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Rates Notice Via Email Option

To cater for residents that prefer a paperless society, Council is able to email your rates notice as from the first instalment date. This is however an opt in service. Should you wish to receive your rates notice electronically, please forward your details to lisas@latrobe.tas.gov.au. These details will not be provided to any third party.

All ratepayers should have received their rates notice by 24 July. If not, please contact Council's Rates Officer, Lisa Smith on 6421 4650.

Payment of rates in full on or before 14 August entitles the payee to a 2% discount. Alternatively, payments can be made by four instalments on or before 14 August, 2015; 31 October, 2015; 31 January, 2016 and 31 March, 2016.

Payments may be made in person, online or by mail. Please refer to the back of your rates notice for details of available payment options.

Café, Function Centre Offered for Lease

Expressions of interest are being sought for the operation of the café and function centre at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame situated at picturesque Bells Parade, on the banks of the Mersey River at Latrobe.



The contemporary building currently houses a café and function centre, museum and visitor centre and hosts weddings, corporate functions, events and seminars.

Due to the current tenant surrendering the lease for health reasons, Latrobe Council is seeking expressions of interest from a motivated and innovative operator to lease the facility.

Further information is contained within the Expression of Interest documentation which can be accessed from www.latrobe.tas.gov.au.

Submissions should be marked "AHOF Expression of Interest" and be forwarded to PO Box 63, Latrobe by 12 noon on Friday, 24 July.

Municipal Revaluation

All Local Government areas are revalued by the Valuer-General on a six year rotation in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*.

On 26 May, residents should have received their revaluations as at 1 July 2014 with the values proclaimed and effective for rating purposes from 1 July 2015. If you have not received your revaluation, please contact the Valuer-General's office by phoning 1300 368 550.

Within the Latrobe Municipality, there were significant variations to property values with the Assessed Annual Value of 1,295 properties decreasing 5% or greater, 2,113 properties with a variation between -5% and 5% and 2511 properties with an increase of 5% or more.

While this may seem a relatively good balance, what it means in relation to the setting of rates for the 2015-16 financial year, is that some residents will receive a decrease whereas others will be hit with a greater financial burden.

Residents with a decrease in property value are less likely to challenge their valuation whereas those with a higher valuation may be more inclined to object to their valuation.

"One of the challenges to Council when there are such wide variations through a revaluation is to smooth out the impact of any increase. Obviously, Council rates need to be set at a rate that provides for services throughout the Municipality, taking into account increases in operational costs as well as new projects to ensure ongoing fiscal responsibility. It is a fine balance that is this year made all the more difficult with the revaluations," said Mayor Freshney.

Section 11(3)(e) of the *Valuation of Land Act 2001* provides that: "the assessed annual value of the land is not to be in any case less than 4% of the capital value of the land."

If you disagree with your valuation you have up to 60 days, from the date that you received the notification, to appeal the values, stating the basis of their objection.

The objection process may involve discussion with the objector and re-inspection of the property if necessary. The outcome may be that the valuation stays the same or it may increase or decrease.

Council will be setting its rates for the 2015-16 financial year at a special meeting scheduled for 6 July with rate notices to be posted out by mid-July.

LIFT OUTS IN THIS ISSUE

Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe festival guide
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A free community publication by Latrobe Council

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Inter- High Cross Country Success

On 3 June the first ever Inter High Cross Country Carnival at Shorewell Reserve in Burnie was held. For the last twenty years the Inter High Carnival has been held at Ulverstone - on a flat course along the road and beach. The new course was challenging as the track was similar to a mud run course but without the obstacles.

Approximately 700 competitors from 16 High Schools along the North West Coast enjoyed the uneven terrain with Latrobe High School finishing 4th overall.

Mr Brent Armitstead, Principal of Latrobe High School said "We are proud of all members of the Inter High Team and would like to congratulate the top twenty finishers:

Grade 7..... 1st - Ashtyn Dennison
13th - Amber Hall
Grade 8..... 2nd - Darcy Miller
12th - Nathan Baldock
Grade 9..... 1st - Eve Bell
3rd - Edward Lancaster
Grade 10.... 6th - Sarah Turnbull
20th - Tayla McCallar
19th - Thomas Needham"



2015 Qantaslink Cradle Coast Regional Tourism Forum

Registrations are now open for the tenth annual Qantaslink Cradle Coast Regional Tourism Forum 'Creating your Story of Success' to be held on 29 and 30 July in Queenstown

The theme for this year's premier regional tourism industry event puts the spotlight on getting the word out – whether through business, local or regional promotions; the power of search engines and consumer reviews; leveraging industry networks; or targeted campaigns and publications.

Guest speakers representing some of the industry's biggest names will share their sales and marketing advice, including Chris Zeiher of Lonely Planet, Jessica Quinlan from TripAdvisor, and Hadrien Le Roy of Google.

Go to http://www.cradlecoast.com/tourism_forum.html to access the full program and book your seat today!

Be Food Safe

Getting the basics right early is important for workers starting out in the food industry or even those who have been around for years.

This user-friendly food safety course will teach food workers all the skills and knowledge that they need to prepare and handle food safely. The session is packed full of useful information and hints and tips, and provides a good grounding of what legal responsibilities are involved in handling and serving food.

Three 2-hour sessions will be held locally on 18 August (evening), 19 August (late morning) and 20 August (breakfast time and limited to food business staff only). Venues and specific times will be announced closer to these dates.

The cost is \$40 per person for a food business and free for community/charity organisations with registration forms available from the Latrobe Council office once venues have been confirmed.

For further information, please contact Council's Environmental Health Officer, Glenys Nicholls on 6421 4650 or 0408 459 478.

What's Going On?

To keep up to date with what's happenings in your community, LIKE www.facebook.com/latrobecounciltas and tick GET NOTIFICATIONS.

Council's website - <http://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au> - is also regularly updated and provides a source of information and forms for various interactions with Council.

Challenging Ride Reaps Rewards

One of the toughest, endurance horse riding events in Australia - The Tom Quilty Gold Cup - was recently held in Hawkesbury, NSW, celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

A contingent of 33 entrants from Tasmania participated in this prestigious event including four from the Latrobe Municipality - Grace Huxtable, Anita and Jaz Hutchins and Felicity Perry.

The Tom Quilty Gold Cup is a 24 hour, long distance (160 kms), competitive horse ride over a variety of terrain and broken into five legs.

This year's competition attracted 352 entries from throughout Australian and the world in the Heavyweight, Middleweight, Lightweight and Junior sections.

Participation in the Tom Quilty Gold Cup is not motivated by monetary reward but rather the satisfaction of competing and the prestige of winning the Quilty Cup. While all participants can win their category, only Heavyweight or Middleweight competitors are eligible for the Quilty Cup.

The objective of the Tom Quilty Gold Cup is to complete the course in the fastest time however the care of the horses is paramount. At the end of each leg of the course, there is a holding time of between 40-60 minutes which includes the vetting of the horse. In the assessment, the horse's heart rate cannot be more than 60 beats per minute and they must not present as lame.

Out of the total field, only 215 competitors finished.

Unfortunately, Jaz Hutchins and Grace Huxtable recorded a "did not finish" result but Felicity Perry placed 14th and Anita Hutchins placed 40th, both in the Lightweight section - an emotional occasion, even for the strappers!

New Admissions Area at Mersey

Patients who arrive at the Mersey Community Hospital (MCH) to undergo a procedure or operation are advised that a new and relocated admissions office is now operating.

The admissions office is now located on the ground floor at MCH, directly behind the front entrance and adjacent to the hospital pharmacy. It was previously located on Level 1 of the hospital.

MCH General Manager Eric Daniels said the new admissions office is much easier to find, and clear signage is in place at both the hospital front entrance, and the Emergency Department entrance, to show patients where to go.

"It makes sense to have an admissions office close to the hospital front entrance," Mr Daniels said.

"The new area also provides more privacy for patients as they complete necessary paperwork, as well as increased safety for our admissions clerks.

Patients and visitors can also ask reception staff at the hospital front entrance or Emergency Department if they are unsure where to go", Mr Daniels said.

