launched by the Tasmanian Minister for Small Business, the Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP on 18 January at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Latrobe.

You and your guests are invited to this free event with tickets available online at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/465399521497

To contact KaLIBA, email: contactus@kaliba.org.au or phone 0402 636 769.

ARE YOU A FARMER THAT COULD USE SOME HELP?

Rural Aid is committed to providing counselling services and community programs that support the creation of more sustainable and resilient rural communities as they work towards stronger futures for all Australian farmers and communities. They also provide critical support to assist farmers and rural communities before, during and after disasters such as drought, flood and fire.

Whether you are coping with or recovering from a serious event, or preparing for future challenges, Rural Aid is there to help. Please phone 1300 327 624.

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Rubicon Grove, Port Sorell provides residential aged care for 80 clients with four of those beds for short term respite care. This is provided under the parent body of OneCare.

As part of OneCare's ongoing pursuit of emerging opportunities to meet the needs of the aged, they are exploring the potential for independent living units. For due diligence, OneCare are engaging with Council on the walkability linkage to such a development, should it proceed. At the time of writing, OneCare's General Manager has advised that this potential development is awaiting the completion of further stormwater modelling of the area. Council's General Manager advises that "\$100,000 has been allocated for stormwater catchment studies which is the next step to take and also the priority." This study is due for completion in the very near future.



SUPPORTING TASMANIAN ENTREPRENEURS AND SCHOOLIES

For next four years, Enterprize Tasmania (ET) under the management of Jarred Ransom will be working with the Cradle Coast Authority to uncover, advance and grow the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the North West region, provide the foundation for innovative businesses and creating employment.

Early-stage community building including the Big Ideas Challenge and Born Global Incubator program will unearth and support talent across the Cradle Coast region.

ET have a proven record of supporting Tasmanian entrepreneurs to start and run innovative, high-growth, successful businesses. Businesses based at ET reported an average annual increase in revenue of 22%, 49% average growth in exports, and a 31% average increase in employment for 20-21FY.

Enterprize programs follow world's best practice lean start-up methods. It's essential knowledge for all start-up founders but also interesting and valuable for existing business operators, local governments, career professionals, and students.

While ET does work with corporates, their focus is to help early-stage start-up founders and school leavers. Specifically, the Big Ideas Challenge is suitable for everyone but targeted at older teenagers and young adults.

To link to the opportunities on offer, please contact Jarred at 0498 598 852 or email jarred@enterprize.space.

KEEP YOUR DETAILS SAFE

The Tasmanian Government has become aware of individuals fraudulently impersonating government officials and contacting flood impacted businesses to request personal information for grant purposes.

When a Tasmanian Government officer requests supporting information for your grant application it will always be via email or phone, and your submission number will be provided as a reference so that you know it relates to your specific application. Also, the Tasmanian Government does not make unsolicited calls offering grants or money.

If you receive a call or email, and your submission number is not included, or you have not applied for a grant at all, please do not supply information and immediately contact Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026.

If you are interested in increasing your internet security and minimising the risk of cyberattacks on your business, visit the Business Tasmania Cyber Security page.

SOCIAL HOUSING BUILD

Housing Choices Tasmania have received approval to construct 33 new home units on two parcels of land in Percival Street and Benny Streets, Latrobe.

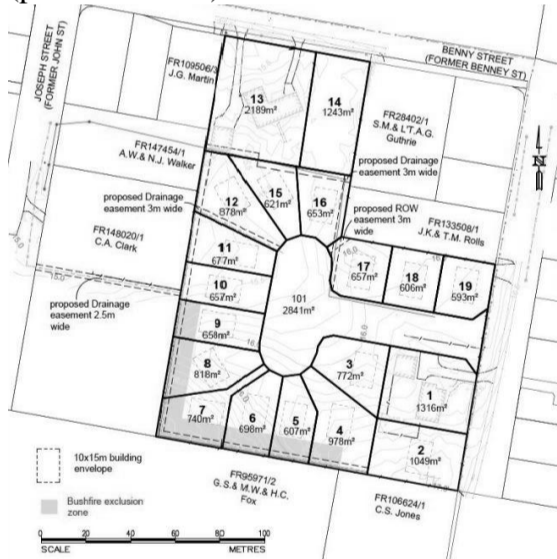
These homes are architecturally designed and will be built to a high standard, providing much needed accommodation for those who are struggling in the current housing market.

“With close to 4,500 applicants on the social housing waitlist we are looking forward to being able to support the provision of long terms, secure and affordable housing for those who need it,” said the General Manager of Housing Choices Tasmania Ltd, Kim Bomford. The development of the site will be staged. Stage 1 works, consisting of 10 units, are scheduled to commence in the near future with occupancy scheduled before the end of 2023.

SUBDIVISION APPROVED

At its November meeting, Council approved a 17-lot subdivision to create 19 lots and a road at 120 Stanley Street South and 78 Benny Street, Latrobe.

This will be a staged development, commencing with Lots 1, 13, 14 which separately titles properties with existing road frontage from the balance land (pictured below).



REDEVELOPMENT OF PORT SORELL CARAVAN PARK

Stage 2 of the redevelopment of the Port Sorell Caravan Park continues.

This work includes the construction of a new caretaker’s residence/reception building, internal roadway upgrades and underground infrastructure for powered sites.

The new powered sites are now ready to book while the new residence and reception are due for completion early in the new year.

Stage 3 is currently in its final stages of planning and will include a new main entrance to the park off Darling Street, bringing patrons directly past the new reception building for streamlined check in/out.

NEW MANAGERS FOR PORT SORELL CARAVAN PARK

Following advice by the Managers of the Port Sorell Caravan Park, Gavin Connor and Michelle Jungfer, of their intention to move on, Expressions of Interest were advertised.

Several quality applicants including from existing park owners/managers from Tasmania and interstate and couples looking for a sea change were received. At the time of writing, no appointment had been made however the Port Sorell Caravan Park continues to be bookable for camping holiday experiences by phoning 03 6428 7267 or emailing enquiries@portsorellcaravanpark.com.au. Council expresses their appreciation to Gavin and Michelle on not only managing the Port Sorell Caravan Park during a redevelopment but also taking over the management of the Banksia Centre, also undergoing a structural transformation and having limited availability.