Shared Services Alternative to Amalgamation

The Latrobe and Kentish Councils believe that their resource sharing arrangement could be a model for resource sharing among other Local Government entities in Tasmania and across the nation.

The Latrobe and Kentish municipal alliance is at the forefront of shared service initiatives and significant savings for ratepayers have been achieved by both Councils under the current arrangement while retaining their independence to pursue municipal specific initiatives.

“Given the day to day basis on which residents interact with Local Government, there appears to be a surprising lack of understanding of what Councils actually do. This no doubt influences some calls for generalized Council amalgamations based simply on the argument of oversupply for the number of residents but if a Local Government entity delivers services in an efficient and effective manner in their current structure, what is the basis for arguing for amalgamation?” said Mayor Peter Freshney. “To take our resource sharing arrangement a step further to voluntary amalgamation is not what our communities support nor are there any perceived benefits to our ratepayers in the long term. Our councils are clear in their direction to continue to promote resource sharing as an alternative to amalgamation with other Councils.

Even the Minister for Local Government, the Honourable Peter Gutwein MP acknowledged that the Latrobe and Kentish Council’s shared services arrangement is a “very good resource sharing model”, further stating that he thinks that “there are also some learnings that we [local government] may be able to get from the way that they have structured themselves”.

The Latrobe and Kentish Councils will continue to explore opportunities for further resource sharing initiatives with each other as well as other Councils where it is cost effective and in the interest of our ratepayers to do so”, added Mayor Freshney.

Despite the lack of eligibility for inclusion of our current arrangement in the feasibility analysis funded by the Tasmanian Government, the Latrobe and Kentish Council’s believe that there are benefits in scrutinising the current relationship between the two Councils, both for internal and external use by other Councils, and are self-funding a study to review the resource sharing objectives, achievements and obstacles.

“Our councils support the intent of the Minister’s reform agenda and, in keeping with those values, are determined to continue to develop and enhance our existing, long term municipal alliance. We will however continue to explore opportunities with other Councils to provide services in the most cost efficient manner possible whilst retaining our local identity and sense of place,” said Mayor Freshney.

Get Physically Active This Winter

Are you looking for a sport or recreation activity to get you motivated through the cold winter months?

Why not find a friend, find an activity and set yourself a goal?

Latrobe Council has collated details of physical activity programs offered throughout the Latrobe Municipality (available online at www.latrobe.tas.gov.au) to assist you with finding something of interest.

Vegetation Hazards

Council has recently received a number of complaints about gardens extending beyond property boundaries and causing a hazard to pedestrians who may trip on the growth or walk in inappropriate locations, such as on roadways, due to the extensive overgrowth over footpaths.

Residents with plants and trees that are extending outside their property boundary are requested to cut them back to their boundary and ensure that they remain contained within their property to alleviate the hazard.

Dog/Cat Registration/Renewals Due



Owning a dog and cat is a great responsibility. Under the *Dog Control Act 2000*, ALL dogs over the age of six months must be microchipped and registered in the Municipality in which they are kept.

Owners of registered dogs and cats with Latrobe Council should have received a renewal for the 2015-16 financial year by now, provided your address details have not changed.

Registration renewals are due on 1 July with Latrobe Council offering a discounted period of registration until 31 July inclusive. The full fee applies from 1 August.

If there are more than two dogs kept at a property, an annual kennel licence is required.

Council’s Animal Control contractors undertake house-to-house inspections on an ad hoc basis. If a dog is found not to be registered or micro chipped, the owner can be fined.

Legislation on cat ownership has also been tightened in recent years through the *Cat Management Act 2009* and the *Cat Management Regulations 2012* to promote cat welfare and responsible ownership, including the desexing and micro chipping of domestic cats. Additionally, the legislation enables the humane handling and control of unidentified, stray and feral cats to reduce the negative effects of cats on the environment and agriculture.

Latrobe Council has determined that cat registration will remain voluntary for 2015-16, with no change to the fees from last financial year.

If you no longer have your pet, please advise Council.

Building Approvals

A total of 8 building applications were submitted to Council for approval during the month of May with a conservative construction cost of \$1,108,500. This is down on applications for the same time in 2014 and is probably reflective of the current economic cautiousness.

Sculptural Lantern Workshop

Looking for something to keep the kids busy on the last day of the school holidays? Look no further - a sculptural lantern workshop for under 18s is being held in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm on Sunday, 19 July with Annie Brennan. Get creative and make a lantern so you can participate in the *Cement Australia Lights on Fire* lantern parade.

Cost is \$10 per person and includes all materials and tuition to make one lantern. Children aged 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. BYO food and refreshments.

Registrations with Latrobe Council by Friday, 17 May are essential.

Free Event Promotion

There have been some recent important changes in the process for listing your event with Tourism Tasmania for it to appear on the Discover Tasmania website - something all events should do.

It's important that you have the correct dates, website links and photos to make your event stand out from the crowd. To list or update your event, email Troy Grundy (troy.grundy@tourism.tas.gov.au) at Tourism Tasmania who will work with you on your listing.

Troy will talk to you about the specifics and what will make your listing great. When you list your event it won't appear just on the Discover Tasmania website. In fact, all event listings appear on more than 50 different tourism websites around Australia - that's fantastic exposure and completely free of charge!

Old Diehards Sought

Are you or do you know the whereabouts of a former player, committee member, supporter or member of the Latrobe Football Club?

If so, the Club's past players, administrators and supporters group (the Old Diehards) is wishing to hear from you to assist with gauging interest in rekindling a relationship with the Latrobe Football Club.

The group is seeking to build a significant membership base and a key to that will be the capacity in which they are able to contact potential members, wherever they may be.

Through the canvassing of members' ideas and aspirations, a clear direction for The "Old Diehards Association" can be defined and implemented.

At this stage the committee really need as many names and contact details as possible and encourages anyone interested to contact any of the following: Harvey Fox (0438 261 513), Peter Freshney (0417 287 006), Bill Harris (0417 364 870), Steven Hardy (0419 502 532), Grant French (0429 449 140), Ian Broomhall (0419 332 359), Rick Slatter (0418 579 530) or Malcolm Jackson (0419 571493).

More New Faces Sought



The annual general meeting of the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club was held in May and saw some new faces join the Management Committee for the 2015-16 season.

Stuart Dickson was re-elected as President and reflected on another successful season for the Nippers and Cadets in and out of the water. "We are extremely grateful to all of our sponsors and in particular our main sponsor Crowe Horwath. Our sponsor's support ensures we keep our beaches safe over summer.

Over the winter period, we focus on the maintenance of boats, equipment and the club house in preparation for next summer. We are always seeking volunteers and some of the roles do not require your feet getting wet!" said Mr Dickson.

Contact Stuart on 0438 577 191 for a chat if you feel you have talents that could be put to good use.

News about events at the club house, registration for next season, or information about surf life saving services at Port Sorell can be found online at www.portsorellsurflifesavingclub.com.au or by liking their Facebook page.

Communities Voice Environmental Priorities¹

North West Tasmania's five-year strategy for natural resource management is being updated to guide the region through to 2020.

The Strategy is developed on behalf of the region by Cradle Coast Natural Resource Management (NRM) and is a reference document that can be used to prioritise local environmental activities. Cradle Coast NRM also contributes to achieving the Strategy's regional goals through their program of projects.

Determining the region's environmental priorities has involved an extensive period of community surveys, and five landholder and special interest group workshops.

Most of the 276 street surveys were completed by Cradle Coast NRM's Strategy and Implementation Manager, Ernst Kemmerer, and were conducted in both urban and rural areas, across all age groups and professions.

The surveys revealed that rivers are considered the most important feature in our region's environment, followed by natural landscapes and then coastlines.

"This finding reflects the high value people place on water quality for a range of uses including recreation, fishing, agriculture, household water supply, and to maintain biodiversity values," Ernst said.

"Water quality improvement is therefore likely to be a centrepiece of the regional Strategy and will require the commitment of communities, industry and government to achieve what the people of the region expect."