RIDE OR DRIVE - STAY ALIVE

Cycling has enjoyed a growth in popularity in recent years but with cars and bikes increasingly competing for the same road space, those on both sides of the lane can turn a bit surly and do things we typically wouldn’t do.

In Tasmania, when drivers overtake a cyclist, they must give:

- 1m of space when the speed limit is signposted at 60km/h and under
- 1.5m of space when the speed limit is signposted at over 60km/h.

It is also essential only to overtake when it is safe to do so.

There are however exemptions to overtaking a cyclist safely. Motorists can:

- Cross the centre line markings if safe to do so (i.e., no vehicles coming towards you)
- Cross a flat dividing stripe
- Cross a painted island

If you can’t overtake safely, you should wait until you can.

Tasmanian law also allows cyclists to cycle two abreast. They often do this to be seen more clearly.

When cycling two abreast, riders must be within 1.5 metres of each other and can take the whole lane, if necessary, to be visible.

When overtaking cyclists two abreast, drivers must continue to follow the minimum passing distance law.

When overtaking a cyclist, it is important to remain patient and considerate.

A few seconds waiting for a safe place to pass can easily be made up later and can save a cyclist’s life.

Remember to be aware of the roadway and watch out for cyclists. We all deserve to Arrive Alive.

PHOTOS OF POOL SOUGHT

Situated in George Street, Latrobe is the Latrobe Swim Centre, known by the locals as the "Latrobe Pool".

The Latrobe Pool turns 40 this year with photos sought of the site before, during and after construction.

This 25m, four lane heated pool is great for family fun, kids swim and play, birthday parties and functions. There is also a toddler play area with warm water pool and friendly welcoming staff.

Additionally, the site includes a lap clock, variety of aquatic play equipment, a fenced children's playground area, kiosk, first aid facilities, covered seating areas, a basketball hoop, barbecue facilities and extensive grassed areas.



If you can help with photos or wish to know more about the Latrobe Swim Centre, phone 6426 1843 or 0448 755 233.

REPRESENTING COMMUNITY

As part of its community engagement process, Latrobe Council provide opportunities for individuals in the community to nominate for positions on several committees.

Currently, there are vacancies on the Port Sorell Advisory Committee (PSAC) and the Camp Banksia Facilities Committee for outgoing, community minded individuals.

PSAC are seeking a business, tourism and two youth representatives.

In this role, you will meet quarterly (currently 7:00pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month) and, after consulting with the sector that you represent, provide recommendations to Latrobe Council on the future development of the greater Port Sorell area with an emphasis on safe and liveable communities, environmental integrity, tourism and investor appeal.

The representative role on the Banksia Facilities Committee is to recommend to Council initiatives for the continual improvement and management of Camp Banksia and the Banksia Centre.

Meetings of this committee are quarterly at a time to be decided but potential during business hours.

If you are at all interested in any of these vacancies, please contact Council on 6426 4444 or council@latrobe.tas.gov.au for further details.

BELLS PARADE INTERPRETIVE PANELS

Council have allocated funding for several interpretive panels to highlight interesting historical facts about early life and times at Bells Parade. It is anticipated that one of the panels will provide more information about the late Queen Elizabeth's visit to the area in 1954.

The panels will be installed in 2023.

LIGHTS OUT?

TasNetwork are responsible for working streetlights.

While they endeavour to make repairs within 10 business days, more complex repairs can take up to eight weeks.

To report a faulty streetlight, go online to <https://www.tasnetworks.com.au/power-outages/report-a-streetlight-fault>.

To update a previously reported fault, please phone their Customer Service Centre on 1300 137 008.

TASMANIA READS

Tasmania Reads is a Tasmanian Government initiative based on the National Australia Reads campaign which will celebrate reading and storytelling in Tasmania between 5-11 March.

Libraries Tasmania are keen to be involved as many organisations and individuals as possible in a variety of opportunities to celebrate reading statewide.

If you would like to be a partner to plan, promote, and host meaningful local events that celebrate the joy and value of reading in this program, please email Tasmania.

Reads@libraries.tas.gov.au

CELEBRATING YOUTH

Grants of up to \$2,000 are open to application by organisations who support Youth Week Tasmania 2023 by:

- Showcasing the talents and skills of young people.
- Celebrate the contributions of young people in communities, in education and in the workforce; and
- Build the capacity of young people to engage with the broader community and develop practical skills through their involvement in planning and delivering Youth Week Tasmania events or activities.

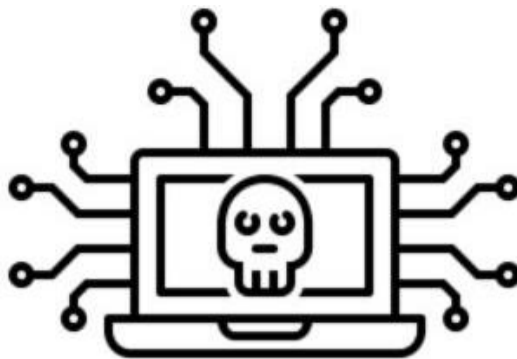
For further information, contact Community Grants by email at grants@dpac.tas.gov.au or phone on 1800 204 224. Applications close at 2:00pm on 23 February.

2021 CENSUS DATA RELEASE

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) recently published the second release of the 2021 Census data.

This latest release provides additional location variable and employment data including emerging occupations, what people are studying and how they are travelling to work.

Go to <https://www.abs.gov.au/census>.



PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS FROM CYBER THREATS

Scammers are constantly developing new ways to catch people out, so it is more important than ever to take the time to learn how to identify key scam signs and identify whether an offer or contact is genuine before acting on it. You can protect yourself from scams by:

- never giving your personal information to a stranger
- use strong passwords to protect your accounts
- always use secure payment methods, such as a credit card, and verify the bank details of a business by calling to confirm using a number found on their website
- verify before you buy, do your research and lookup the ABN of the business, and check online for reviews
- seek financial advice from an adviser registered on the Australian Securities and Investments Commission website before making an investment

To access some useful resources and videos to raise your awareness of how to better protect yourself, the Australia Government has established a website at <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>. Additionally, Business Tasmania recently co-hosted a webinar with Digital Ready for Business partner Neon Jungle which covered the key cyber threats to your business and what you can do about them. You can view a recording of the webinar and find more information about online safety for businesses at <https://bit.ly/BusinessTasmaniacybersecurity>

LEND A HAND

Many of Landcare Tasmania's groups undertake the occasional bigger projects, which require extra hands. This was evident recently with the clean-up of flood debris from Pig Island at Latrobe.

This is a great way to meet people and spend time outside.

If you are ready to roll up your sleeves and get to work, you can register to become a Landcare Tasmania Extra Hands Volunteer.

Landcare will keep your details on file and alert you when there is an opportunity you can help with in your area.

To register, go to www.landcaretas.org.au/lend_a_hand/

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Starting school in 2023 or looking to change schools? There are options throughout the Latrobe Council area -

Andrews Creek Primary School (K-6)

Westwind Dr, Wesley Vale .. 6428 4088

Geneva Christian College (K-12)

197 Moriarty Road, Latrobe . 6426 1053

Latrobe High School (7-10)

Percival Street, Latrobe..... 6426 1061

Latrobe Primary School (K-6)

23 Lewis Street, Latrobe..... 6426 1203

Port Sorell Primary School (K-6)

Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell 6422 2222

Sassafras Primary School (K-6)

50 School Road, Sassafras 6426 7240

St Patrick's Catholic School (K-6)

55 Bradshaw St, Latrobe..... 6426 1626

Enrolment in a state school is subject to the child being within that school's designated home area. There are however circumstances where you can seek an exemption.

Further information is available at www.education.tas.gov.au

HEALTHY, ENGAGED AND RESILIENT

With Tasmania's population ageing the fastest of all Australian States and Territories, thoughtful planning will ensure that as we journey through our ageing lifespan, there are proactive supports and services available.

With the Tasmanian Government's Active Ageing Plan expiring in 2022, COTA Tasmania (Council on the Ageing [Tas] Inc) was engaged to shape the development of the new six-year strategy. Their consultation asked what ageing meant to people; whether their views on ageing had changed over time and what they thought Tasmanians needed to age well.

Based on experiences, thoughts and wishes, COTA also asked what has helped you as you've aged, what has been challenging and what local services and initiatives have supported and kept you connected to your community.

The report "Healthy, Engaged and Resilient" was recently released and is available at

<https://bit.ly/HealthyEngagedandResilient>.

COMMUNITY LED SAFETY PROGRAM

Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania (NWT) is a community led safety and awareness program that builds safer, more confident, and interconnected communities to actively reduce fear of crime and increase feelings of safety in the community.

Latrobe NWT meet at 7:00pm on the last Wednesday in February, April, June, August and October at the Latrobe Council office. For more information, contact Michael (6426 2777) or Jenny (6426 2979).

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THAT COUNTS!

Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) is on the hunt for community-minded people to make a difference that really counts in your community. Volunteering gives you the opportunity to work in a team, help those in need, and meet new people.

TFS volunteers are ordinary people, doing extraordinary things. Their volunteers come from all walks of life, and they enjoy working together on the frontlines and behind the scenes to serve and protect their local communities.

TFS accepts applications from people who are:

- At least 18 years of age
- Of good character (able to satisfy a Police Check)
- Available to attend brigade meetings and training
- Available to attend emergency incidents (firefighter)
- Medically and physically fit to undertake your role
- Daytime availability (preferred but not essential)
- Able to learn the knowledge and skills required of your role
- Able to work safely as a member of a team

All brigades in the Latrobe Municipality are on the lookout for volunteers:

Moriarty, Sassafras, Port Sorell, Wesley Vale, Rubicon, and Latrobe.



To find out more about becoming a volunteer, please contact Ben Dick, Volunteer Stakeholder Engagement Officer (NW) by phoning 0476 786 171 or email volunteers@fire.tas.gov.au

HISTORY GROUP JOINS FACEBOOK

Do you have an interest in the history of Port Sorell?

The Port Sorell History Group has now joined Facebook and invite you to join them as stories and images of the Port Sorell area are shared.

You can find them at www.facebook.com/groups/252867229576389.

UPGRADE OF ORGANICS PROCESSING FACILITY

Dulverton Waste Management is progressing with the construction of its new indoor organics plant.

The new plant was approved by EPA in late October with the assessment noting that there would be significant improvement in the environmental performance when making compost. The new facility will reduce the risk of odour nuisance to houses near the site as all air will go through scrubbers and biofilters prior to release. Making the compost in enclosed tunnels also has the benefit of reducing the time to make the product; an issue that has been a challenge through the recent wet seasons.

Veronica Schilling, CEO of Dulverton said "COVA Haywoods will be building the plant with support from local contractors. The expected first loads of material going through the process will occur in mid-2024."

Designed to handle household organics as green bins roll out across the region, as well as factory food waste, the new facility will be instrumental in achieving reduction in landfill over the coming years.

Composting is cheaper than landfill, with the added benefit of reduced greenhouse emissions and improving soil health on local farms.

The project has been possible with state and federal funding support as part of the shift to a circular economy.

LEGAL AID AVAILABILITY

Anyone can get free legal advice from Tasmania Legal Aid. Call them on 1300 366 611 or look them up at www.legalaid.tas.gov.au.

Providing legal advice, representation, family dispute resolution services and legal education, their purpose is to provide legal services to help Tasmanians understand their rights, navigate the system and get the assistance they need.

They support and advocate for vulnerable and marginalised Tasmanians and work with clients, staff, legal partners, and community to improve the legal system.

Their criminal law team go to court to represent people, whether for a bail application, or mental health diversion and drug diversion. They also have designated lawyers for young people.

Their civil law team meet with a range of people including those who might be experiencing elder abuse, NDIS clients, people before TasCAT Mental Health or involved in a Royal Commission, and others with minor civil claims.