Lisa Marshall, survey analyst, summed up the collaborative approach required when she said: "The responsibility for prioritising activities to address environmental issues does not just rest with environmental managers. Everyone in the region must determine how these issues are addressed because everyone is inherently involved in managing environmental outcomes."

Smoke Nuisance to Neighbours

Smoke from wood heaters can contribute to excessive levels of fine particles in the air which are known to increase the incidence of heart and respiratory diseases.

Smoke can also be an environmental nuisance for neighbours. The Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Distributed Atmospheric Emissions) Regulations 2007 are aimed at reducing these effects.

A well maintained heater should produce little visible smoke when the fire is burning well. The regulations will be breached if the smoke is visible 10 metres or more from the chimney, for at least 10 minutes.

Under the Regulations, Council's Environmental Health Officer may issue warnings by way of letter. More formal action may be required with issuing of fines when people persist in operating their wood heaters in a way that causes excessive smoke.

Under the regulations all heaters sold in Tasmania, including second hand units, must comply with the current Australian Standard on heater emissions. Please ensure when you buy a wood heater it has a compliance plate showing it meets Standard AS/NZS 4013-1999.

Environmental nuisance regulations also apply to backyard burning.

Please contact Council's Environmental Health Officer on 64214650 with any questions or queries.

¹ Cradle to Coastlines Edition 2 2015

Get Into the First Home Market

The Tasmanian Government's HomeShare Scheme makes it easier for more low and middle income Tasmanians to purchase their own home, turning the dream of home ownership into reality by reducing the initial cost of buying a house and the monthly cost of owning it.

Under HomeShare, the cost of buying a new home is shared with the Director of Housing. By sharing ownership, low to middle income Tasmanians may now be able to buy a house that they otherwise could not afford.

The cap for assistance has been lifted from 25% of the purchase price or \$50,000 up to 30% or \$55,000.

Under the change, the asset and income limits for applicants have also been raised with singles and couples now eligible to apply under the HomeShare Scheme.

The scheme can be used to purchase property owned by the Director of Housing, newly built homes and house and land packages and is also available to all public housing tenants who are able to afford a loan, giving them the opportunity to take the step from renting to home ownership.

More information on HomeShare can be found at www.homesharetas.com.au

Amber's Update

While fundraising support has been overwhelming, the Clarke family continue to fundraise so Amber Clarke may receive radical physiotherapy treatment for Cerebral Palsy in Adelaide this October.

A cubby house initiated by Michael Gaffney MLC, supported by the Hill Street Grocers and constructed by the Latrobe Men's Shed is currently being raffled out the front of the Latrobe Fire Station in Gilbert Street, Latrobe each Sunday morning. The cubby House will be drawn on 9 August.

On 25 July, a 150 kilometre bike ride, from Latrobe to Barnbougle, will take place. Participants must raise \$250 to take part with donations and corporate sponsorship welcome. Further information is available by contacting Mark Astell on 0400 450 611.

The final event is a concert scheduled for 15 August. The finer details are still being worked out, so keep an ear out for this one.

If you are able to support these endeavours, please contact either Rachael on 0409 937 768 or Michael on 0409 261 718.

World War 1 Memorials Unveiled

On 28 June, 14 memorial plaques commissioned by the Latrobe RSL as part of an ANZAC Centenary Project were unveiled along Sheean Walk, Latrobe.

Sheean Walk is the pedestrian link from the Latrobe CBD to the picturesque Bells Parade Reserve.

At the entry from Gilbert Street, is a memorial to local hero, Edward "Teddy" Sheean with the first section between Gilbert and Victor Street dedicated solely to conflicts of World War 2.

The section of the walk between Victor and Twiss Street has now been dedicated solely to World War 1 with the 14 new plaques taking the tally up to 21 interpretative panels. In the section from Twiss Street to River Road are plaques reflecting on Malaya, Borneo, Korea and Vietnam conflicts and allows for future installations.

Sheean Walk is a fitting tribute to the history of our nation and a valuable resource for young and old. Lest We Forget.

Smoking at Public Events

Under the *Public Health Act 1997*, the Director of Public Health has the authority to designate classes of public events as smoke-free. Selected markets, food and wine and music festivals, agricultural shows and Carols by Candlelight's are to be smoke-free or have designated areas for smoking.

While none of Latrobe's markets or events have been selected as smoke free, smokers are urged to be considerate of fellow event goers.

Banning smoking at events will help to de-normalise tobacco to children at an event predominately attended by families with children. It also protects non-smoking parents, carers and children from exposure to harmful second-hand smoke.

Smoking is less likely to be considered the norm when it is removed from busy public areas, particularly where there are young people. It also protects the health of non-smokers, including staff and patrons from exposure to harmful second hand smoke and supports smokers by making it easier to quit or remain quit.

When involved or attending public events in the area please consider those around you and, if you must smoke, please consider moving to a designated area away from the general public.

Watching, Waiting and Testing²

What vegetable grower isn't looking for a way to grow better crops with fewer inputs? The hard part is finding a cost-effective way to do that, which fits into the production system.

Botanical Resources Australia (BRA), the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA), RM Consulting Group (RMCG) and Cradle Coast NRM have teamed up to investigate the merits of soil amendments (pyrethrum marc*, biochar and oaten chaff) on experimental fields at TIA's Forthside Research Station.

BRA's (Australian Government funded) Action on the Ground project has already provided some great information on green beans, onions and broccoli in its first trial, with those crops showing increased vigour and yield with the application of pyrethrum marc.

The next crop to go under the microscope is lettuce. A crack team of lettuce planters has already hand planted the 7,500 seedlings needed for the trial.

As a soil conditioner and slow release source of nutrients - particularly nitrogen - pyrethrum marc and similar soil amendments from organic waste are potentially valuable to farmers. This depends on costs (transport, spreading and, if any, of the marc itself) and benefits of using the marc.

*Pyrethrum marc is the shoot and flower material remaining after pyrethrins have been extracted from pyrethrum crops for use in insecticides.



Amber Clark of Latrobe

² Cradle to Coastlines Edition 2 2015

If you would like to discuss your ideas further with a council representative, please advise an email address and/or phone number and first name:

Tourism E-Kit Gets Major Update

As part of a regular bi-annual update of the Tourism e-Kit, 65 tutorials have been updated and two new tutorials have been added: 'How to prioritise your Marketing Spend when it comes to Online Marketing' and 'Online in India'.

The Tourism e kit is produced by the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse and provides video and text-based tutorials in online marketing and distribution to Australian tourism operators to help them make the most of doing business online. Find out more at <http://bit.ly/1BLbfm7>.

Business Model Canvas Workshops

To support innovation and enterprise in our region, as a way of ensuring that it remains one of the best places in the world in which to live, work and invest, Cradle Coast Innovation is conducting two Business Model Canvas Workshops in Latrobe on 23 July (from 10.00 am until midday or 1.00 pm until 3.00 pm).

The relaxed and small group workshop offers small business owners the opportunity to analyse and respond to their changing business environment by assessing and fine-tuning their value proposition and business model.

Support by the Australian Small Business Advisory Services (ASBAS) programme, an Australian Government initiative has enabled the cost to be kept low, at \$25 per person," said Business Coach, Daryl Connelly.

To register your attendance, please contact Daryl at Cradle Coast Innovation on 0488 333 893 or email daryl@cradlecoastinnovation.com.au

Boosting the Tasmanian Devil Population

Narawntapu National Park (NNP) is the first trial area in Tasmania for putting captive devils back in the wild.

A key aim of the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program (STDP) is to get devils back into the natural environment and the STDP is planning to introduce 20 healthy devils into Narawntapu in September. This is the first stage of the Wild Devil Recovery Project announced by the Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage Matthew Groom late last year.

NNP already has devils so a part of this trial involves warning them of the eminent arrival of the devils currently being held in Free Range Enclosures (FRE) at Bicheno and Launceston. The current population at NNP is monitored annually and will continue to be monitored with this introduction. Devil latrines in the park are being located and captive devil scats are being placed in these spots to introduce those devils to the incumbents. Infra-red sensor cameras will also be used to study devil behaviour. If you are out and about in the park over coming weeks and you see one of the cameras, please don't be tempted to touch it!