Their family law team provides specialist services to people affected by family violence, especially children, and mediation services for separating couples.

Their legal services are delivered through in-house lawyers and private lawyers.

Follow them on social media and sign up to receive their quarterly newsletter by emailing cle@legalaid.tas.gov.au

FOR THOSE THAT MIGHT NEVER ASK

Across Australia there are more than 2.65m unpaid carers, that's 1 in 9 people! Unpaid carers look after someone who lives with disability, a medical condition, has a mental health condition or is frail due to age.

You can become a carer at any time. Many people don't consider themselves a carer. They are simply children, parents, partners, relatives, or friends supporting someone close to them.

A carer might look after someone 24 hours a day and help with daily activities. Or they might look after someone who only needs a little bit of help.

Responsibility, care, compassion, and love are all reasons why someone will step forward to provide unpaid care. Most unpaid carers primarily help with tasks like shopping, housework, cooking, home maintenance and providing transportation. Carer Gateway is here to support you.

Carer Gateway was designed by carers for carers.

They offer a national approach to providing reliable services, support and advice to carers in Australia.

Services available include tailored support packages, counselling, coaching, peer support, emergency respite and online skills courses.

Call Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737 Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm or go to CarerGateway.gov.au to find out what they can do for you.

AUSTRALIA'S BACKBONE IN TIMES OF CRISIS



With flooding, fires and the ongoing impacts of the pandemic, the past few years have undoubtedly been tough for all

Australians. Holding us up in these times of crisis is over one million volunteers supporting Australia's crisis resilience, of which more than 400,000 work directly in emergency response and relief.

This resilient and skilled workforce includes over 200,000 volunteers in fire services organisations and around 25,000 in State and Territory Emergency Services.

A further 200,000 volunteers are engaged in over 1,000 registered emergency and relief charities. On top of this, many thousands of often 'invisible' volunteers help informally and spontaneously to support communities before and after crises.

To get involved and find a volunteer opportunity that suits you, visit Volunteering Tasmania

www.volunteeringtas.org.au.

Source Volunteering Australia

WHERE THERE'S A NEED, THERE'S A LION



YOU would be great in Lions! Why not enquire about joining as a member, become a Friend of Lions, or volunteer. The Lions Club of Latrobe is on a membership drive. They need your support to continue to provide important services and social events to the Latrobe community including the Latrobe Christmas Parade and Carols, catering at the Latrobe Speedway, staffing the football gates, hosting the Lions Youth of the Year Quest, supporting the Children's Mobility Foundation and so much more. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at the Adult Day Centre, Hamilton Street, Latrobe. A 'Come and Try' night will be held on 21 February at 7:00pm. Phone Julie (0437 123 890) or Stuart (0459 191 444) or email latrobe@lionstasmania.org for further information.

The Latrobe Speedway canteen and Bunnings BBQ's will consume member's time during February, March and April. For upcoming projects/events go to www.facebook.com/latrobelionsclub.

Just a reminder that if you have spectacles, or used stamps you no longer require, they may be left at Morse's Butchery.

FAMILY HISTORY SUPPORT

The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc Mersey Branch are giving a loud shout out of appreciation to the 50 Latrobe businesses that displayed WW1 soldier and nurse histories to commemorate Remembrance Day.

This project started in the lead up to 100 years since the Armistice - 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 - with details of over 400 local people that served between 1914 to 1919 now sourced. Unfortunately, many are without a photograph. If you can help with supplying photographs, it would be appreciated.

The Mersey Branch continues to index local newspaper notices for births, deaths and marriages and holds the original notices from 1981 to 2021. The project to index F E Watts funeral director's records is in hand with the indexing of scrapbook school photos continuing.

An afternoon tea, along with produce and bric-a-brac, is being held on 11 February from 2:00pm until 4:00pm at the TFHS rooms behind the Latrobe State Library. Come along and learn more about this group and how they can help you with your family history research.

The branch is open Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am until 3:00pm, reopening on 11 January 2023.

You can also email secretary.tfhsdev@gmail.com or phone Sue-Ellen (6428 6328) or Ros (0476 008 531).

EXHIBITIONS BOOKED

The Crowded Lounge is continuing to exhibit a Feature Artist each month. January's artist is Jill Crompton. Jill's passion is *'anything to do with nature'*. Jill likes to paint realism, landscapes, portraits, seascapes in a variety of mediums but her preferred medium is oil paints. Her January exhibition will have a little something for everyone.

February feature artist is Nita Pountney with her exhibition themed on Simon and Garfunkel's song "Sounds of Silence" in mixed media but mainly acrylics. Weekly art classes continue to be offered at The Crowded Lounge along with opportunities for artists who wish to host workshops or groups booking a large table for coffee and a bite to eat.

An Artist's Network with several benefits including peer support and mentoring is underway so watch this space for upcoming excursions and a picnic or two.

WATERSLIDE RETURNS



After too-long an absence, the Lions Club of Port Sorell will hold several events on Australia Day - 26 January including the

much lauded and vaunted waterslide down the Bowls Club hillside in Meredith Street, Port Sorell.

The day will be HUGE for members of the club as they start with cooking their acclaimed pancakes at the Port Sorell Camp Kitchen from 8:00am.

The waterslide will be open from 9:00am until about 11:00am but, simultaneously, club members will be operating the book and garage sale in the Port Sorell Memorial Hall.

This all culminates with a lunch time snag or burger.

Keep your eye on Facebook for further announcements.

PORT SORELL SPRING FAIR

The hosting of a community event is not always easy however, when you have enthusiasm and dedication from a core group of organisations that work together for a common objective, it makes it easier. Once again the annual Port Sorell Spring Fair was a great success.

Coordinator, Mrs Deidre Merrick paid tribute to the assistance of Jayne and Makala, stating "we are extremely lucky to live in a community where the school has been made available to us for our fair. It is a fabulous venue which works well for all our stallholders."

Appreciation was also extended to Rod Bramich for installing signage and the support of a wide variety of stallholders that met patron expectations and made for a successful event.

"Without this, we would not be able to hold this event annually," Mrs Merrick added.

TALENT IN MEMBERSHIP



Rubicon River Arts Inc.

Rubicon River Arts (RRA) welcomes new members with meetings held at 10:00am on the first Saturday of the month at

the Arts Hub in Latrobe, which is co-located with the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre.

Existing members paint, in and on many different media, do ceramics and make gift cards, and even promote more ancient arts and crafts such as tating, spinning and weaving. RRA artists also host workshops and create commission art.

RRA President Kim O'Brien continues his whimsical limestone carvings situated around Shearwater while Ferri Lee, a previous winner in the Sheffield Mural Art Competition recently completed a new collaboration with Gillian Robnik titled "A Walk through the Forest."

RRA is involved annually in the Port Sorell Spring Fair, this year go all natural with garlands for children to wear but also make themselves.

The Hub also welcomed visitors during the recent Truly Tasmanian Art Exhibition and Sale; a selection of members' works were on display and proved quite popular.

Workshops planned for January and February include a spinning and a weaving workshop. For more details and bookings please email rasa.dunlop@gmail.com



HEALING THROUGH MARTIAL ARTS

Martial arts clubs from every State and Territory of Australia - including Flanagan Taekwondo Tasmania in Latrobe - have thrown their collective weight behind a unique project designed to empower women.

The Pink Belt Project provides women on a recovery journey - particularly those healing from the trauma of domestic abuse and/or sexual assault - with a one-year scholarship, allowing them to train for free at their local martial arts club.

The Pink Belt Project was started in 2018 by West Australian Black Belt mum Kristy Hitchens who discovered for herself when she started Taekwondo at age 40 how the style of training provided a unique combination of health and well-being benefits that went far beyond the expected lessons in self-defence.

Scholarships cover expenses such as uniform, belts and membership fees. More than 100 scholarships have been offered throughout Australia with Pink Belt graduates reporting outcomes such as recovery from depression, increased feelings of confidence and personal safety and a reduced sense of isolation.

To apply for a scholarship, message the Latrobe Flanagan Taekwondo Tasmania Facebook page.

TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

Gaming can be an expensive hobby with new games costing close to \$100 or sometimes even more.

Libraries Tasmania have a collection of hundreds of PS4 and Xbox One game titles that you can borrow for free via the Libraries Tasmania Lending App or by visiting www.libraries.tas.gov.au.

If you're on the fence about purchasing a particular game, this can be a great 'try before you buy' option. Or if you're tempted to buy a game but can't justify the cost because of its short length, just borrow from the library and finish it before it needs to be returned.

If movies are your preference, you can stream movies for free with your Libraries Tasmania membership via Beamafilm. The Latrobe Library staff can help you with setting up their Apps on your device. The open hours of the Latrobe Library are 1:00pm until 5:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

FRIENDSHIPS FORMED



Port Sorell University of the Third Age (U3A) is a self-funded non-

profit world-wide organisation, aimed at providing a diverse range of stimulating activities for retired and semi-retired people. The Port Sorell branch currently has approximately 450 members. Members pay a fee of \$45 per year, which enables them to be involved in as many courses and activities as they wish. Additionally, they pay \$2 for each course each week to cover the cost of hiring the venues. Tutors who conduct the courses are voluntary, and most classes are held Monday to Friday during the day at the

Banksia Centre in Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell.

Joining the Port Sorell U3A community enables you to become acquainted with like-minded people and form special friendships.

The timetable for classes for 2023 will be on the website (www.portsorellu3a.org.au) mid-late January with the U3A term commencing early February.

SUCCESSFUL CRAFT EXHIBITION

The Truly Tasmanian Craft Exhibition and Sale was a successful event this year with around 500 people coming through the gate on the first day before 11:00am and over 4,000 throughout the weekend. This is a great achievement for such a small club.

The feedback from patrons reflected a high level of satisfaction with the event and enthusiasm at the quality of products by Tasmanian artisans. Many patrons returned over multiple days and used the event as their Christmas shopping, to send creations to loved ones.

Stallholder applications are now open for the 2023 event. Email ttcraftfair@yahoo.com to ask for an application. The profits raised are reinvested in local community projects.

CALENDAR FILLING

Planned activities for the Rubicon Combined Probus Club Inc (RCPC) in 2023 include an Australian themed January Meeting, a visit to "Eastford Creek Vineyard" and a road trip to include the "Blue Hills Honey" at Mawbanna, Dip Falls and the Big Tree.

RCPC offers friendship and fun to retired or semi-retired men and women through social outings, trips and many interesting

Guests and 'Person Behind the Badge' speakers. The club do not fund raise with costs, after you have attended a meeting and choose to join, are a joining fee of \$10, annual subscription \$20 and monthly attendance fee \$5 (includes morning tea and lucky door prize).

Gatherings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00am at the Port Sorell Golf Club. Membership is not limited to the Port Sorell area.

For more information contact Lynette (0409 965 341) or Margaret (0427 261 224).

HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

The Port Sorell Tennis Club will be hosting another School Holiday Tennis Camp for juniors on Monday 23 January.



This is a terrific opportunity for beginner and intermediate junior

players to enjoy fun tennis activities run by qualified tennis coaches and includes a free sausage sizzle at the end of the morning activities.

Did you know that junior coaching is offered by a qualified Tennis Hot Shots coach every Thursday afternoon from 3.30pm. For more information contact Peter Georgiades on 0439 637 301.

If you are wanting a social game of tennis, the Port Sorell Tennis Courts can now be booked via an online court hire system. The club also have some spare racquets and balls available at the courts for use but please consider other users and don't remove them from the courts.

For more information, to book court time or to register for the above activities, go online to play.tennis.com.au/portsorelltennisclub.

ROTARY RECOGNISE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTORS

The Latrobe Rotary Club held their Vocational Awards night recently, awarding the Citizenship Award to Colin Churchill of The Rag and Bone Man for his support of the community.

The Courtesy Award was presented to Callie Rand from The Limestone Café Bakery while the Industry Achievement Award was presented to Anthony Shaw of Wild Ride Cycles. Michael Reilly, Veterinary Surgeon was the recipient of the Pride of Workmanship Award.