The STDP is working closely with the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service to ensure that the NNP trial is a success. Keep an eye out for posters and other information designed to help explain what is happening and why.



*STDP Team Leader
Monitoring and
Management Sam Fox
with devil in NNP*

For more information about the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program visit the website: <http://www.tassiedevil.com.au>

Huon Aquaculture Expands

Huon Aquaculture recently opened the Company's new smokehouse and Product Innovation Centre at Parramatta Creek.

The state-of-the-art facility signals a new era for the Company by bringing together their fresh product and value added processing operation, a world first.

Attendees at the official opening were able to see and taste the new salmon products that will be produced at the facility as well as meet the wonderful team that produce them.

It is planned to open the Centre up to the public soon for product sales and tours of the facility. Details of when this will happen will be promoted on

<https://www.facebook.com/huonaquaculture> so be sure to LIKE and GET NOTIFICATIONS.

Celebrating World Hand Hygiene Day 2015

World Hand Hygiene Day (WHHD) took place on 5 May 2015. Supported by the World Health Organisation (WHO) WHHD encourages patients and their families to join healthcare workers in an effort to practice good hand hygiene.

Many germs can survive on environmental surfaces and can be picked up by hands and passed on without you knowing. Hand hygiene (washing of hands or using waterless hand gels) helps prevent the spread of germs that cause infections such as influenza and gastroenteritis.

When at home it is important, to clean hands:

- Before handling or preparing food or drinks. Or handling cooking utensils
- Before eating and drinking
- After going to the toilet or changing nappies
- After smoking
- After handling rubbish or working in the garden
- After handling or touching animals
- After coming into contact with anyone who is sick, including children
- When hands are visibly dirty.



*Margaret Stones
shows of the hand
shaped biscuit*

As part of WHHD celebrations, clients of the Latrobe Adult Day Centre baked hand shaped biscuits, which were shared with staff across the Tasmanian Health Organisation - North West. Poster displays centred on hand hygiene were erected in public areas of THO-North West enhancing public awareness to the importance of hand hygiene within healthcare facilities.

Inappropriate Disposals Affect Neighbours

Council has received a number of complaints regarding people dumping rubbish such as green waste, building rubble/dirt or un-wanted household items on vacant blocks. This is an offence under the provisions of the *Litter Act 2007* for which a \$308 fine applies.

Please consider your neighbours by ensuring unwanted items are disposed of in an appropriate manner.

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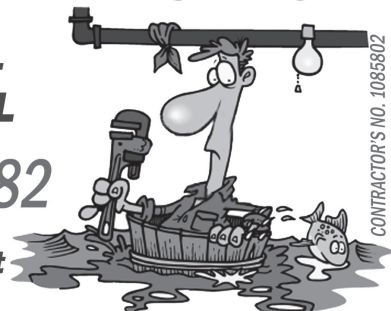
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Latrobe Memorial Hall, 168 Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 4.00 pm
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Latrobe Memorial Hall, 168 Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 4.00 pm
Be amazed by the talents of Beverley McNamara and Alex Nicholas as they work their magic and create a visual masterpiece with chocolate and other mediums.

Guess the Weight of the Chocolate Cake

Spice Fashion, 148 Gilbert St, Latrobe 10.30 am - 2.00 pm
Accurately guess the weight of the chocolate cake to win it. Prize awarded to the first to guess correctly.

Chocolate Bingo

Latrobe Senior Citizens Club, Hamilton St, Latrobe 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
Do you have the luck of the Irish? Experience bingo with chocolate as your reward on selected games.

Chocolate Rain

Australian Axemans Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe 10.45 am and 3.15 pm
A chocolate take on a tradition lolly scramble for U10's only.



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Chocolate High Tea

House of Anvers, 9025 Bass Hwy, Latrobe
10.30 am - 3.00 pm
For the ultimate chocolate lover, all the elegance and tradition of a bygone era is presented in the form of a truly-decadent Chocolate High Tea! Indulge in a chocolate-infused selection of mouth-watering chocolate cakes, tarts, and petit fours accompanied by live entertainment. Cost: \$30 per stand.

Chocolate Appreciation Master Class

House of Anvers, 9025 Bass Hwy, Latrobe
9.30 am or 1.30 pm
Join Belgium Chocolatier, Igor van Gerwen, in a Chocolate Appreciation Master Class and discover the art of tasting delectable delights as well as making a chocolate sculpture to take home. You will be sure to impress with your newly acquired skills. Duration: 3 hours. Cost: \$75 pp, limited participation, bookings essential to 6426 2703.

Chocolate Zorb

Lewis Streets, Latrobe (alongside the Latrobe Council office)
10.30 am - 3.30 pm
Will you be the first to stand your ground on the lucky spot to win the chocolate?



The Chocolate Bowl

Latrobe Guide Hall, Hamilton St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 3.30 pm
Check out the many treats on offer including chocolate show bags, cakes, a chance to win the lolly wonderland and/or indulge in a variety of food and refreshments. Costs apply.

Gold Digger

Latrobe Guide Hall, Hamilton St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 3.30 pm
Follow the clues to collect the gold tokens and be rewarded with your bag of booty. Small entry fee applies.

Tyreright Chocolate Wheel and Challenges

Tyreright, 42 Gilbert Street, Latrobe
11.00 am until 2.15 pm
Great prizes to be won on the Tyreright Chocolate Wheel, run on the hour at 11am, 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm. Try your hand at the Tyre Footy Challenge plus activities for kids throughout the day. Refreshments available.

Chocolate Gives You Wings

Alongside the Lucas Hotel, 46 Gilbert Street, Latrobe
10.30 am - 4.30 pm
In a century of aviation, pilots and crew from the RAAF have relied on their survival kits and the sugar rich chocolate content for energy and emotional comfort. Not surprisingly, it's pretty popular with Cadets today, too! Visit the 507 SQN Australian Air Force Cadets and view this historical display. Try your hand at flying a modern aircraft or glider in the mobile flight simulator.



Chocolate Mousse Mayhem

Outside the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert St, Latrobe
11.00 am - 2.00 pm
Media Challenge at 10.45 am
Heats at 11.00 am, 11.30 am, 12 noon, 12.30 pm, 1.00 pm and 1.30 pm. Final at 2.00 pm. Teams of two, blindfolded and feeding each other delectable chocolate mousse - total mayhem, lots of fun throughout the day. Cost: \$5 per team.

Chocolate Chess Competition

Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert St, Latrobe
Registrations from 1.30 pm
A competition in this game of strategy to find the ultimate victor who will win the Chocolate Chess set? Competition commences at 2.00 pm. All ages welcome.

Chocolate Corner

Latrobe Memorial Hall, 168 Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 4.00 pm
Ravishing delights will not only satisfy the most discerning palate but also visually astound your senses. Treat yourself to the delights of the House of Anvers Chocolates, Gourlays Sweet Shop, Venus Confectionary, Modo Mio Naked Brownies, The Chefs Toolbox, Wild Hog Spit Roast, Velocci Coffee, Chocolate Fountains, Brownie Point Tasmanian Gourmet Brownies, Chocolate Hot Dogs, Tassie Sweet and Savoury Stix, Avafew Pancakes, Loaded Rocky Road, The Fudge Factory, Sweet As rock candy, Chocolate Showbags, fairy floss, make your own rocky road and be choc full of happiness. Free admission.



Decorated Chocolate Cake Competition

Lucas Hotel Sampling Room, 46 Gilbert Street, Latrobe
11.30 am - 2.30 pm
Be amazed by these decorated chocolate creations. Vote for your favourite, chocolate inspired cake. Winner announced at 3.00 pm.

The Cat's Whiskers

A Sweet Craving Lolly and Ice Cream Shop, 52a Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 3.30 pm
Have your face painted with edible chocolate.

Delicate White, Lively Dark

BWS, 55-57 Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 3.30 pm
Get the inside tips of pairing your favourite chocolate with the right wine. Similar to "formal" wine tastings, you are invited to experiment with several varieties from delicate white chocolate to lively dark chocolate. An over 18's experience.