The Elliston Award was presented to Jan Richards of Port Sorell for excellence in the workplace at Early Childhood Learning and the Charles Radford Sports Award was presented to Sienna Woodcock for her achievements in basketball, cricket and mentoring Aussie Hoops.

This year saw the club give special recognition to the Callander Family for their contribution to the Latrobe community over the past 42 years.

The club was pleased to present a defibrillator to the Lucas Hotel recently. These are valued life saving devices in our community.

Future activities of the club include Bunnings Sausage Sizzles on 14 January and 18 February and another Trivia Night in March.

Rotary's support of students continues with the Summer Science School in Hobart.



L-R Colin Churchill, Ray Callander, Natalie Callander, Cheryl-Anne Callandar, Callie Rand, Sienna Woodcock, Evelyn Funk, President Tim Ford, Michael Reilly, Michelle Callander, Jan Richards, Anthony Shaw.

If you would like to make a difference in your community, then ask about joining Rotary. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at Hamilton Hub or contact John (0457 883 006) or Peter (0404 871 137).

COMING SOON TO

DECEMBER

- 12 Latrobe Council Meeting** at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00pm. Registration essential. Phone 6426 4444.
- 12 Latrobe Council Annual General Meeting (TBC)** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, 168 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 7:00pm. Bookings essential to <https://2021-22AGM-Latrobe-Council-as.eventbrite.com.au>
- 16 Drew Grey** at Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Blvd, Shearwater from 7:00pm until 10:30pm. Free entry.
- 17 Latrobe Lions Christmas Character Party** at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 5:30pm until 8:00pm. Food, refreshments, entertainment and activities for all and a visit from Santa. This is an alcohol and smoke free event.
- 17 The Ringmasters** perform at Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm Free entry.
- 21 Latrobe High School Leavers Parade** at the Latrobe Recreation Ground from 5:00pm until 6:45pm.
- 21 Summer Solstice Sacred Circle** at Moorland Beach Road, Wesley Vale from 5:15pm until 7:00pm. Free event. Bring a small item that has personal meaning to you, something you care about, wrapped in plain paper to give away. Phone: 0438 809 748.
- 24 Santa's Tour of Port Sorell.** Check out the Port Sorell Fire Brigade's Facebook page for route and timings.
- 24 Christmas Banquet Pick Up** from Tranquilles, 9 Gumbowie Drive, Port Sorell. Save yourself the trouble of cooking this Christmas with antipasto platter, appetizer, mains and dessert catering for families of 4 through to 8 - costs vary. Orders must be placed by 12 December. Phone: 6428 7555
- 27 Banjos Latrobe, Devonport, Burnie Speedway** at the Gulf Western and Independent Oils Speedway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe featuring Wingless Sprints, Sprintcars, Juniors - New Star, Juniors - Top Star, Street Stocks and Super Sedans. Gates open at 3:00pm. Admission fees apply.
- 30 Market by the Beach** at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club from 5:00pm. Enquiries to marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com
- Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 03 6419 9510. Adult to accompany child.
- 4 Chanting** at 10:30am and **Crystal Mandalas** at 11:30am for 5-12 years olds at Grandala, 85 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. 30-minute sessions. Limited numbers, bookings essential. ☎ 03 6419 9510. Adult to accompany child.
- 5 Circle Dancing** for 5-12 years olds at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9:30am. 30-minute session. Limited numbers, bookings essential to Grandala, 85 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 03 6419 9510. Adult to accompany child.
- 5 Meditation** at 10:30am and **Nature Mandalas** at 11:30am for 5-12 years olds at Grandala, 85 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. 30-minute sessions. Limited numbers, bookings essential. ☎ 03 6419 9510. Adult to accompany child.
- 6 Full Moon Session** includes a crystal, gong relaxation session and complimentary supper at Hamilton Hub, 18 Hamilton Street, Latrobe from 7:00pm. Cost: \$40pp. Bookings to www.thequietcone.com.au/events
- 6 Neil Gibson** performs at Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Blvd, Shearwater from 7:00pm until 10:30pm. Free entry.
- 7 Gong Relaxation Session** at Hamilton Hub, 18 Hamilton Street, Latrobe from 10:30am. Cost: \$40pp. Bookings to www.thequietcone.com.au/events
- 7 Silver Zephr** perform in Mackey's Royal Hotel main bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry. ☎ 6328 3370
- 8 Fat Lip** perform at Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Blvd, Shearwater from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. Free entry.
- 8 Devonport Anglers Club Twilight Junior Fishout Day** at Taylor's Dam, opposite the House of Anvers Chocolate Factory, Bass Hwy, Latrobe from 3:00pm until 8:00pm. Date subject to change. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/juniorfishingtasmania
- 9 Circle Dancing** for 5-12 years olds at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 10:30am. 30-minute session. Limited numbers, bookings essential to Grandala, 85 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 03 6419 9510. Adult to accompany child.
- 9 Crystal Mandalas** at 11:30am for 5-12 years olds at Grandala, 85 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. 30-minute sessions. Limited numbers, bookings essential. ☎ 03 6419 9510. Adult to accompany child.
- 9-20 Learn to Swim School Holiday Program** at the Latrobe Swim Centre. 10 lesson blocks over two weeks (Mon-Fri) from 9:30am. Suitable for beginners and beyond. Costs apply. ☎ 0417 309 194 or 0448 755 233
- 11 Tasmanian Family History Society Mersey Branch** resumes
- 13-14 Herbs Pizza Super Sedan Tasmanian Title** at the Gulf Western and Independent Oils Speedway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe featuring AMCA, Wingless Sprints, Super Sedans, Tassie Sixes (Friday) and AMCA, Dirt Karts - 125, Dirt Karts - Juniors, Dirt Karts - Seniors, Formula 500s, Street Stocks, Super Sedans on Saturday. Gates open at 3:00pm. Admission fees apply.
- 13 Market by the Beach** at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club from 5:00pm. Enquiries to marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com
- 13 Tony Leonard** performs at Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Blvd, Shearwater from 7:00pm until 10:30pm. Free entry.
- 14 The Cream Team** perform in Mackey's Royal Hotel main bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry. ☎ 6328 3370
- 15 Silver Lining** perform at Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Blvd, Shearwater from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. Free entry.
- 16 Circle Dancing** for 5-12 years olds at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 1:00pm. 30-minute session. Limited numbers, bookings essential to Grandala, 85 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 03 6419 9510. Adult to accompany child.
- 16 Totem Animals** at 2:00pm and **Meditation** at 3:00pm for 5-12 years olds at Grandala, 85 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. 30-minute sessions. Limited numbers, bookings essential. ☎ 03 6419 9510. Adult to accompany child.
- 16 Latrobe Council Meeting (TBC)** at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00pm. Attendance registration essential to 6426 4444.
- 18 Circle Dancing** for 5-12 years olds at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9:30am. 30-minute session. Limited numbers, bookings essential to Grandala, 85 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. ☎ 03 6419 9510. Adult to accompany child.
- 18 Mediation** at 10:30am and **Crystal Healing** at 1:00pm for 5-12 years olds at Grandala, 85 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. 30-minute sessions. Limited numbers, bookings essential. ☎ 03 6419 9510. Adult to accompany child.
- 18 KaLIBA Launch** at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe from 6:00pm. Free. Book now at www.facebook.com/events/693827159065048