Guess the Smarties

Food 'n Coffee to Go, 68 Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 4.00 pm
Correctly guess the number of smarties in the jars to win a prize. Small cost applies.

Decorated Biscuits

Banjo's, 81-83 Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 4.00 pm
One for the kids or young at heart, decorate a biscuit with all manner of flavoursome delights. Available in conjunction with in-store purchase.



Oompa Loompa Peddlers

from 10.30 am
Look for the purple clad Crescendo Choir members as they peddle their chocolate wares throughout the streets of Latrobe.

Roving Buskers

Catch the buskers outside the Latrobe Memorial Hall; at the Latrobe Post Office Reserve; alongside the Lucas Hotel and at the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame throughout the day.

Chocolate Tea Party

Station Square, Gilbert Street, Latrobe
On the hour from 11.00 am until 2.00 pm
Discover the delectable delights and special treats awaiting you at the Hill Street Grocer's chocolate tea party. Cost: \$5 per person. A Cancer Council fundraiser.

Choir of High Hopes

Latrobe Baptist Church, Gilbert St, Latrobe at 2.00 pm
Following on from the "Choir of Hard Knocks" comes a music and singing experience by the "Choir of High Hopes", a choir of the challenged, disadvantaged and lonely. Admission - Gold coin donation which includes a chocolaty afternoon tea.

Sled Dog Delights

Latrobe Post Office Reserve, Gilbert Street, Latrobe 10.30 am until 4.00 pm
Come for a pat or to have a photo taken with these gorgeous sled dogs. Buy a ticket in the chocolate raffle.

Treat Yourself

Next to Latrobe Hair Designs, 122 Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am until 4.00 pm
Can't get enough chocolate treats! Drop by for some great buys and/or purchase a ticket in the chocolate hamper.



Latte Art on Hot Chocolate

The Crowded Lounge, 129 Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 3.00 pm
Purchase a hot chocolate, design your art on the top with a selection of supplied items; have it photographed and displayed. Entries judged at 3.00 pm followed by announcement of winners. Great prizes.

Chocolate Bud Stack

Shadows Café, 143 Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 2.00 pm
Cost: 3 attempts for \$2
How many chocolate buds can you stack vertically? The entrant with the most buds stacked by 4.00 pm wins a \$50 Shadows Café voucher. Post attempt - keep/eat what you stacked.

My Chocolate Love Affair

Mackey's Royal Hotel, 161 Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 4.00 pm
Everyday people can make creative, fantastic desserts and this is your chance to show you are one of them. Entrants in My Chocolate Love Affair are invited to put their heart and soul into this competition and present a serving of their playful dessert that will have patrons salivating at the sight of their creativity and voting for their favourite. Great prizes to be won. Public voting closes at 3.00 pm - winners announced at 4.00 pm.

Wet and Rusty

Lifestyle Gardens, 167 Gilbert St, Latrobe 10.30 am until 4.00 pm
Can you unravel the word quiz and clues to find the five chocolate frogs throughout the garden. Cost: \$2



Not the Dark Chocolate House

Latrobe Fire Brigade, Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 4.00 pm
Kids, try the Junior Fire Fighter Challenge and check out the big red truck. Gain an insight into fire safety and precautions you should take to stop your house ending up like dark chocolate. Chocolate flavoured delights available to indulge in.

Chocolate Pancake Stack Time Trial

The Cherry Shed, 242 Gilbert St, Latrobe
10.30 am - 3.30 pm
Cost: \$12 per person
It's a case of you against the clock as you devour a stack of chocolate pancakes. Categories for quickest male, female and U12. Great prizes to be won.

Chocolate Sculpture Trail

Various locations
10.30 am - 4.00 pm
With attention to detail and the finest ingredients these sculptures will showcase the flexible capabilities of chocolate, visually amazing you with the talent of their creators at the House of Anvers, Sew and Sew and A Sweet Craving Lolly Shop.

Sweet Indulgence

10.30 am - 4.00 pm
Savor the indulgent delights of eateries in and around Latrobe. Don't miss the Sweet Indulgence at the House of Anvers, The Cherry Shed, Mackey's Royal Hotel, Bellys Bar and Grill, Latrobe Café and Bakery, Shadow's Café, The Crowded Lounge, Banjo's, Lucas Hotel and the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame.



Friday, 7 August

Chocolate Smorgasbord

House of Anvers, 9025 Bass Highway, Latrobe from 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm



Join the team at Anvers for a smorgasbord like you never had before.

Igor and the Chefs will be creating savoury and sweet dishes using specialty single origin cacao and chocolate sourced from around the world. Why not come and try some delicate Tasmanian seafood canapés topped with herbs and “Jus de Cacao” followed by more substantial dishes like French style game dishes using chocolate, or a little more spiced Mexican Mole with chilli and cacao. There will also be a chocolate display loaded with chocolate based desserts, petit gateaux and a new variety of pralines. The atmosphere will be relaxed and casual with an emphasis on “FUN”.

Cost: \$65 per person. Limited seating. Dress: Neat casual Bookings essential to 6426 2958.

Saturday, 8 August

Cement Australia Lights on Fire

Join in the official opening of Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe from 6.00 pm at Bell's Parade, Latrobe



Make a lantern and join the walking lantern parade departing from Kings Park, Gilbert St, Latrobe at 6.00 pm and from near the Latrobe Mersey River Caravan Park at 6.10 pm. Lanterns displayed within Bells Parade at conclusion of the walk.

Be warmed by the mesmerising fire pots while grabbing a bite to eat. Sip on a mug of hot chocolate or indulge in a chocolate coated marshmallow. Be exhilarated by entertainers and the grand finale.

Dress warmly. Free admission.



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3. Latrobe Memorial Hall, 168 Gilbert St, Latrobe

4. Spice Fashion, 148 Gilbert St, Latrobe

5. Latrobe Guide Hall, Hamilton St, Latrobe

6. Latrobe Senior Citizens Club, Hamilton St, Latrobe

7. Bell's Parade, Latrobe

8. Australian Axemens Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe

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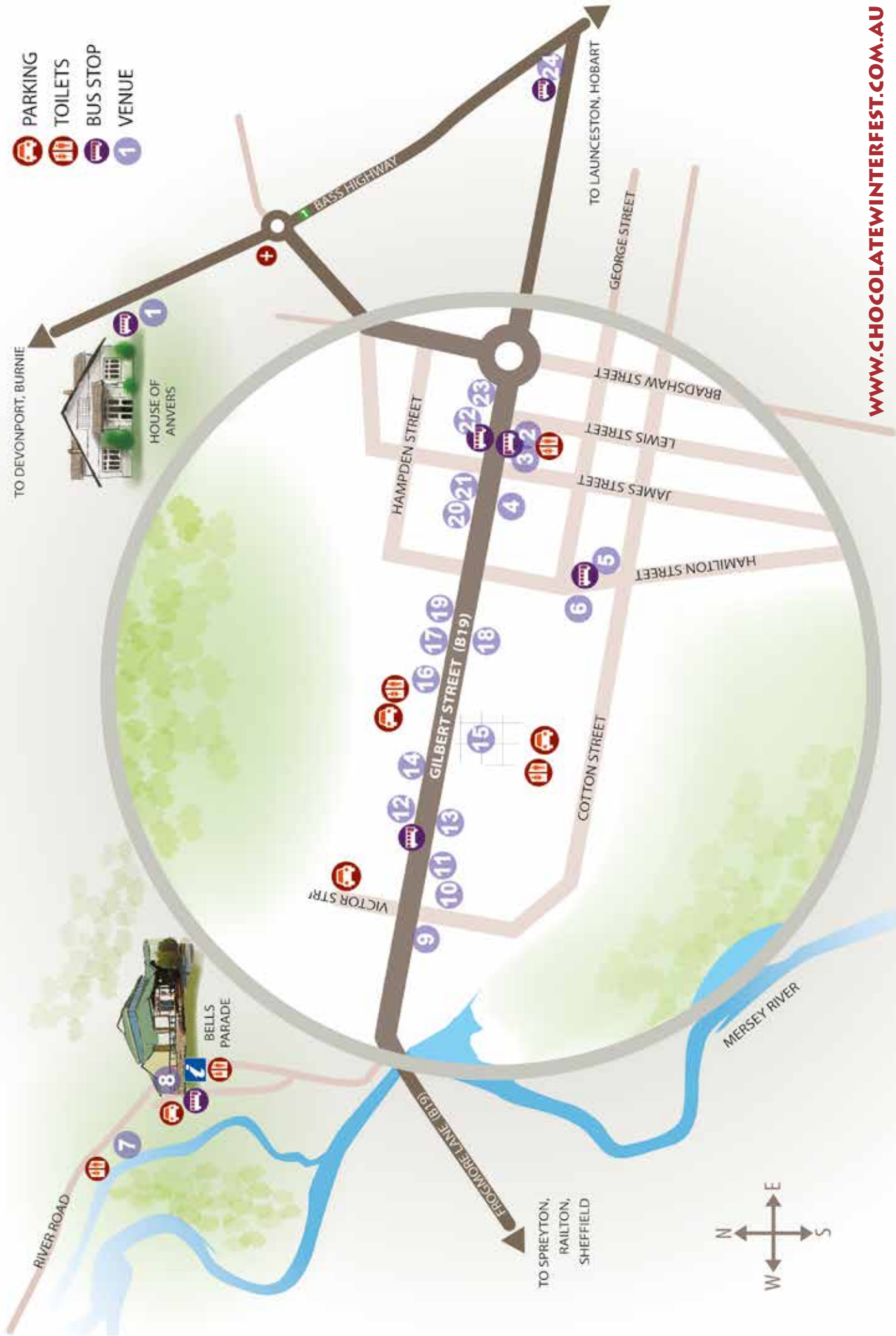
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Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch



The Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch group meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.15 pm in the Port Sorell Memorial Hall, alongside the Lions Caravan Park. These details are mentioned now as the group is urgently

in need of 'new blood'. The watch was established 20 years ago and has, in conjunction with Tasmania Police, promoted the prevention of crime and general community safety throughout the Port Sorell area. Until a month ago, the group published a newsletter that was delivered to 1,600 homes by dedicated volunteers. After 20 years it is regrettable that they have had to at least temporarily stop the newsletter because they no longer have sufficient residents involved who are prepared to assist in its delivery.

Coordinator, Ken Geeves said "our partnership with Tasmania Police has been a highlight and we are particularly thankful to Constable Peter Dabner, Senior Sergeant Darren Pendlebury and Senior Constable Wayne Bass for their ongoing support, regular attendance at the monthly meetings, and keeping the entire community updated (through the newsletter) with crime that has occurred locally and advice on how to make our coastal community a safer place for all.

We had a bit of a crime wave last December/January but excellent work by detectives and local officers resulted in two males being charged and over \$5,000 worth of stolen property recovered. Since 7 February there have only been six reported crimes to mid-June in this region.

Constable Dabner advised that the most recent was on 29 May in Freer Street when a vehicle had a window broken and the engine accessed in an attempt to steal the battery. Two males wearing hoodies and in a dark coloured vehicle were observed in the area at the time.

Constable Dabner urges all drivers and cyclists to drive carefully on the wet and icy roads at this time of the year. Tyres, lights, and brakes should all be checked and remember the speed limit is just that, it is not the minimum we should drive at, particularly in the current weather conditions."

If you have any queries or would like more information of Port Sorell Neighbourhood Watch, please contact Ken Geeves on 0400 144 930.

Pre-Kinder Sessions

Children who will turn four years of age by 31 December, accompanied by a Parent/Carer, are invited to participate in pre-Kinder sessions at Latrobe Primary School.

"Participation in Pre-Kinder is free and assists in developing skills in readiness for school and enables young children and parents /carers to become familiar with the LPS kindergarten environment," said Principal of Latrobe Primary School, Mrs Julie Argent.

Pre-Kinder sessions will be held each Tuesday afternoons from 4 August to 8 September (six sessions) from 1.30 pm until 2.30 pm.

During the Pre-Kinder sessions there is access to information about how to support your child in all areas of their development, leading to the beginning of Kindergarten next year.

Pre-Kinder staff include Annette Davey, Sonia Littler and Kimbra Broomhall.

For more information please contact Latrobe Primary School on 6426 1203 or email latrobe.primary@education.tas.gov.au

Local History Project Seeks Help

As part of a school Local History Project, St Patrick's Catholic School students would like to interview local identities and individuals who have an interest in, and knowledge of, the community. Students will then create a brief report on the interview from their particular perspective.

Student interviews will reflect and incorporate particular themes that will provide the focus for the interview. Such themes may include transport, services, education, shopping, governance, sport, medicine, religion, farming etc.

From the information gathered in the recorded interview, students will undertake additional research to complement the knowledge gained. A brief report will be created, inclusive of relevant photographs or images, which will then be framed and placed on display in the school. A small photo of the student interviewers and the person interviewed will be positioned in the final product and, over time, it is hoped that up to 10 personalities can contribute to what should be an important 'living archive' of the Latrobe community, with a special emphasis on St Patrick's Catholic Schools' links to the Parish.

St Patrick's Catholic School is, therefore, very interested to hear from members of the community who may be interested in contributing to this project. If you have some stories of interest and if you can spare 30 minutes of your time, please contact St Patrick's Catholic School on 6426 1626 or via email on stpatlat@catholic.tas.edu.au



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Port Sorell U3A has received confirmation of two funding grants that will help expand its program.

"We are now running 5-6 classes every weekday. Obtaining venues in which to hold classes during the day had the potential to be a big problem" said U3A President, Mr Warren Lockett.

"However, by working creatively with local businesses we have overcome this. So many businesses have engaged very positively with us and made premises available at no cost to U3A. Many of these are not necessarily designed as learning environments and we are delighted that the Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) has approved a grant to purchase "drop in" classroom equipment (including a laptop, data projector, screen, whiteboard, large screen TV and stand) to enable us to better deliver programs in a wider range of venues.

Support of the TCF enables us make programs more accessible by not charging course fees but also to deliver professional programs.

The Port Sorell Community Bank has confirmed a grant to help U3A with material to promote our opportunities to the wider community.

Our Community Bank has been a great supporter of U3A with it becoming established at roughly the same time last year. It's so important to be able to get our message out into the community" he said.

The U3A office is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (10.00 am to 12 noon). If you are able to provide a course of interest or venue for U3A use, please email the office at portsorellu3a@gmail.com, phone 0499 162 539 or forward your correspondence to PO Box 297, Port Sorell, 7307.

Nationals Inspire Band

The Latrobe Federal Band expresses their appreciation to all who helped with fundraising for the band's recent participation in the National Band Championships in Sydney, where they placed second in their Grade. Members have been so enthused by the experience that they have started organising themselves for participation in the National competition next year at Gawler, South Australia. Since the band's return, the Tasmania Party and Solo Competition has been held at which the Band had various successes in both solo's and ensembles.

They also participated in ANZAC Day parades and Services at Latrobe, Sheffield and Railton and held a pre-ANZAC Day Concert. The band has already booked the Latrobe Memorial Hall for a similar concert next year.

Both the Senior and Junior Bands are preparing for the Burnie and Devonport Eisteddfods which is followed by the State Band Championships in September.

An open invitation is extended to anyone to come and join the band regardless of music capabilities or age. Programs are run for beginners up and instruments are supplied for your use. Rehearsals are on Monday nights from 6.00 pm at the L J Coventry Band rooms in the Latrobe Recreation Ground, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.

For more information contact David Richards on 6426 2195 or 0408 262 187, or just turn up and have a look and listen.

Interest Sought For Antiques Fair



The Lions Club of Latrobe is hosting an Antiques and Collectable Fair in the Latrobe Memorial Hall from 16-18 October.

Participant expressions of interest should be directed to Lion Kevin Moulden via email sweets3@bigpond.com or write to the

Lions Club of Latrobe PO Box 100, Latrobe 7307.