JANUARY

Mixed media exhibition by Jill Crompton at The Crowded Lounge, 127-129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Refer to separate article.

- 4 Circle Dancing** for 5-12 years olds at Bells Parade, Latrobe from 9:30am. 30-minute session. Limited numbers, bookings essential to Grandala, 85

A VENUE NEAR YOU ...

- 20 Market by the Beach** at the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club from 5:00pm. Enquiries to marketbythebeach1617@yahoo.com
- 20 Dylan Boys** performs at Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Blvd, Shearwater from 7:00pm until 10:30pm. Free entry.
- 21 Clinton Hutton** performs in Mackey's Royal Hotel main bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry. ☎ 6328 3370
- 26 Australia Day Pancakes** at the Port Sorell Caravan Park Camp Kitchen from 8:00am.
Waterslide at the Port Sorell Bowls Club hill from 9:00am until 11:00am
Book, Garage Sale and BBQ at the Port Sorell Memorial Hall from 8:30am until 3:30pm hosted by the Lions Club of Port Sorell. ☎ 0419 162 691
- 26 Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony** in the Latrobe Memorial Hall. Come along and see who this year's Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event of the Year recipients are and welcome our newest Australian Citizens. ☎ 6426 4444
- 27 Matt and CJ** perform at Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Blvd, Shearwater from 7:00pm until 10:30pm. Free entry.
- 27-28 Gulf Western & Independent Oils Super Sedan Grand Prix** the Gulf Western and Independent Oils Speedway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe featuring Formula 500s, Street Stocks, Super Sedans Grand Prix (Friday) and Wingless Sprints, Dirt Karts - 125, Dirt Karts - Juniors, Dirt Karts - Seniors, Formula 500s, Modifieds, Juniors - New Star, Juniors - Top Star, Street Stocks, Super Sedans Grand Prix, Tassie Sixes (Saturday). Gates open at 3:00pm. Admission fees apply.
- 28-29 Latrobe Lilium Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Open Saturday 1:00pm until 4:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am until 4:00pm. ☎ 6435 1298
- 28 Fat Lip** perform in Mackey's Royal Hotel main bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry. ☎ 6328 3370
- 29 North West Zone Dressage Competition** at 291 Squeaking Point Road, Thirlstane from 8:30am until 4:00pm. Free spectator entry. Food and refreshments available. ☎ 0447 557 563
- 29 Statewide Nipper Carnival** at North Freers Beach, Shearwater from 9:00am. portsorellslc@gmail.com
- 31 Trev Weaver** at Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Blvd, Shearwater from 6:00pm until 9:30pm followed by **The Danny Kealley Band** from 9:30pm until 1:00am. Free entry.

FEBRUARY

- Sounds of Silence Exhibition by Nita Pountney at The Crowded Lounge, 127-129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Refer to separate article.
- 3 St Patrick's School Term 1 commences**
- 4 Penguin Island Open Water Twilight Swim** at North Freers Beach from 5:00pm
- 4 Monsters of Rock** perform in Mackey's Royal Hotel main bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry. ☎ 6328 3370
- 5 Gong Relaxation Session** at Hamilton Hub, 18 Hamilton Street, Latrobe from 2:00pm. Cost: \$40pp. Bookings to www.thequietcone.com.au/events
- 5 Full Moon Session** includes a crystal, gong relaxation session and complimentary supper at Hamilton Hub, 18 Hamilton Street, Latrobe from 7:00pm Cost: \$40pp. Bookings to www.thequietcone.com.au/events
- 7 Geneva School Term 1 commences**
- 7 Resumption of Latrobe Senior Citizens Club** for 2022 at Hamilton Hub, 18 Hamilton Street, Latrobe. All welcome.
- 8 Education Department Term 1 commences**
- 10 The Orange Whips** perform at Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Blvd, Shearwater from 6:30pm until 10:00pm. Free entry.
- 11 Thongs & Socks** Collective perform in Mackey's Royal Hotel main bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry. ☎ 6328 3370
- 12 Come and Try Disc Golf** at Pig Island, Latrobe. 50-minute sessions at 10:00am; 11:00am and 12 noon. Bookings essential and open on 22 December at <https://ComeandTryDiscGolfFeb2023.eventbrite.com.au>
- 12 Devonport Anglers Club Twilight Junior Fishout Day** at Taylor's Dam, opposite the House of Anvers Chocolate Factory, Bass Hwy, Latrobe from 3:00pm until 8:00pm. Date subject to change. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/juniorfishingtasmania
- 13 Latrobe Council Meeting** (TBC) at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00pm. Attendance registration essential to 6426 4444.
- 18 Latrobe Speedway** at the Gulf Western and Independent Oils Speedway, Speedway Drive, Latrobe