It is time to get creative and ready to participate in the Lions Club of Latrobe Christmas Parade which will be held on Saturday, 19 December commencing at 6.30pm. This year's theme is "Five Golden Rings".

There are still a number of Emergency Medical Information booklets available at Coventry's Pharmacy. The Emergency Medical Information Book enables the collation of medical information that might be needed if or when an ambulance is called and you need to be transported to a hospital.

Don't forget there are still some delicious Lions Christmas Cakes available at Morse Butchery.

As usual, if you have used spectacles and stamps please drop the spectacles into the Latrobe Medical Practice or Coventry's Pharmacy and stamps to Ritchie's Supermarket, Morse's Butchery or pass on to any Lions Member. These donations assist Lions programs in third world countries.

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? Please contact Lion Peter Burk at Morse's Butchery, Lion Kae

Campbell 6426 1442 or any Lions Member for more information.

Who Is Worthy of Your Attention?

The search for the next Australian of the Year Award recipients has begun.

You are encouraged to nominate a friend, family member, community leader, colleague or even someone famous - any Tasmanian who you admire and believe makes our state and country a better place to live.

Being nominated for the Australian of the Year Awards is a great honour and offers your nominee a unique platform to further their important work. This is your opportunity to recognise and reward someone in your community who makes you proud to be an Australian.

The prestigious program culminates in the announcement of the national award recipients in Canberra by the Prime Minister on Australia Day Eve. But to get to this point every year 128 Australians are recognised, across 4 categories, in 8 states and territories - that's 16 Tasmanians!

So do you know a Tasmanian that could be our next Australian of the Year; Senior Australian of the Year (60 years and over); Young Australian of the Year (16-30 years); or Australia's Local Hero?

Nomination is an easy process - online at <http://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate/>

Nominations close on 1 August and remember, one nomination is all it takes!

2015 Advocate IGA Junior Sports Awards

The Advocate newspaper together with IGA are showing their ongoing commitment to junior sport through the 2015 Advocate IGA Junior Sport Awards, which are open to all sporting participants aged up to 18 years.

Many young people train for hours each week, striving to improve in their chosen field. They are committed, strong performers and play fairly in the spirit of the game. These awards are a great opportunity to encourage and recognise that dedication.

Categories include Male Individual, Female Individual, Male team and Female team.

There are monthly award winners in all categories who become finalists in their category, the winners of which are announced at a Gala Dinner in November.

Don't forget to reward the Coach! The Service to Sport Award is open to coaches, volunteers, officials, umpires and dedicated parents involved in junior sport. These wonderful people also deserve recognition, so nominate that person who gives time and knowledge to assist young sportspersons and generally keep the clubs functioning so these young athletes can continue their development.

To nominate visit The Advocate website (<http://bit.ly/1TMUwB>).

Around the World with (only) 80 Pastels

Things have been a little quieter around The Crowded Lounge over the past few weeks as Art Classes have been on hold while June developed her skills and experience further through a trip to USA, France and Denmark.

That is all about to change as the second half of the year's classes and workshops will be launched with an open evening at The Crowded Lounge, 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe on Friday, 10 July at 7.00 pm. The evening will be

a casual, wine and cheese affair, where June will report on her adventures and share some of her knowledge gained from the International Pastel Conference, Lyn Diefenbach's French paint-away and her reflections of beautiful, paintable, Denmark, complete with a slide show.

The evening will also include the introduction of the new round of classes starting 15 July and an overview of new exciting workshops being offered over the coming months.

A open invitation is extended to everyone in the district interested in the Arts and keen to share an evening with like-minded and friendly folk.

For more information go to www.thecrowdedlounge.com/events or phone Brian and June on 0417 367 128.

Community Kitchen Opened



The Rotary Club of Latrobe is nearing the end of another busy club year with new President Colin Benbow taking over the helm from former President Margaret.

To kick off the new Rotary Year, the club will see the fruits of their labour with the opening of the new kitchen at the Bark Hut at Bells Parade on 18 July.

The kitchen was financed through the staging of the annual Australia Day Festival - Henley-on-Mersey - an initiative of the Rotary Club of Latrobe, Lions Club of Latrobe and supported by the Latrobe Council.

The barbecue will be fired up at Bells Parade again the evening of 8 August for the *Cement Australia Lights on Fire* event, held in conjunction with *Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe* as sausages, hot chocolates and chocolate marshmallows are served by Rotarians. The following day, Rotarians are involved in the festival by assisting at the Latrobe Memorial Hall.

Turkish diplomat Ms Gulseren Celik was recently a guest of the club and thoroughly enjoying the hospitality shown by many. She has returned to Canberra with a promise that our magnificent municipality will be promoted as a tourist destination.

Rotary meets at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame every Wednesday at 6.00 pm for fellowship and to hear wonderful guest speakers and have fun and fellowship with friends who put service to the community before self. For more information, please contact any member of the Rotary Club, President Colin Benbow (6428 6146) or immediate past President Margaret Birchenough (6428 6103) or visit www.rotarycluboflatrobe.org.au.

Rice Grass in the Rubicon



Congratulations to the Port Sorell Green Army team, sponsored by Latrobe Council, who have succeeded in removing all the Rice Grass from Panatana Rivulet.

Rice Grass, *Spartina anglica*, was deliberately introduced into Tasmania between the 1930s and 1970s to help with coastal engineering and agriculture but by the mid-1990s National Parks and Wildlife recognised that it was an invasive weed that crowds out native saltmarsh plants, alters the habitat for birds and other wildlife and threatens the sustainability of the aquaculture industry. Invading seven Tasmanian coastal areas, the Rubicon River has one of the worst infestations.

While the total removal of Rice Grass would be ideal, it is a very expensive, long term option without funding available, so the focus since the late 1990s has been on keeping a Rice Grass Free Zone from Eagle Point north to the ocean. Many local people have helped keep this zone clear over the years and are grateful to the Green Army for their excellent work this year.

To join the Rubicon Coast and Landcare team and help care for the Rubicon foreshore and Port Sorell Reserves, contact John Boevink at rubicon_inc@hotmail.com

Council's Current Works Program

The following works are scheduled to be undertaken throughout the Latrobe Municipality during July and August -

Roads

- Frederick Street rehabilitation and kerb construction
- Footpath construction in Archer Street between Rice and Darling Streets
- Footpath construction in Hamilton Street between Reibey and Calthorpe Streets
- Sealing of the Swimming Pool/Perkins Park carpark
- Various footpath maintenance activities
- Road maintenance including seal repair, gravel shouldering etc.

Buildings:

- General building maintenance
- Upgrade of Elderly Persons Units

Parks and Reserves

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

Should you have any queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Engineering Works Coordinator on 6421 4650.



By the Book



Rubicon River Arts

Rubicon River Arts' annual exhibition, Port to Port, continues at Ghost Rock Vineyard until the end of July. Mixed media is popular with artists this year: crotchet copper wire is blended with wool fibres; ceramic pieces are finished with woven fibre; silk fabric becomes an image with the addition of felted wool; ceramic gulls and a funky little penguin; sand, shells and tiny wooden yachts in silhouette. Paintings include watercolour, pastel, oil and acrylic images, representational and abstract.

While you're there, check out the newly opened Hundred Acres - created to explore the timeless marriage of food and wine at Ghost Rock.

Rubicon River Arts' workshops continue with Gina's bookbinding from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm on 12 and 16 August or 19 and 23 August at a cost of \$55 per person with all materials supplied.

Basic Bookbinding will include a couple of favourites as well as new small books and a small box or two and is great for beginners as well as building on previous workshop experience. Book with Gina by phoning 0499 831 830.

Rubicon River Arts meets once a month to share their stories, skills, creations and a passion for the arts.

For more information on any of the above or the group generally, phone Angela on 0419 490 042.

Funding Opportunities

National Stronger Communities

Offers funding to incorporated not-for-profit organisations and Local Government to apply for priority infrastructure in regional communities including capital projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or an extension of existing infrastructure

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

Closes - 5.00 pm on Friday, 31 July

For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/1FmU8oI>.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to seek support for their project by Regional Development Australia (Tasmania) by phoning 6334 9822.

Festivals Australia

Offers funding to support the costs to produce and present an arts activity within a festival in regional and remote Australia.

Funding Amount - No restriction

Closes - Dependent on festival timing

For more information,

www.australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/new-grants-model/festivals-australia-regional-festivals-project-fund

Future2 Make the Difference!

Supporting programs that address the needs of disadvantaged young Australians through education, engagement, employment, well-being and independent living.

Funding Amount – short-term grant of up to \$10,000 in one year OR a multi-year grant with total value up to \$30,000 over three years

Closes - 31 July

For more information,

www.future2foundation.org.au/grants.

A Load of Rubbish or Two

Council's garbage contractors have commenced operating two trucks at Port Sorell on collection days to meet growing demand. As a result, bins may potentially be collected earlier.

Please remember to put your bin out the evening prior to its scheduled collection so it doesn't miss this service.

Social Lifelong Learning

The Latrobe Baptist Church community activities including Chat-n-Choose re-commences after the school holiday break on 22 July at 10.00 am.

Some of the activities include Bead Jewellery, Embroidery, Card making, Hardanger, Needle felting, Patchwork quilting, Knitting and Crochet, Photo Scrapbooking, Mosaic Mirrors, Net Darning and Woodturning - all for just \$2 including morning tea. For more details, phone Glenis on 6426 1220.

The Men's Shed continues right through July, August and September, commencing each Friday morning at 9.00 am. An annual \$20 membership fee plus \$2 for morning tea and a 12 noon BBQ sees members doing community projects as well as their individual items of interest. For more information, phone Ralph Terry (6427 0006) or Peter Creeley (0409 978 514).

National Family History Month

Family history and genealogy is one of the most popular hobbies around the world.

Family history is the second biggest subject on the web with sites receiving billions of hits per year.

National History Month is an initiative of the Australian Federation of Family History Organisations and from originally only a week in August, has now been expanded to the whole month.

The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc, Mersey Branch based in Latrobe is combining with Devonport LINC to promote family and local history in our region.

On every Tuesday and Friday during August, the Latrobe Family History Library (located behind the State Library) will provide **free access** to any person seeking assistance in researching their Family History or wishing to obtain information and guidance as to how to go about it.

Dependent upon the degree of interest shown, it may be necessary to arrange times because of the number of computers that are available.

For more information, phone 6426 2257 or email secretary@tfhsdev.com.

It's All Trivia for Auxiliary

Rubicon Grove Auxiliary's annual Soup and Sandwich luncheon on 10 June was a huge success. About 120 people attended, all of whom enjoyed a meal of soup, sandwiches and sweets. A well-stocked trade table was provided from generous donations and assisted the fund raising day.

The entertainment provided on the day by three wonderful ladies who call themselves 'Trifle' was thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you Sue, Denise, and Trudy.

A little over \$2,000 was raised which will go towards assisting the residents and Rubicon Grove.

The Auxiliary's next fundraising project is a Trivia Night on 29 August (Saturday) at the Port Sorell Bowls Club, Meredith Street. See event listing for details.

Rubicon Grove Auxiliary meets on the 3rd Wednesday bi-monthly at Rubicon Grove in Club Drive, Shearwater with the next meeting on 15 July at 1.30 pm. New members are most welcome.

For more information please contact Noelle on 0409 195 178 or Colleen on 0407 985 599.

What's On

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

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1-30 Discount period for dog and cat registrations

4-19 School Holidays

6 Special Council Meeting to adopt the 2015-16 Rates at the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe at 5.00 pm. ☎ 6421 4650

12 Sharing the Load at the Quiet Cone, Coal Hill Road, Latrobe. Full day session designed to assist persons touched by Cancer or any other life changing experience to look at things in a different way. Cost: \$90 and includes tea, lunch and a gong session. Bookings essential to 0419 345 212 or email catmoon@bigpond.com

- 13 Latrobe Council Meeting** at Latrobe Council, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.00 pm. All welcome to attend. ☎ 6421 4650
- 18 Sculpture Lantern Making Workshop** for U18s with U10s to be accompanied by a parent at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10am until 4.00 pm. BYO lunch and refreshments. Cost: \$10 per person. All materials and instruction provided for one lantern. Bookings essential to 6421 4650
- 23 Free Rose Cuttings** at the Latrobe Post Office Reserve, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.00 am until 11.00 am. Latrobe Council's Parks and Reserve team will undertake the rose cutting and assist with colour range and care instructions. **Personal pruning is not permitted.** ☎ 6421 4650
- 24 Christmas In July Trivia Night** at St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe Assembly Hall, 55 Bradshaw Street Latrobe with a 6.00 pm start. Cost: \$25 per table - maximum of 8 per table. Price includes 'table nibbles' and lucky door prize ticket. Bookings essential to 6426 1626
- 26 Sporting Information/Memorabilia Luncheon** at the Sassafras Community Hall, Chapel Road, Sassafras from 12.30 pm. 2-course, BYO drinks and glasses. Cost: \$20 adult, U12 \$10, U5 free. RSVP: by 16 July 2015 for the luncheon ☎ 0429 195 574
- 30 Latrobe High School Performing Arts Night** at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 6.45 pm for 7.00 pm. An hour sit down performance of singers, musicians, dancers etc celebrating student's talents in the Arts curriculum with displays of artwork, photography and manual arts. Gold coin donation. ☎ 6426 1061

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- 1-2 Paper Lantern Workshop** (adults only) from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm at The Crowded Lounge, 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Cost \$70. Bookings essential to 0417 367 128.
- 1 Kevin Sheedy** will be Guest Speaker at the Latrobe Football Club, Last Street, Latrobe at 11.30 am. This event includes the **Latrobe Football Club Reunion of the 1970 Senior Premiership Team and 1995 Reserves Premiership Team.** Cost: \$30 per person includes refreshments and finger food for 1 hour. Tickets are limited with bookings essential by phoning 0439 376 657 or 0417 948 979
- 5-7 Evoking Emotions Through the Art of Water with Regina Hona** at The Crowded Lounge, 129 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm each day. Cost \$360. Bookings essential to 0438 385 931 or televentslatrobe@gmail.com
- 8 Latrobe Football Club Players Review** at the Latrobe Football Club, Last Street, Latrobe. ☎ 6426 1440 or 0400 589 614
- 9 Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe** in and around the town of Latrobe. www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au
- 10 Latrobe Council Meeting** at Latrobe Council, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.00 pm. All welcome to attend. ☎ 6421 4650
- 20 Latrobe High School Information Evening** for intending Grade 7 students in 2016 in the School Library, Percival Street, Latrobe from 7.00 pm. The evening is intended to be informative to students and

parents and assist in the transition process to high school in 2016. ☎ 6426 1061

- 25 Planetarium Visit and Seminar**, Launceston. Time and cost to be advised, see Port Sorell U3A website – portsorell.u3anet.org.au
- 28 Scholastic Book Fair** at Andrews Creek Primary School, Westwind Drive, Wesley Vale from 2.30 pm to 6.00 pm in conjunction with Book Week. A large range of books and stationery will be available to purchase. ☎ 6428 4088.
- 29 Trivia Night** at the Port Sorell Bowls Club, Meredith Street, Port Sorell. A fundraiser by the Rubicon Grove Auxiliary. Cost is \$10 per head for a table of eight. Please arrive at 7.00 pm to enable a 7.30 pm start. Supper will be provided. ☎ 0409 195 178 or 0407 985 599.

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- 14 Latrobe Council Meeting** at Latrobe Council, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 5.00 pm. All welcome to attend. ☎ 6421 4650
- 20 Coastal Garden Workshop** with Ruth Mollison from Island Seeds at Port Sorell from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm. Learn about the advantages of growing local plants for coastal gardens, basic garden design for wind protection and fire mitigation and hands on techniques for growing native plants from seeds and cuttings. For more information contact Project Officer, Sherrie Jaffray on sjaffray@cradlecoast.com

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- 18 Port Sorell Garden Fair** at Port Sorell Primary School, Pitcairn Street, Port Sorell from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. ☎ 6428 7133

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