- featuring AMCA, Dirt Karts - 125, Dirt Karts - Juniors, Dirt Karts - Seniors, Sprintcars, Junior Sedans (Tasmanian Title), Tassie Sixes. Gates open at 3:00pm. Admission fees apply
- 18 Mikayla J** perform in Mackey's Royal Hotel main bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry. ☎ 6328 3370
- 25 Concert in the Vines** at Ghost Rock Wines, 1055 Port Sorell Road, Northdown featuring Jon Stevens, Pete Murray, The Bad Dad Orchestra and Pete Cornelius. Carpark opens at 10:00am; gates open at 11:00am. Tickets via www.ghostrock.com.au or from the cellar door.
- 25 Heavy Rollers** perform at Shearwater Resort, 17-23 Shearwater Blvd, Shearwater from 6:30pm until 10:00pm. Free entry.
- 25 Unlikely Suspects** perform in Mackey's Royal Hotel main bar, 161 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 8:30pm. Free entry. ☎ 6328 3370
- 26 North West Zone Dressage Competition** at 291 Squeaking Point Road, Thirlstane from 8:30am until 4:00pm. Free spectator entry. Food and refreshments available. ☎ 0447 557 563
- 28-29 Latrobe Lilium Show** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 1:00pm until 4:00pm Saturday and 10:00am until 4:00pm Sunday. Phone: 6435 1298
- 28 Business Clean Up Day:** www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/

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- 3 Schools Clean Up Day:** www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/
- 5 Tasmanian Dressage Championships** at 291 Squeaking Point Road, Thirlstane from 8:30am until 5:00 pm Saturday and 8:30am to 3:00pm Sunday. Free spectator entry. Food and refreshments available. ☎ 0447 557 563
- 5 Clean Up Australia Day:** www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/
- 5 Latrobe Cemetery Working Bee** (TBC) at the Latrobe Cemetery, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10:00am until 11:15am. BYO gardening implements and wear appropriate clothing. Food and drink at conclusion. ☎ 6426 4444
- 6 Latrobe Council Meeting** (TBC) at 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5:00pm. Attendance registration essential to 6426 4444.
- 8 International Women's Day**
- 10-19 10 Days on the Island.** Program details available at <https://www.ten days.org.au/>

LATROBE HYDROTHERAPY POOL

Hydrotherapy is the use of warm water, maintained at a temperature of 34°C, to treat many health conditions, from rehabilitation to soothing aches and pains or just to get you moving more freely again.

The Latrobe Hydrotherapy Pool, co-located at 37 Moriarty Road, Latrobe on the Uniting Agewell site, was closed by the Tasmanian Government in 2020 on the basis that it was not financially viable.

Council consulted with local service providers on how the facility could provide opportunities for broader community use and lobbied for its reopening, without success. Council then proposed to the State Government that it would take over the operation of the Latrobe Hydrotherapy Pool subject to the State Government funding a facility upgrade. The State Government provided \$400,000 for upgrade works. These works included disability compliant change and shower facilities, fitting one changeroom with a ceiling hoist and automatic bed and installing a new heating system to reduce operational costs. The facility is also fitted with a defibrillator, first aid kit and necessary safety equipment.



Moving forward to May 2021 and the Latrobe Hydrotherapy Pool reopened for public use under Council ownership and managed by Deepwater Swim School, who have more than 25 years' experience operating pools.

Since then, the Latrobe Hydrotherapy Pool has been meeting the therapeutic needs of residents and visitors. As well as physiotherapy organisations utilising the pool for client sessions, individuals and small groups are also booking in to strengthen their muscles, decrease the impact on joints, decrease pain, improve balance and coordination, improve flexibility and movement as well as improve circulation and sleep.

Permanent and casual bookings are available, phone 0428 296 641. The Latrobe Hydrotherapy Pool is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am-12 noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm.

MEAD TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA IN CROQUET

After winning the Tasmanian Under 21 Championships in Hobart, Latrobe Croquet Club member, Curtis Mead (pictured) has been selected to represent Australia in the World U21 Croquet Championships in New Zealand in February 2023.

Curtis has been playing exceptionally well this year and it is a proud moment for the club to have a Tasmanian representing Australia in an international competition.

At a more local level, the A Grade pennant season has now concluded with the Latrobe team coming out overall winners. The B and C Grades still have more games to play, with the club hopeful of another good result.

The state medals were held in early November in which six Latrobe members competed and played well but without medal success.

Croquet can be played at any level, either competitively or socially, so why not give it a go. The first three introductory sessions are free, and all equipment is supplied. Call Chris on 0499 990 239 if you would like to try.



RECOGNISING VOLUNTEERS

Not-for-profit organisations and groups that provide community-based services within the Latrobe Council area are invited to nominate their organisation and individuals that meet specific hours of service (500, 2,000 or 5,000 hours) or milestone years (10, 20, 30 and 40 years) of continuous voluntary service for the 2023 Volunteer Recognition Award. Please note that individual nominations must be a minuted decision of the nominating organisation.

The nomination form is available online at <https://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/community/volunteer-recognition> and close on 1 May.

SMALL GRANTS TO OPEN IN MARCH

Did you know that Latrobe Council offers a competitive small grants program twice yearly with two fields of funding -

- **Emerging Needs Grants** to address an unmet need within the Latrobe Council area in the fields of minor capital works, health and community welfare, environment, sport, and recreation.
- **Arts, Culture and Festival Sponsorship** to assist the sustainability of events and major festivals within the Latrobe Council area.

Round 1 opens on 1 March and applies to projects occurring between 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. Round 2 opens in August and applies to projects implemented between 1 October 2023 to 30 June 2024. Grant guidelines and application forms will provide more detail however, between now and 1 March, why not consider the priorities of your community organisation for potential co-funding.

FUTURE EDITIONS

Article and event deadlines and distribution dates are provided to assist contributors with their forward planning

Deadline	Edition
2 Feb	Mar-Apr
27 Mar	May-Jun
1 Jun	Jul-Aug
27 Jul	Sept-Oct

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